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11:00	11:05	introduction	Howard Goldman
11:05	11:15	case 1	Sandip Vasavada
11:15	11:25	case 2	Tamsin Greenwell
11:25	11:30	Discussion	Howard Goldman Sandip Vasavada Brian Linder Tamsin Greenwell
11:30	11:40	case 3	Brian Linder
11:40	11:50	case 4	Howard Goldman
11:50	11:55	Discussion	Howard Goldman Sandip Vasavada Brian Linder Tamsin Greenwell
11:55	12:05	case 5	Sandip Vasavada
12:05	12:15	case 6	Tamsin Greenwell
12:15	12:25	case 7	Brian Linder
12:25	12:30	Questions	All

Description

Pelvic floor and incontinence surgical complications are unfortunately something urologists and gynecologists must deal with. It is critical that they are familiar with the common complications, methods of evaluation and potential surgical management techniques. From a surgical management standpoint well done videos highlighting the critical surgical steps are the next best thing to hands on experience in the operating room. This workshop will feature multiple surgical videos detailing management of such complications. All of the workshop faculty are esteemed experts in this area. All are based at major tertiary referral centers where many such complications are directed. It is important to recognize that there are not randomized, controlled trials in this area. While there are a number of publications they generally report a surgeon or institutions experience. In fact, there may be more than one way to manage some of these complications. The goal of having a world class faculty is to not only present their experience but elicit discussion, questions, differing ideas from the faculty and the attendees (many of whom may have their own experience with these sorts of complications). The course director, Dr Goldman, is an established expert in this area who has published a number of papers on this topic and edited a book on complications of pelvic floor surgery. Dr Vasavada is the past president of SUFU and also an expert in this area. Dr Tamsin Greenwell leads a large complication referral group in London. Dr Brian Linder from the Mayo Clinic in the US is a urologist who works within the urogynecology department and has these complications referred to him from around the world. In a 90-minute time span the goal would be to present 7-8 cases all with accompanying videos so that attendees can see the very specific details of the surgical management of these complications and have an opportunity to ask the surgeons themselves any questions about the cases and videos. All videos will be professional quality and specifically timed for this course and will be the presenter's own videos – so they will have intimate knowledge of the details of these cases. We plan to cover complications of a variety of pelvic floor and incontinence surgeries - including but not limited to mesh complications. Key learning points will be how to appropriately evaluate and manage such patients. Specific learnings will come from the videos themselves as well as the questions and discussion that ensue. To that end there will be plenty of time allotted for questions and answers as well as possibly discussion of cases that the attendees have in their own practices. Ultimately, the goal is to share the experience, specifically surgical, of high volume expert surgeons who manage such complications with others to improve the quality of care that patients worldwide receive. Furthermore, even if attendees ultimately choose not to do these surgeries themselves they will have a good idea of what is possible when these patients are referred out.

Of note a similar course to this was presented at the 2023 ICS meeting however that course focused specifically on mesh complications - this one will be broader to include other types of complications.

Aims of Workshop

Many surgeons learn best by observing expert surgeons. Given the number of pelvic floor and incontinence cases performed experts are confronted with complications of such cases. Most patients with such complications who are appropriately treated have resolution of symptoms. The critical point is that those surgeons dealing with such cases have the expertise to successfully manage them. This course will review the management of such complications with a focus on using surgical video demonstrations to specifically review the surgical techniques necessary for successful outcomes.

Educational Objectives

All surgeons who operate with some volume will have complications. Pelvic floor surgeons are no exception. The goal of this course is to demonstrate surgical techniques which can be utilized to repair such complications. Instead of just didactic lectures, surgical videos will be utilized in the context of a case presentation format to inform attendees on appropriate evaluation and then detailed surgical demonstration on how to manage these patients. Plenty of opportunity will be provided for questions and discussion - including amongst the panel as in some cases there may be more than one way to deal with the issue. Attendees should be able to directly translate the learnings from this workshop into clinical practice as without doubt they see these patients and should be able to transfer the knowledge and the surgical demonstration directly to their clinical practice.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the appropriate evaluation prior to surgical repair of pelvic floor surgical complications
2. Understand the appropriate evaluation prior to surgical repair of incontinence (including mesh slings) complications
3. Learn the surgical techniques for dealing with post pelvic floor/incontinence surgery pain – after conservative management has failed

Target Audience

Urology, Urogynaecology and Female & Functional Urology

Advanced/Basic

Intermediate

Suggested Learning before Workshop Attendance

Giusto LL, Zahner PM, Goldman HB. Management of the exposed or perforated midurethral sling. Urol Clin N Am. 2019;46:31-40. b. Murphy AM, Goldman HB. Thigh exploration for excision of a transobturator sling. Int Urogynecol J. 2017 May;28(5):793-4. c. Cohen SA, Goldman HB. Mesh perforation into a viscus in the setting of pelvic floor surgery- presentation and management. Curr Urol Rep. 2016 Sep;17(9):64.