



Message from the President



Lilian Kow
President of IFSO

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

So much have happened since the start of 2020. Who would have predicted when we met in Madrid in August 2019 and in good faith bade our farewells with the likes of "See you in Miami 2020" that our World Congress had to be postponed and so many national and regional meetings cancelled as a consequence.

The **coronavirus COVID-19** has affected **213 countries and territories** around the world and 2 international conveyances. To date, more than 16.6 million affected, and 657,500 deaths and our way of living has indeed changed. My heartfelt condolences to all members who have personally suffered losses during this pandemic. As many have quoted, the novel coronavirus is smart, lethal and has no boundaries. As this pandemic continues to unfold globally, many of us are left wondering when will the vaccine or coronavirus treatment be available.

Whilst the consequences of this pandemic are still unfolding, many countries have closed and reopened their borders, only to re-enact further restrictions, some appear to be recovering and others experiencing the second wave. Evidence emerging from many countries like China, Taiwan and Vietnam have shown that this is a controllable pandemic, but we must take every possible measure to contribute to slow down the spread of the virus. On behalf of IFSO, I would like to reach out to all our member societies and individual members to take all possible measures to provide the safest possible environment for themselves and their loved ones.

During the last few months, we have adapted to working in new ways: our physical workplaces have changed, bariatric and metabolic surgery has been curtailed, we communicate differently, we're transforming the way we develop solutions and, for the most part, this "new normal" is becoming normalised. This pandemic has presented a unique opportunity for IFSO to communicate with our members through the series of IFSO COVID-19 webinars which has been well supported by our industry partners. Our recent series of Webinars have reached a total of over 40,000 registrants altogether.



Message from the President

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the IFSO committees, our Chief Operating Office, Manuela Mazzarella, and Stefanie D'Arco for their hard work and continuing support despite the chaos and uncertainty in their personal lives during the pandemic. I would like to thank the support of the IFSO Executive Board who have helped me through my first months as President and their confidence to allow me to extend my term to serve the IFSO community for a further year. It is indeed a privilege for me to be allowed to do so.

IFSO is delighted to be organizing its **FIRST VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS** to be held on **12-13 September, 2020** from 2-5 pm (Europe time). This will be a chance to meet virtually. The IFSO Scientific Organising Committee has been working hard to deliver to you a high-quality educational event, until we meet again in Miami next year in August 2021!

All info are available soon on: www.ifsovirtualworldcongress.com

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we are realizing how extensively our lives are being affected by it. What we see in one country may be what we expect to see in another country tomorrow depending on the position on the curve of the pandemic.

For many of us, it has curtailed our freedom during our daily work life; we are no longer the ones deciding who gets to have surgery, or how many surgical masks we get per week, or if we can test our patient for the virus before surgery. We are seeing our colleagues from anaesthesia, ICU, ED and ID exhausted, overworked, and in some cases getting ill. We are being called to fill in for their roles. As we deal with our own very real personal fears, we have to find ways to remind ourselves that all of this will one day pass. **It will.**

In the meantime, it is our responsibility as a Federation to make the right decisions for our patients, our members, ourselves and our loved ones during this stressful situation. IFSO has an obligation to help contain and mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the our global scientific, surgical and integrated health communities and protect the health of all IFSO members and their families and all those associated with our members at work, at home and in the community. It is our responsibility to find hope amidst the chaos, and support IFSO members that may be the most overwhelmed by the pandemic crisis despite their daily heroic actions and decisions. Finding hope is important because it is also part of what we do and give to our patients and their families in our daily lives.



Message from the President

I continue to pray and support all National Public Health Authorities in their endeavour to slow the progression of this outbreak through our global communities.

Please continue to take care of yourselves, your families, your colleagues and those around you. I look forward to the day when we can meet again when this crisis is over.

Lilian Kow

IFSO President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lilian Kow'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'L' and 'K'.



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Organizing Secretariat



EVENTS & CONGRESS

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Email: info@mcmcongressi.itNew York (NAC)
08:00 am/11:00 amSão Paulo (LAC)
09:00am/12:00 pmRome (EC)
02:00 pm/05:00 pmDubai (MENAC)
04:00 pm/ 07:00 pmSydney (APC)
10:00 pm/01:00 am



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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

we have been experiencing over the last few months a really unprecedented "health crisis". The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged our model of face-to-face meetings as authorities have imposed travel restrictions and physical distancing which are currently still stringent.

While we all can't wait to meet each other again LIVE in Miami on August 3-7, 2021, our responsibility as a Federation is to reach out to all our member Societies and individual members to take all possible measures to provide the safest possible environment for themselves and their loved ones. According to this policy all our Congresses have been postponed to the next year.

Nevertheless we want to assure our Members the possibility for educational exchanges, scientific news and best practice updates.

For this reason we have decided, until we meet again in person in Miami next year, to organize an IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS, so as not to miss the opportunity to meet, even if only on the web, and exchange opinions on our profession.

*We are glad to invite you to join our first **IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020** which will take place on **September 12 and 13, 2020** while continuing to take care of yourself, your family, your colleagues and those around you.*

We thank you in advance for your support in making the IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020 a great success !

THE IFSO SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



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ABOUT IFSO

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and metabolic disorders (IFSO) is a Federation composed of national associations of bariatric surgeons and Integrated Health professionals. Currently, there are 67 official member societies of IFSO. There are also individual members from countries that thus far have not formed a national association.

IFSO is a scientific organization that brings together surgeons and integrated health professionals, such as nurse, practitioners, dieticians, nutritionists, psychologists, internists and anaesthesiologists, involved in the treatment of morbidly obese patients.

One of IFSO's main goals is to support its members in aspects directly related to their profession. One of IFSO's main activities is the organization of the yearly World Congress, which provides a forum to exchange knowledge on surgical treatment of severely obese patients, to present new techniques, research and concepts, and to meet the experts in the field.

An international obesity surgery meeting was held annually in various countries throughout the world, under the leadership of Nicola Scopinaro. At the Stockholm meeting in 1995, the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO) was formed. The first International Congress of IFSO was held in Prague in 1996, followed by Cancun in 1997, Bruges in 1998, Salzburg in 1999 and Genoa in 2000. The first President was Nicola Scopinaro (Italy), followed by George Cowan (U.S.A) and Emanuel Hell (Austria).

VISION

"To optimize the control of adiposity-based chronic diseases."

MISSION

"To unify the global scientific, surgical and integrated health communities, for the purpose of dissemination of knowledge, collaboration and establishing universal standards of care for the treatment of individuals with adiposity-based chronic disease."



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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 GALAXY ROOM

ROME (EC) h. 02.00 - 03.30 pm

RATIONALE FOR METABOLIC SURGERY

- > Welcome message
- > Obesity and Heart Disease
- > Obesity and Cancer
- > Obesity and Inflammation
- > Healthy people with obesity: are they safe?

DISCUSSION - Q&A

ROME (EC) h. 03.30 - 03.45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

ROME (EC) h. 03.45 - 05.15 pm

CONTROVERSIES OF METABOLIC SURGERY

- > Asymptomatic Gallstones
- > Are you OK with placing balloons without an EGD ?
- > Endoscopic Metabolic Surgery, is it the Laparoscopic Surgery killer?
- > Endoscopic Metabolic Surgery will never replace Laparoscopic Surgery

DISCUSSION - Q&A

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 GALAXY ROOM

ROME (EC) h. 02.00 - 03.30 pm

"VIRAL ISSUES" IN BARIATRIC SURGERY

- > Digital platforms in Bariatric Surgery: the new normal interaction
- > Why IFSO accepted OAGB as a Primary Procedure
- > Why USA don't accept OAGB as Primary Procedure
- > Metabolic Surgery for Encephalopathy
- > SCOPINARO LECTURE - COVID-19: what we have learnt

DISCUSSION - Q&A

ROME (EC) h. 03.30 - 03.45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

ROME (EC) h. 03.45 - 05.15 pm

THE PHYSIOLOGIC BENEFITS OF WEIGHT LOSS

- > Is medical weight loss enough weight loss?
- > Prophylactic Surgery: Is there a role?
- > Metabolic Surgery and cancer
- > Metabolic Surgery and heart disease

DISCUSSION - Q&A

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 SKY ROOM

h. 02.00 - 03.30 pm

SLEEVES AND GERDS

- > Is GERD a contraindication for a Sleeve?
- > Does Sleeves increase the risk for Barrett's?
- > N-Sleeve procedure. Is the problem solved?
- > Conversion of a Sleeve to ...What?

DISCUSSION - Q&A

ROME (EC) h. 03.30 - 03.45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

ROME (EC) h. 03.45 - 05.15 pm

INTERVENTION FOR POOR WEIGHT LOSS OR WEIGHT REGAIN

- > An adjuvant to Surgery or for Rescue
- > Simple recipe for postop weight regain
- > Contraindications to weight loss medications
- > Surgical interventions

DISCUSSION - Q&A

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 SKY ROOM

ROME (EC) h. 02.00 - 03.30 pm

INTEGRATED HEALTH SESSION: KEEPING ON TRACK

- > Introduction and Welcome
- > Coaching patients to overcome barriers to exercise
- > Effective meal planning in challenging times
- > Triaging weight regain and how to manage it
- > The importance of sleep in Obesity
- > Acceptance and commitment therapy in behavioural Health
- > Caring for the care-giver

DISCUSSION - Q&A

ROME (EC) h. 03.30 - 03.45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

ROME (EC) h. 03.45 - 05.15 pm

MINIMIZING COMPLICATIONS

- > Staple line reinforcement: does it matter?
- > Thromboprophylaxis 2020
- > SADI, SIPS, SASI: is the traditional DS obsolete?
- > Education of patients undergoing bariatric surgery

DISCUSSION - Q&A



SYDNEY (APC)

⌚ 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM



DUBAI (MENAC)

⌚ 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



SÃO PAULO (LAC)

⌚ 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM



ROME (EC)

⌚ 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



NEW YORK (NAC)

⌚ 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

MORE INFO ON:

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REGISTRATION

Registrations will be possible only online through the website www.ifsovirtualworldcongress.com by **September 8, 2020**.

REGISTRATION FEES

Surgeons	€ 45,00
Integrated Health, Students, Residents*	€ 20,00

*Please note that a certification or proof of your status should be uploaded when registering (PDF or Jpeg file). Make sure to have it ready before going on with the registration process.

Registration will entitle to:

- Virtual badge
- Access to all scientific sessions and live debates
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- Access to the coffee lounge area to network and chat with other participants
- Attendance certificate
- EACCME/AMA credits (released to participants who have attended the congress and who have sent the evaluation form after the Congress, only)

PAYMENT METHODS

Payments are accepted only by credit cards: Paypal, Visa, American Express or Mastercard.

BILLING

The receipt for registration will be issued with the personal details of the registered participant only after payment is received and will be sent by email.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

The registration fee cannot be refunded.

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SCOLARSHIPS

Despite the impossibility to meet in person, IFSO is willing to support young and talented Surgeons and Integrated Health professionals by offering **20 Scholarships** for clinical and research work to young members from countries whose Bariatric Surgery Societies are members of IFSO and who show strong interests, initial accomplishments and potential for future career development in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties.

Each Scholarship consists this year of **USD\$ 500 + free registration** in the IFSO Virtual World Congress

Applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat (info@ifso.com) by **August 30th 2020**.

[Download](#) the guidelines for surgeons

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COVID-19 information:

We have been monitoring the situation surrounding COVID 19 and out of the best interest & safety of our guests and attendees we have decided to move the conference to **August of 2021**.

Please visit our website for the latest information about the congress.

Visit IFSO2020.com to stay informed

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Conference Dates: **August 3-7, 2021**

Conference Registration Opens: **June 1, 2020**

Abstract Submission Opens: **October 1, 2020**

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Dr. Raul Rosenthal, USA
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October 30 - 31, 2020

Makkah h. 5:00 pm/8:00 pm

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10-12 DECEMBER 2020

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in Prague*



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
Early Registration Deadline

NOVEMBER 30, 2020
Regular Registration Deadline

DECEMBER 10-12, 2020
IFSO - EC Annual Congress



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PAST EVENTS



V IFSO I.H. WEBINAR



Treating obesity in COVID-19 times: Challenges and Opportunities

<p>SPEAKER Yafit Kessler Israel</p> 	<p>MODERATOR Mary O'Kane UK</p> 	<p>PANELISTS Silvia Leite Faria Brazil</p> 	<p>Violeta Moize Arcone Spain</p> 	<p>Lisa West-Smith USA</p> 
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Thursday, July 30
2.00-3.00 pm European Time





Inadequate Uptake of Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery in 2020: What are the Causes and how to Address Them?

JULY 23
8:00 AM EDT
2:00 PM CEST

SPEAKERS

 <p>Francesco Rubino (UK) "Role of Surgeons"</p>	 <p>David Cummings (USA) "Role of referring Physicians"</p>	 <p>Ted Kyle (USA) "Patients perspective"</p>
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PANELISTS

 <p>John Wilding, UK WOF President</p>	 <p>Lilian Kow, AU IFSO President</p>	 <p>Nasreen Al Faris (Saudi Arabia)</p>
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XXI IFSO JOURNAL CLUB

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020
2.00-3.00 pm (European Time)*



"IFSO Position Statement on the Role of Esophago-Gastro-Duodenal Endoscopy Prior to and after Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Procedures"
Published on *Obesity Surgery* - August 2020

Authors: Wendy A. Brown, Yazmin Johari Halim Shah, George Balalis, Ahmad Bashir, Almimo Ramos, Lilian Kow, Miguel Herrera, Scott Shikora, Guilherme M. Campos, Jacques Himpens & Kelvin Higa

<p>PRESENTER Wendy Brown, AU</p> 	<p>MODERATOR Abdelrahman Nimeri, USA</p> 	<p>PANELISTS Ricardo Cohen, BR</p> 	<p>Hayssam Fawal, LB</p> 	<p>Kamal Mahawar, UK</p> 	<p>Rachel Moore, USA</p> 
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JUNE 18
8:00 AM EDT
2:00 PM CEST

THE PERFECT SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY: EVERYTHING YOU HAVE BEEN AFRAID TO ASK

PRESENTERS

 <small>Michel Gagner (Coliada)</small>	 <small>David Morin (France)</small>	 <small>Faghih Boorj (UAE)</small>	 <small>Miguel Herrera (Argentina)</small>	 <small>Ahmed Ramez (Brazil)</small>
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PANELISTS

 <small>Luis Sarmiento (Spain)</small>	 <small>Miguel Yano (USA)</small>	 <small>Sonia Kim (Korea)</small>
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MODERATOR

 <small>Sonia Kim (Korea)</small>

The Perfect Sleeve Gastrectomy

A Clinical Guide to Evaluation,
Treatment, and Techniques

Michel Gagner
Sonia Kim
Miguel Herrera
Faghih Boorj
David Morin
Editors

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THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2020
2:00-3:00 pm (European Time)



The 5 Best VCR published on OBSU-IFSO VIDEO CASE REPORT SECTION
from January to June 2020





CHALLENGING VIDEO CASE REPORTS BY TOP

MODERATOR

 <small>Ashraf Haddad</small>

PANELISTS

 <small>Jan Willem Greve</small>	 <small>Miguel Herrera</small>	 <small>Alan Saber</small>	 <small>Bassem Safadi</small>
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MAY 29
8:00 AM EDT
2:00 PM CEST

ENHANCING BARIATRIC PATIENT EXPERIENCE DURING COVID 19

PRESENTERS

 <small>Elizabeth Doney USA</small>	 <small>Pravon Raj India</small>	 <small>Sonja Chiappetta Italy</small>
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PANELISTS

 <small>Miguel Herrera Mexico</small>	 <small>Ayed Al Qubani Saudi Arabia</small>	 <small>Abdelrahman Nimer USA</small>
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MODERATOR

 <small>Abdelrahman Nimer USA</small>



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V WEBINAR ON COVID-19
Restarting Bariatric Practice within the COVID-19 pandemic

1. My office will be more virtual than remain physical
2. Accepting all comers meeting bariatric surgery criteria vs becoming selective
3. My preoperative workup will change: Routine Vs selective endoscopy
4. My procedure recommendation will change since endoscopy is selective
5. Precautions in COVID-19 negative patients Vs practice as usual

MAY 21st
8:00 AM EDT
2:00 PM CEST



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DEBATERS


Gerhard Prager
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Australia


Jacques Himpeet
Belgium


Lilian Kow
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Ahmed Bashe
Jordan

FACT CHECKER


Hazem Al-Momani
UAE



XIX IFSO JOURNAL CLUB

PRESENTER



Praveen Raj



THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020
2.30-3.30 pm (European Time)*

MODERATOR



Hazem Al-Momani

Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing the Outcomes of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery and Standard Recovery Pathways in Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy
 Published on Obesity Surgery - April 2020

AUTHORS: S. Prebhakaran, Shivanshu Misra, M. Magila, S. Saravana Kumar, Sudarsan Kasthuri, Chinnusamy Palanivelu & P. Praveen Raj

THE 25TH IFSO WORLD CONGRESS
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2020 MEETING | IFSO-UC INTERNATIONAL MEETING | 21ST WORLD CONGRESS OBESITY BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC INTERVENTIONS
 DR. NATAN ZUNDEL, PRESIDENT AND DR. RAUL ROSENTHAL, CO-PRESIDENT
 Conference Registration Open October 1, 2019 | Abstract Submission Open November 1, 2019



IFSO WEBINAR: „ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IFSO 2020 MIAMI“
NEXT FRIDAY MAY 8 - 2.00 PM CEST (Central European Summer Time)*



SPEAKER
 Natan Zundel
 Congress President



MODERATOR
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MAY 7 - 2.00 PM
Central European Summer Time

IV IFSO WEBINAR ON COVID-19: MAINTAINING SKILLS & TRAINING PROCESS THROUGH COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Presenters:



Abdelrahman Nimeri (USA): "How Deliberate practice during COVID-19 can maintain your expertise"



Julian Varas (Chile): "A platform for remote advanced surgical training during COVID-19"



Karl Miller (UAE): "Mental training to maintain your skills during this Pandemic"

Panelists: **Moderator:** **Fact checkers:**



Kelvin Higa



Lilian Kow



Ahmad Bashir



Hazem Al-Morhani

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III IFSO WEBINAR ON COVID-19 2.00 - 3.00 PM (CEST)*

RISK OF LAPAROSCOPY VS LAPAROTOMY IN COVID-19 PATIENTS: WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?

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MODERATOR

Lilian Kow, IFSO President, Australia

PRESENTERS

Ahmad Bashir, Chair of IFSO Comm. Committee, Jordan: "Comparative analysis on recent guidelines on COVID-19"

Diego Camacho, NYC, USA: "Laparoscopy Vs Laparotomy risks in COVID-19 patients"

Saeed Safari, Iran: "Bariatric surgical practice during the initial phase of COVID-19 outbreak"



*** TIME CONVERSIONS**

7:00 am Mexico City (CDT)
 8:00 am New York (EDT)
 9:00 am Sao Paulo (BRT)
 1:00 pm London (BST)
 2:00 pm Europe (CEST)
 3:00 pm Athens (EEST)
 4:30 pm Tehran (IRDT)
 5:30 pm New Delhi (IST)
 9:00 pm Tokyo (JST)
 9:30 pm Adelaide (ACST)

MANAGING COVID-19 PATIENTS PRESENTING WITH EMERGENCIES WITHIN YOUR PRACTICE

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 April 22nd

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I IFSO LAC Webinar





MODERATOR
Estuardo Balgans



SPEAKER
Juan Antonio Lopez Corvalan



PANELISTS
Marcos Lillo, Axel Weskow, Luciano Poggi

FACT CHECKERS
Caetano Marchesini
Pedro Martinez Duartez

“Marginal Ulcer after gastric bypass”

Thursday April 23rd 2020
1.00 - 2.00 pm Central European Standard Time

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8061175457754791435>




IFSO Webinar

WORLDWIDE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS IN BARIATRIC SURGERY

April 9th, 2020
2.00 pm Europe Time*

Moderator: Prof. Lilian Kow
IFSO President

*New York, USA	at 8 am EDT
*São Paulo, Brazil	at 9 am BRT
*London, UK	at 1 pm BST
*Beirut, Lebanon	at 3 pm EEST
*Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	at 3 pm AST
*Beijing, China	at 8 pm CST
*Adelaide, Australia	at 9:30 pm ACST

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Thursday March 19, 2020
1-2 pm (central Europe time)



PRESENTER



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**FACT
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Fact checker:
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Sylvia Weiner: “Conversion of gastric banding to OAGB due to slippage at BMI 29...wrong indication?”

Mohammed Al Hadad: “Morality in offering bariatric surgery to non compliant patient”

Matthew Krow: “Disclosure in Bariatric Surgery: Intra-operative discovery of unknown previous procedures”




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Published on *Annals of Surgery*, January 2019

Authors: Daniel P. Schauer, Heather Spencer Feigelson, Corinna Koebnick, Bette Caan, Sheila Weinmann, Anthony C. Leonard, J. David Powers, Panduranga R. Yenumula, David E. Arterburn



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We are pleased to inform you that the article "**IFSO Endoscopy Committee Position Statement on the Practice of Bariatric Endoscopy During the COVID-19 Pandemic**" is available for free for all our members on our official journal *Obesity Surgery*.

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IFSO Position Statement on the Role of Esophago-Gastro-Duodenal Endoscopy Prior to and after Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Procedures

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IFSO Position Statement on the Role of Esophago-Gastro-Duodenal Endoscopy Prior to and after Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Procedures

One of the roles of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) is to provide guidance on the management of patients seeking surgery for adiposity-based chronic diseases. The role of endoscopy is an area of clinical controversy.

The following position statement is issued by the IFSO Endoscopy in Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery Taskforce.

This statement is based on current clinical knowledge, expert opinion, and published peer-reviewed scientific evidence. It will be reviewed regularly in two years, as per IFSO policy.

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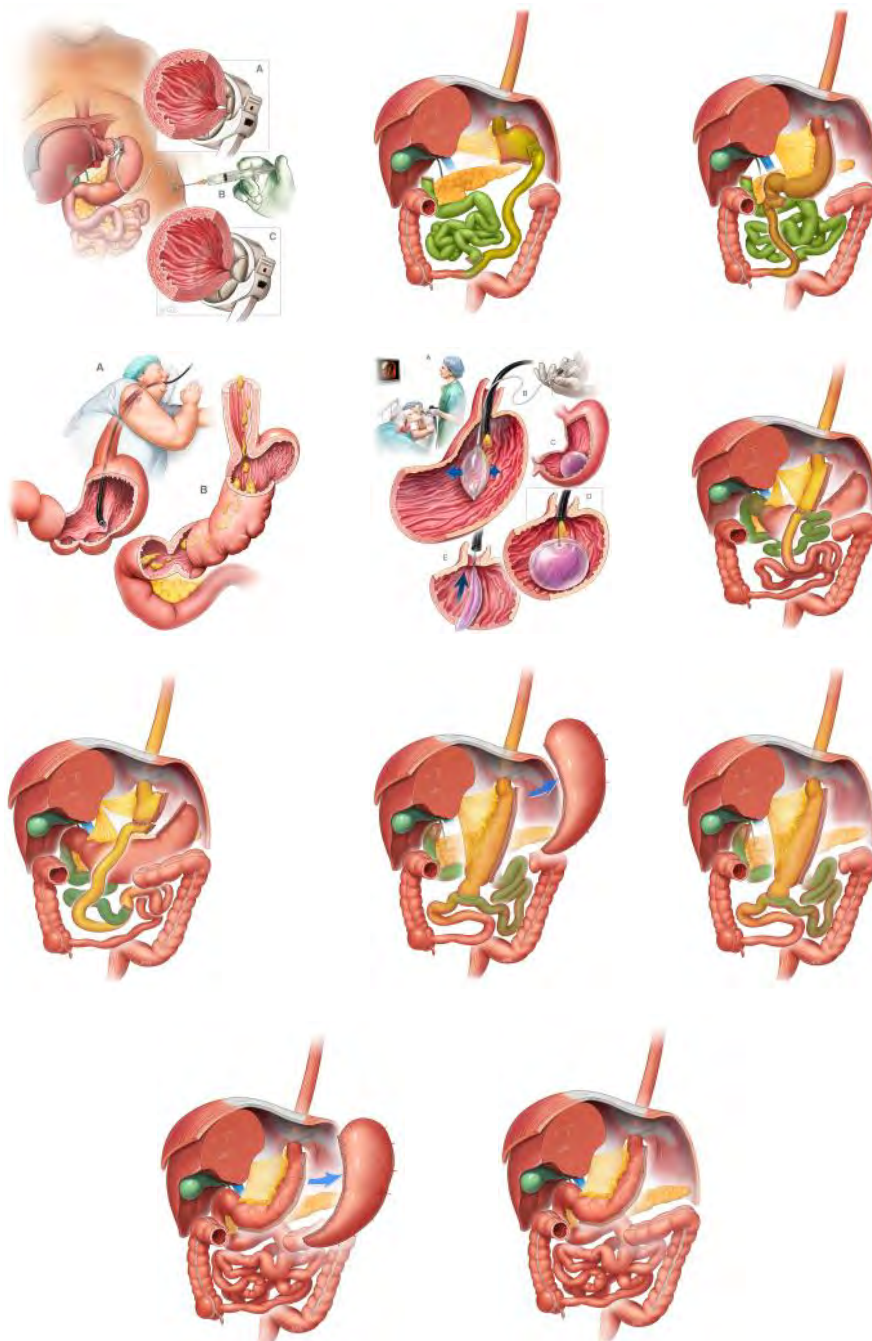


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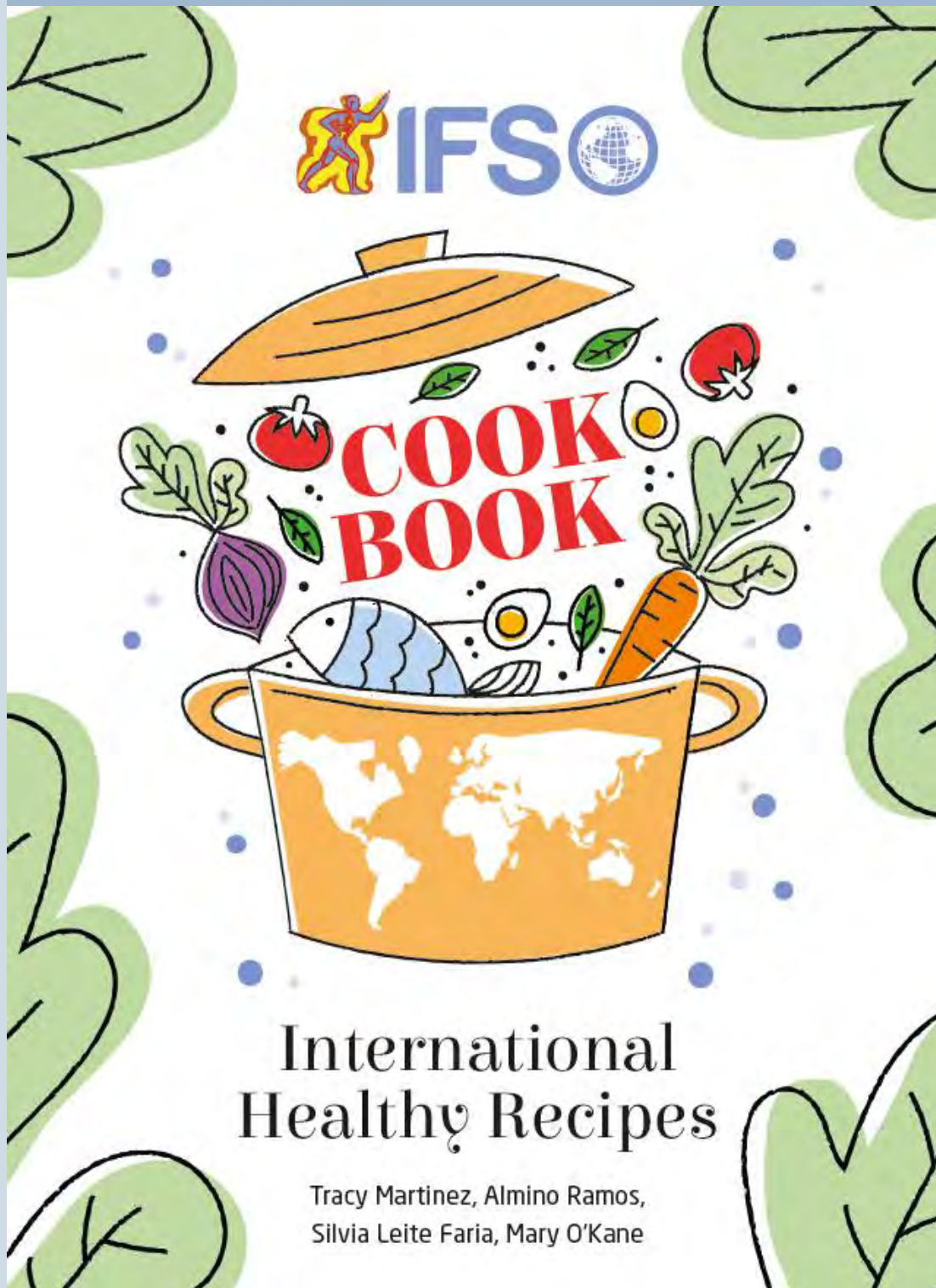
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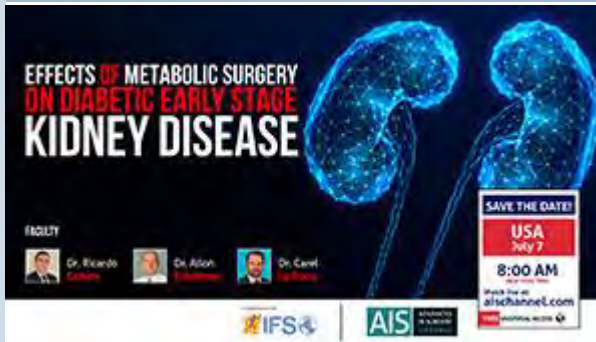
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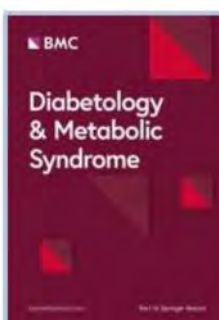
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**DR. MUFFAZAL LAKDAWALA AND HIS
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Pic of the Month

From stadium to isolation centre to hospital: A jumbo fight against Covid-19 at Mumbai's NSCI dome.

Once a popular venue for sports and entertainment in the city, the National Sports Club of India's (NSCI) stadium dome in Worli is now a full-fledged hospital for Covid-19. Since April, it has admitted more than 1,500 patients — including cancer patients, pregnant women, patients with comorbidity — and discharged 1,150 people, boasting of a recovery rate of 76%.

"It was not possible to set up ICUs in a stadium. Every time we had a critical patient, we had to move them to a hospital for an ICU bed. That is when we came up with the idea of ICUs in portable containers. We used shipping containers and converted them to ICUs," said Dr Muffazal Lakdawala, Mumbai-based surgeon who conceptualised the facility at NSCI alongside Maharashtra's environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray, who represents the Worli constituency.

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with two beds each will start housing critical Covid-19 patients from nex



Doctors will be able to monitor patients without entering the containers

Engineers, researchers, and designers had collaborated on the open-source project, which went from concept to reality in just four weeks. Ever since, such 'container ICUs' have emerged as a potential solution to quickly expand hospital capacity and ease pressure on stressed healthcare systems.

Dr Lakdawala said, "These are full-fledged ICUs. Doctors and nurses will be able to monitor patients from outside the containers. We will have ventilators and high-flow masks too. We are trying

to make more of these container ICUs, which they can be transported wherever they are needed most." Sharad Ughade, assistant municipal commissioner, G-South ward, said, "We have made these container ICUs so that critical patients can be treated at NSCI itself, where around 500 Covid-19 patients who are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic are admitted."

Officials said that the container ICU project was initiated by state environment minister and Worli MLA Aaditya Thackeray, who

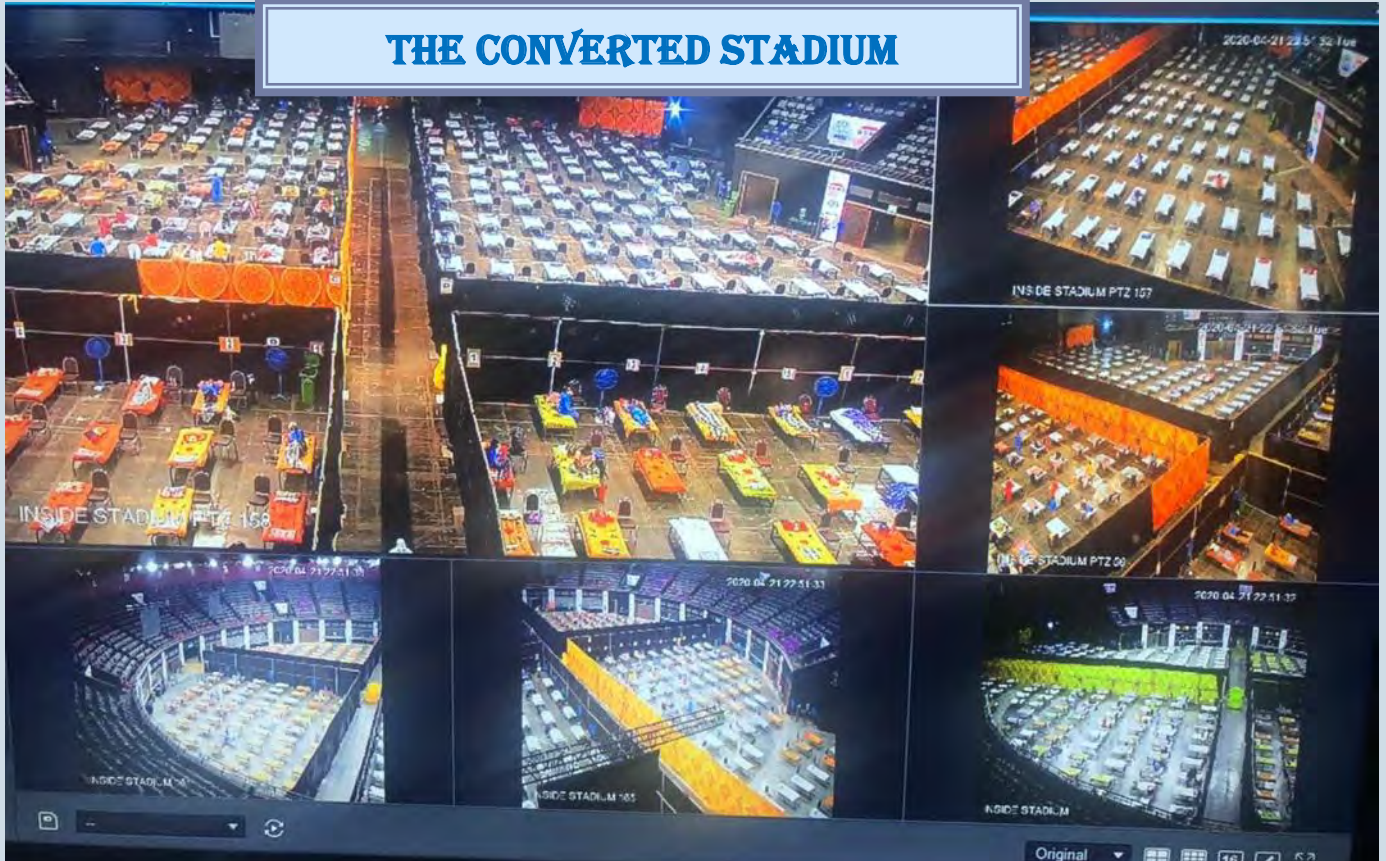
organised CSR fund project. BMC officials said that the container ICUs were an important addition to the standard hospital to allow for negative pressure rooms while remaining relatively easy to transport. Negative pressure rooms allow air to flow in but not out, helping to minimize the spread of the virus.

Before the pandemic, the stadium was one of the largest sports and entertainment venues in the city with more than 38,000 seats, 10,000 sq ft of space and a seating capacity of about 10,000. It has been converted into a 500-bed facility for asymptomatic and symptomatic Covid-19 patients. Equipped with a corridor for patient collection facility and a "self-clinic", everything is visible through a glass panel, and medical professionals communicate over cordless phones. Dr Lakdawala runs the team of 10 doctors and





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