



Asian Surgical Association

NEWSLETTER

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Invitation: 24th Asian Congress of Surgery

The 24th Asian Congress of Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Philippine College of Surgeons' 79th Annual Clinical Congress and the 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Summit from December 3 to 6, 2023 at the Edsa Shangri-la, Manila.

For details and registration, please visit

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ASA Asian Surgical Association **AFSC** ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges

79th Annual Clinical Congress
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24th Asian Congress of Surgery **12th AFSC Summit**



**Collaborations and Innovations
in the Era of Global Surgery**
3-6 December, 2023
EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Philippines



Message from Dr Maria Concepcion Vesagas



President of the Philippine College of Surgeons

Warm greetings from the Philippine College of Surgeons to Professor Kent-Man Chu, President, Council Members, and members of the Asian Surgical Association! The PCS is deeply honored to host the 24th Asian Congress of Surgery which will be held together with the Philippine College of Surgeons' Annual Clinical Congress and the 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Summit this December 3 to 6, 2023 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel in Mandaluyong City, Manila, Philippines. This joint convention with the ASA is noteworthy as it emphasizes the theme of this year's congress "Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery". I expect a healthy exchange of ideas, sharing of best practices and renewing professional and personal ties between surgical colleagues across the Asian region. In addition, we have social events lined up, including a pre-congress golf tournament, the fellowship night and tours for delegates.

I look forward to meeting the officials and delegates of the ASA. In addition to the pleasant weather that prevails that time of year, it is also a festive one. Celebrating Christmas is one of our most beloved traditions and I hope that you experience the hospitality of the Filipinos.

Mabuhay and see you in December!

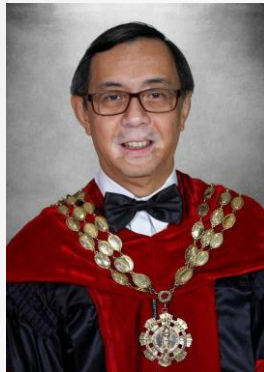
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President
Philippine College of Surgeons



Message from Dr Jose Antonio M. Salud

Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, 24th Asian Congress of Surgery



Greetings! On behalf of the Philippine College of Surgeons and Asian Surgical Association, I wholeheartedly invite you all to attend the 79th Annual Clinical Congress of the PCS in coordination with the 24th Asian Congress of Surgery of ASA on December 3 to 6, 2023 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Mandaluyong, Philippines.

The Theme of the convention appropriately enough, is “Collaborations and Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery”. Interesting lectures, panel discussion, workshops, symposia, paper, and video presentations are all on top for this entire congress, including non-surgical topics/ activities that may attract a myriad of interests.

We encourage you to bring your family with you and enjoy the sights, do some shopping, and experience the hospitality Filipinos are known for as well as reconnect with your surgical colleagues from here and abroad.

We eagerly look forward to your presence. Warm regards and Mabuhay!



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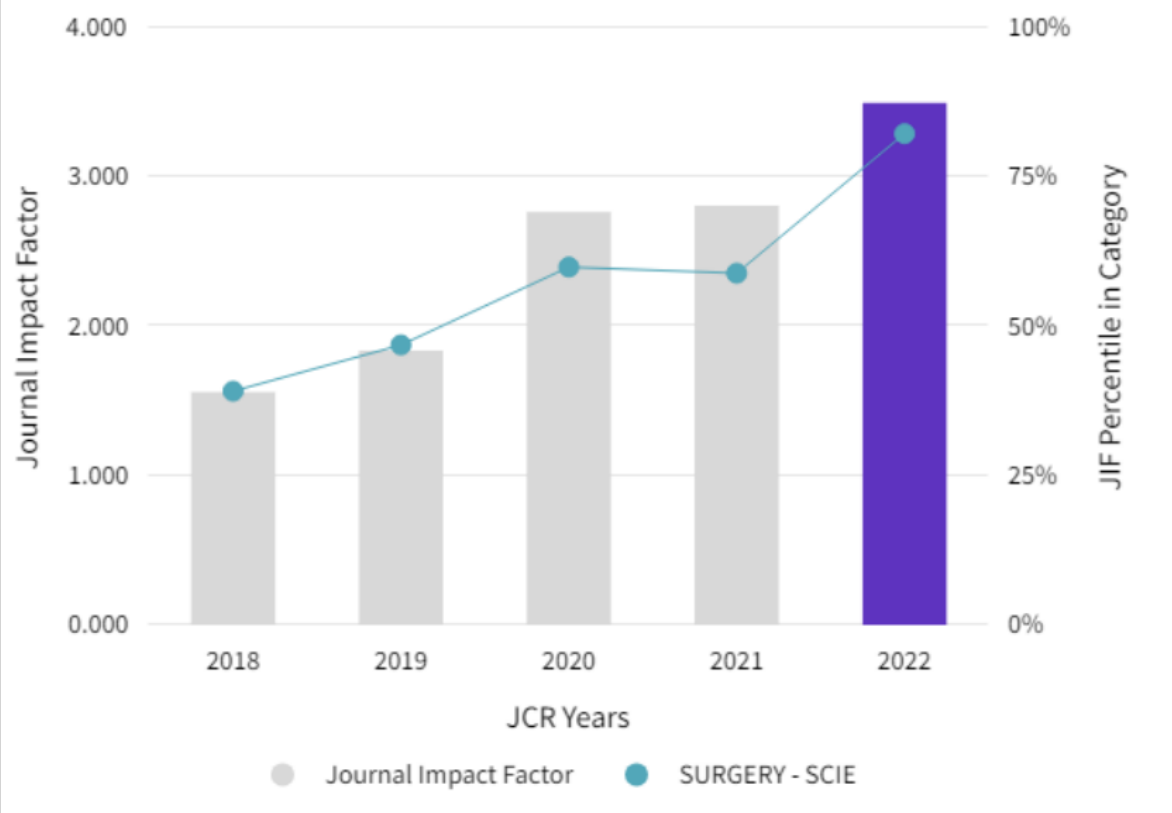
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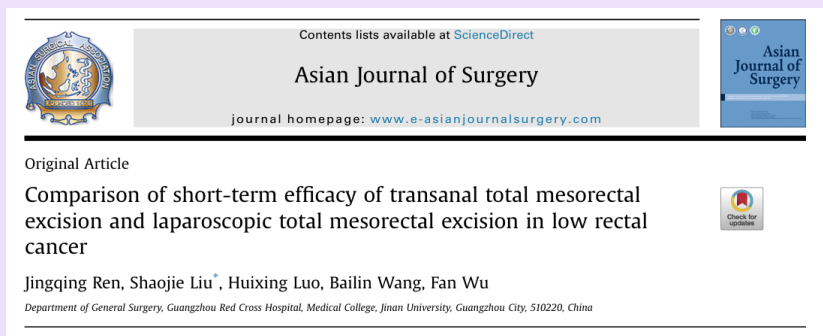


Editor's recommendations

#1

Highlights

The authors demonstrated in the article TaTME is a promising surgical technique and may offer a safe and feasible alternative to LaTME in managing low rectal cancer.



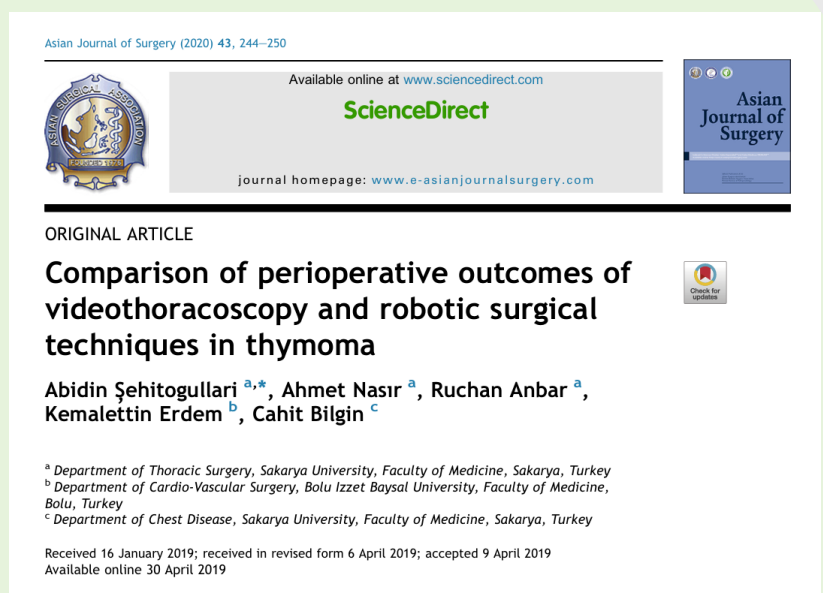
Comparison of short-term efficacy of transanal total mesorectal excision and laparoscopic total mesorectal excision in low rectal cancer

#2

Highlights

In the treatment of clinical stage I and stage II thymoma patients, the robotic approach and excision with VATS are techniques with equal reliability.

However, the use of robot-assisted thoracoscopic thymectomy technique is advantageous in terms of decreasing the total amount of postoperative drainage and shortening the length of hospital stay.



Comparison of perioperative outcomes of video thoracoscopy and robotic surgical techniques in thymoma

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#3

Highlights

This report demonstrated the safety and feasibility of robotic-assisted inguinal hernia repair. It may become the surgical approach in the near future.

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#4

Highlights

This systematic review concluded that for malignant tumors that require hepatectomy, robotic approaches have demonstrated similar safety and feasibility to laparoscopy, with lower open procedure rate, were suitable for larger tumor size, and have a high right hepatectomy utilization rate. However, the authors emphasized that these results still need to be confirmed by multicenter, high-quality randomized controlled studies.

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Review Article

Robotic versus laparoscopic hepatectomy for malignancy: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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