

# 15 Indian robotic surgeons to showcase procedures at global symposium in US

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**Bengaluru, Nov 6 (IANS):** Fifteen eminent robotic surgeons from India will present procedures created by them at a global symposium in Miami in the US on November 19, attended by participants from 20 countries.

Organised by Michigan-headquartered robotic surgery evangelist Vattikuti Foundation, the symposium will have over 100 specialist oncology surgeons representing the fields of orthopaedics, gastroenterology, gynaecology, urology, head and neck surgery, sharing their experiences in performing successful cancer interventions and devising innovative procedures.

"While a surgical robot uses technology to improve patient outcomes several fold it is surgeons who continuously innovate to create procedures with better outcomes. This is precisely why the symposium presents an opportunity to learn from eminent robotic surgeons, we call 'humans at the cutting edge of technology,'" said Dr Mahendra Bhandari, CEO, Vattikuti Foundation.

In addition to India, surgeons from Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey and the US will present procedures created by them using the surgical robots as well as joint replacement.

These innovative procedures for soft tissue cancers and joint replacement surgeries will be assessed to generate new standards of care based on improved patient outcomes.

The highlight of the symposium will be a session on how surgical precision improves patient outcomes by Dr Mani Menon, Chief of Strategy and Innovation, Department of Urology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York; Dr Alex Mottrie, Head of Urology, OLV Hospital, Aaist, Belgium, Dr Alberto Piana, Clinical Research Fellow, Fundacio Puigvert, Barcelona, Spain and Dr Ash Tewari, Professor and Chairman of Urology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York.

The winners of first K.S. International Robotic Surgery Innovation competition will be given their cash awards at the event, said the Foundation.

Robotic surgeons from the US, India and Spain were named the top three winners in the KS International Robotic Surgery Innovation competition in September.

The Detroit-based Foundation has also awarded one-year Vattikuti fellowships to over 50 specialist surgeons with post-graduate qualifications in surgery.

