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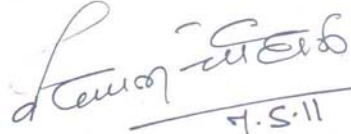
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Press Release

First Robotic Surgery For Throat Cancer In India

Robotic surgery for cancer of throat has been performed by the department of ENT at AIIMS. The TORS (Trans Oral Robotic Surgery) as it is popularly known in medical fraternity is performed with da vinci Robot. The robotic arms are passed in the throat through mouth only and no external incisions are made. The tumor is removed without much of blood loss or morbidity to the patient. On 5th May 2011 (Thursday) four cases of throat cancer (Tongue & Tonsils) were operated and all the patients are doing fine.

The TORS was started in USA and was approved by FDA in February 2010. At present it is performed in few advanced countries. In the Indian sub continent this is for the first time such surgery for throat cancers has been done. Dr. Suresh Sharma, Professor & Head of ENT and Dr. Alok Thakar had gone to University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia last year for training in TORS with the pioneers in the field Dr. Gregory Wienstein and O'Malley. The team of ENT doctors involved in performing the surgery were Dr. Suresh Sharma, Dr. Alok Thakar and Dr. Rakesh Kumar. **For more information you may contact to Dr. Surash Sharma. His Mobile Numbers is 8802212270, 9868397466**


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