

## **LETTER FROM THE HOD's desk :**

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce one of the largest Department of Surgery among centrally governed institutes in India. Although Lady Hardinge Medical College had come into inception in 1916 but Department of Surgery which was initially clubbed with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was separated in 1920 with Prof. Ruth Wilson as its first head. Department of Surgery had seen an immense growth under the leadership which had ranged from Dr. Wilson in 1920 to myself, Director Prof. Ajay Kumar (Present Head since 1996). At present, Department of Surgery has 6 Director Professors, 4 Professors, 12 Associate professors and 5 Assistant Professors. There are 5 surgical units, 3 units at LHMC and 2 units are posted at RML hospital. We have 100 surgical indoor beds and 7 beds in post operative ward.

Department of Surgical Discipline is providing regular services in multiple fields including Minimally invasive surgery; Video Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment (VAAFT), Bariatric Surgery, Comprehensive Surgical & medical management of Gastrointestinal, Urological, Endocrine and Breast cancers; Hepato-biliary and Pancreatic Surgery; Endourological Procedures; Thoracic surgery; Vascular Surgery and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Impedence manometry, Uroflowmetry & Urodynamic study and anal manometry are routinely done for diagnostic and research purposes. As per statistical information (2014-2015), 1564 major surgery and 3131 minor surgery were performed, Total surgical indoor admissions were 3252 and average daily OPD attendance was 193.

The department runs a General Surgical OPD every day and Breast Cancer Clinic on every Tuesday. The department provides emergency care for traumatic and other surgical emergencies round the clock.

I have been conducting special clinic on every Tuesday and Saturday at KSCH OPD for the children with congenital faciomaxillary cleft and have operated more than 1500 children with congenital faciomaxillary clefts.

Department is actively involved with multiple research projects and had given 61 national and international indexed publications in last 3 years

The Department of Surgery considers the training of residents and medical students as one of its highest priorities. At present, trainees in the department includes 11 Post Graduate students per year who are awarded MS (General Surgery) degree after the successful completion of 3 year post graduate training programme, 22 Senior Residents who undergo 3 years of higher surgical training after obtaining MS in General Surgery, 200 MBBS students are trained every year in basic surgical skills and 20 pre-hospital trauma training students are trained in pre-hospital care of trauma victims. We believe in the team work which includes training of nurses and paramedical staff as well to impart best care to our patients.

With the upcoming infrastructure in the comprehensive development plan, we intend to become the nation's best Surgical department because of the number and variety of patients coming here for treatment, hard working residents and the highly qualified faculty employed here.

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