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## ORSI ADVANCED ROBOTIC SURGERY COURSE

Hi! I am Dr. Arunava Roy, Consultant, Gynaecologic Oncology and Robotic surgery at Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, India. We have a Da Vinci Si with dual console and integrated firefly at our hospital. I have been operating for about a year on the system (two to three cases a week) and performing pelvic procedures including sentinel lymphnode mapping with ease.

It was after 50 surgeries that I felt the need to expand the scope of robotic surgery to upper abdominal procedures (paraaortic lymphadenectomy and omentectomy) so that I could provide more women with the benefits of MIS.

I tried these procedures with single docking but could reach only up to the IMA and total omentectomy was really difficult. At this point I realized that I needed to train and the ESGO SERGS advanced robotic course provided me with the perfect platform for the same.



This program at ORSI focuses on training surgeons with adequate basic robotic surgery skills to develop an understanding and competence for performing advanced procedures. For this they have integrated a state of art training facility and world-renowned faculties. The program is well constructed to evaluate each candidate's individual need and work towards attaining it by the

end. I came to realise that with an Si system I need to double dock the robot for upper abdominal procedures and practicing the same in animal and cadaver lab helped me gain the confidence to perform these surgeries in patients.

Since attending the course in June, I have successfully performed six upper abdominal robotic procedures at my hospital. Most women were discharged by Day 2 without any major morbidity.

Initially I was concerned about the course fees, travel cost etc. But after attending the course I realized its more than worth every penny I spent. I thank all faculties, team Intuitive and ESGO/SERGS for providing this platform. The efforts of Ms Lucie towards coordinating this whole course and the logistics were overwhelming.

So, when Lucie asked me to write a testimonial, I didn't hesitate. This program has really helped me develop my skills in advanced robotic surgery and establish our hospital as the only center in eastern India providing these services. I highly recommend this program for robotic surgeons who have attained basic skills.