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Hi Friends,

A New Normal, is what everyone is talking about, the COVID Pandemic has been around since the past 6 months, its September now, the year 2020 is all gone. Causing extensive damage and destruction in its wake. A lot has been said and done on this 'Novel Corona Virus', but, its still incomplete.

All hopes are now on the vaccine that is under trial. Till then, we adjust to the 'New Normal'.

How did we spend the last 6 months? What did we do?...Let us see.

Beginning of April, we all got busy finding ways and means of protecting ourselves, discovering various types of PPE Kits.

We went with the collective decision of ASI President, Dr. P. Raghu Ram, and pooled in our resources in procuring PPE Kits from Bengaluru, to be distributed to hospitals directly dealing with COVID patients.

Members came forward and donated generously for this cause. We were able to purchase 250 kits, which were give to KEM Hospital and Nair Hospital.

My special thanks to several Organisations, who, through their CRS projects, were able to give thousands of PPE kits to most Public Hospitals, who are in the fore front on managing COVID-19 patients.

To name a few...BSE Foundation, ICICI Lombard, Round table...and many more. Not to forget, MASI, through its good office, donated several hundred kits, all over Maharashtra.

Here, I would like to mention a few names which were prominent in Mumbai, for their selfless contribution in active participation

Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Dr. Mohan Joshi, Dr. Shivkumar Utture,

Dr. Roy Patankar, Dr. Satish Dharap, , Dr. Sharad Sharma, Dr. Sameer Rege, Dr. Milind Ruke, Dr. Paresh Jain, Dr. Parvez Sheikh, Dr. Kishore Adyanthaya, Dr. Niranjn Agarwal, Dr. Radha Verma, Dr. Manmohan Kamat, Dr. Sunny Agarwal, Ex Co of MSS, and many more, whom I may have not named, but, do thank from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of MSS. You all have helped tremendously, in identifying, procuring and distribution. Thank you all!

Academically, our one big contribution was the Special Pre-op COVID Consent', released during this time, which was translated in Hindi and Marathi. And distributed to all over Maharashtra. Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar, who enthusiastically helped edit the document.

Then of course, we had several 'Webinars', as part of the 'New Normal', which, we all adapted to with ease.

CME:



7th August, 2020. Webinar on 'Diabetic Foot Diseases'.

Main presenters were:

Dr. Arun Bal, Dr. Milind Ruke, Dr. Amitabh Mohan and Dr. Madhu Periasamy. Covering all aspects of Diabetic Foot Syndrome, by the specialist. Infact, MSS has been conducting at least one CME on Diabetic foot disease and this years MS final year exam carried a full marks question on Diabetic foot management, in both the papers!

CME:

9th August, 2020. Webinar on 'Consent', which had Dr. Lalit Kapoor, Dr. Mohan Joshi, Dr. Roy Patankar and Dr. Manoj Gandhi as panelist. The program was moderated by Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar.

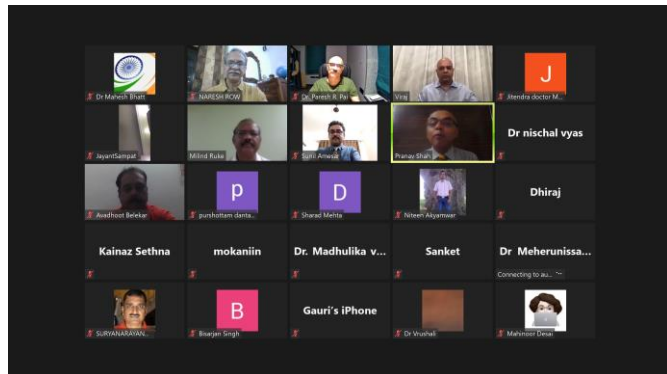
The discussion led to the conclusion that, need for Special Surgical Consent, varying to procedure, is a must in today's changing legal scenario.



Dr. Lalit Kapoor, Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar and Dr. Sunil Singhal have taken up this daunting task for MSS.

CME:

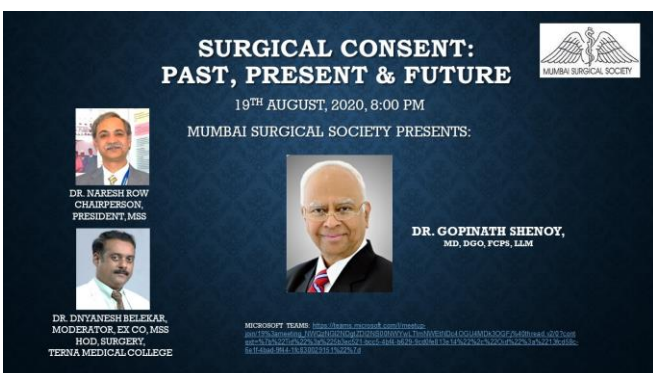
15th August, 2020. 'Wound Management', another topic held every year, covering Definition, Classification to Recent advances in all types of Surgical wounds that a General Surgeon comes across in their daily practice.



Panelist were Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar, Dr. Milind Ruke, Dr. Paresh Pai and Dr. Viraj Tambwekar. Once again, subject was covered extensively, from Definition, Types of wound, Management by a General Surgeon, Diabetic foot specialist, Vascular surgeon and Plastic and Reconstruction specialist.

Guest Lecture:

19th August, 2020.



Dr. Gopinath Shenoy, Jurist, Clinician, Nursing Home owner, spoke on the latest scenario on Consumer Law and Surgeons. This webinar was moderated by Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar.

Importance of proper documentation of all relevant details related to the patient's treatment, in the pre-op session, done by the operating Surgeon or a member of his team, in a language understood by the patient and documented in writing, is the best safeguard against any legal action, was the take home message from this lecture.

Friends, I have purposely not repeated pictures of distribution of PPE's by our members and the Innovations in this newsletter as it has been put up in 'Samvaad' the MASI newsletter, which you will receive shortly.

What is repeated is the fact that some of us are not registered to vote in the upcoming election of ASI and MASI. Please e-Register before the 15th Sept. it is very simple:

Email the following details to: headoffice@asiindia.org

- 1) Name of Member.
- 2) Email Address.
- 3) Mobile number.
- 4) Photo ID (copy of Drivers Licence / Aadhar Card).

Elections for VP ASI (President ASI 2022) will be held on 1st Oct. 2020. Please vote for the most deserving candidate.

There are many unregistered Members on the voters list, specially from the Speciality side, like Urology, Onco-Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgeons, who can be perused to e-Register, if you know them.

Remember, Maharashtra's strength is in its numbers. Let us come together and make MASI strong.

Long live, ASI, MASI & MSS!

Forthcoming Activities:

ASICON 2020:
A Virtual Conference: The Art and Science of Celebrating 80 glorious years.
17th – 19th December, 2020. From Head Quarters, Chennai.
Details: www.asicon2020.com

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Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

ASICON 2022:
Mumbai.

MASICON 2020:
Pune.

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