

Program Overview

Approximately 1.4 billion people live in poverty globally. One-third of diseases in developing countries are potentially treatable by surgery. Surgical disease represents a substantial global burden. Surgeons in the U.S. can play a pivotal role in addressing this medical burden via volunteerism.

Although several members of our team have been doing medical charity work in Kurdistan of Iraq since the first Gulf War, it is not until now that we have assembled the Medical Charity Team, the first comprehensive team that is co-sponsored by the International College of Surgeons (I.C.S.), Operation Hope (O.H.), and American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (A.H.P.B.A.).

The destination of our Surgical team is Kurdistan of Iraq, the war-torn country that is also the heartland of Mesopotamia and the cradle of civilization. The people of Mesopotamia not only recently suffered the ravages of four to five decades of wars but also were subjected to chemical weapons, torture and the atrocious Anfal Campaign, whereby over 189,000 Kurdish civilians were annihilated by the previous Iraqi dictator. Additionally, over one million people were killed during the Iraqi – Iran war alone, not to mention the countless casualties incurred in both Gulf Wars. Nearly 400 mass graves have recently been discovered throughout Iraq since the toppling of Saddam’s regime and the liberation of Iraq in 2003.

In this trip, we will dedicate one day to teach and educate the local residents aspects of our “Trauma Rural Course”. The second day will include the state-of-the-art First Annual Scientific Medical Symposium in Iraq, after which we will treat patients both in the operating room and clinic, as well as conduct daily rounds and lectures to the house staff and medical students. We aspire to open an ICS Chapter in Iraq during this visit and hope that this will help the local surgeons re-establish a much needed relationship with the international medical community.

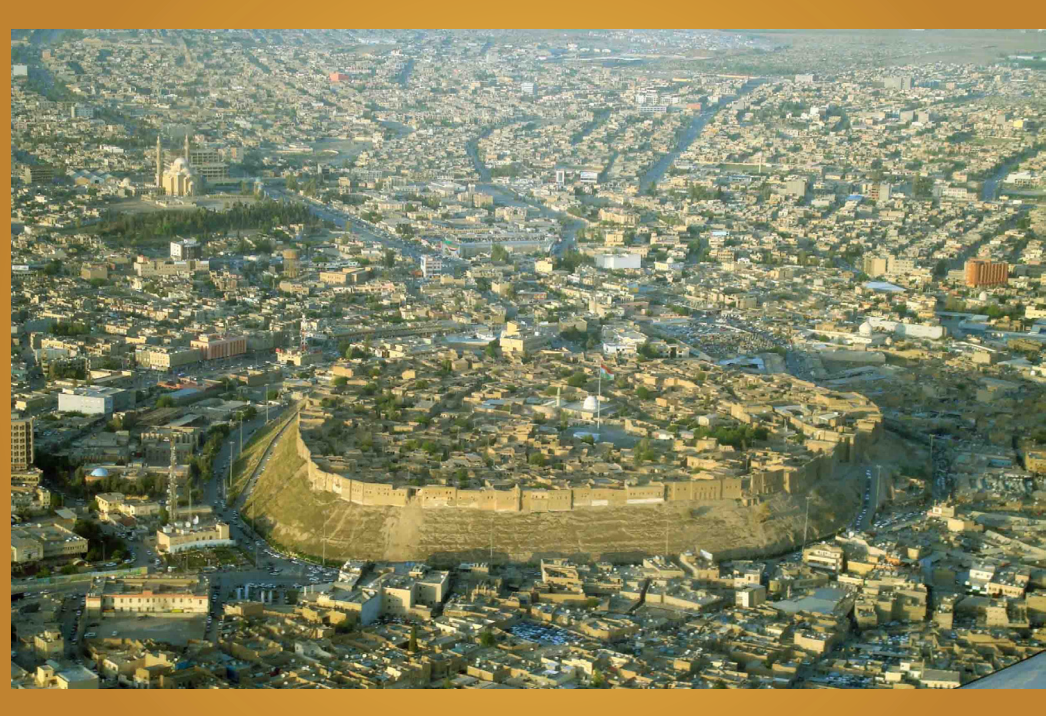
Trauma Rural Course, April 18

The purpose of the course is to teach the local residents, many of whom are living in rural areas, on how to achieve high quality trauma care. Our team will teach basic trauma, concentrating on the importance of a timely, organized, and rational approach to the care of the injured patients. In addition, we will address problems that are commonly seen in the initial assessment and stabilization phase, as well as discuss how to efficiently utilize limited resources in a rural environment. Attendees will:

- Learn how to expediently treat the injured patient
- Appreciate the components of their existing local trauma systems
- Recognize what is required to effectively treat the critically injured patient

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First Annual Joint ICS/Operation Hope & AHPBA Medical Symposium



KURDISTAN, IRAQ

APRIL 18 -19, 2011



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Scientific Program

8:00-8:30	Registration, Coffee & Tea
8:30-8:45	Opening Remarks/Introduction <i>Gazi B. Zibari, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.</i> <i>(20 minute presentations with 5 minute discussion)</i>
8:45-9:10	The Evolving Promise of Targeted Therapy in 2011 <i>Michael Moore, M.D., F.A.C.P.</i>
9:10-9:35	Management of Operable Breast Cancer <i>Quyen D. Chu, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.</i>
9:35-10:00	Breast Reconstruction Surgery <i>Patricia Arledge, M.D., F.A.C.S.</i>
10:00-10:25	Ectopic Pregnancy: Diagnosis and Management <i>Susan Shattuck, M.D., A.B.O.G.</i>
10:25-10:50	Update on Fluid Management for Hemorrhagic Shock <i>Lou Smith, M.D., F.A.C.S.</i>
10:50-11:15	Advanced Life Support in the Operating Room <i>Madeline Waid, M.D.</i>
11:15-11:40	Advances and Updates in the Management of Facial Nerve Paralysis <i>Marc Dean, M.D.</i>
11:40-12:00	Break
12:00-12:25	The History and Development of the Crystalline Accommodating Intraocular Lens Implant <i>Phillips Kirk Labor, M.D.</i>
12:25-12:50	Sleeve Gastrectomy New Approach for Restrictive Weight Loss Surgery <i>John Thomas, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S., Founder of Operation Hope</i>
12:50-1:15	Laparoscopic Liver Resection <i>Gazi B. Zibari, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.</i>
1:15-1:45	Case Presentations by Local Physicians
1:45-2:00	Closing Remarks
2:00-until	Lunch & Networking

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Learning Objectives

At the completion of this symposium, participants should be able to:

- Understand the work and achievements of the International College of Surgeons (I.C.S.), Operation Hope (O.H.), and American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (A.H.P.B.A.)
- Educate the local medical community on resuscitative efforts of a trauma patient
- Understand the role of laparoscopy in the management of liver tumors and obesity surgery
- Summarize the management of breast cancer and appreciate the role of targeted therapy
- Identify the risk of ectopic pregnancy
- Supply medical advances to the heartland of Mesopotamia and assist the people to become independent health care personnel

Featured Speakers

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