

Program Overview

Approximately 1.4 billion people live in poverty globally. One-third of surgical diseases in developing countries are potentially treatable by surgery. Surgical diseases represent a substantial global burden and surgeons in the USA have played a pivotal role in addressing this medical burden via humanitarian, volunteerism, surgical and medical outreach.

Several members of our medical team have been doing surgical/medical humanitarian outreach work in Kurdistan of Iraq since the first Gulf War. Recently, we have assembled a very comprehensive surgical/medical team which has been co-sponsored by International College of Surgeons (ICS), Operation Hope (OH), World Surgical Foundation (WSF) & American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA).

The destination of our surgical/medical team is Kurdistan of Iraq, the war torn country that is also the heartland of Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilization. The people of Mesopotamia not only suffered the ravages of decades of wars, but were also subjected to chemical weapon attacks, torture and the atrocities of the Anfal Campaign, whereby over 189,000 Kurdish civilians were annihilated by the previous Iraqi dictatorial regime. Additionally, over one million people were killed during the Iraqi-Iran War alone, not to mention the countless casualties incurred during the first & second Gulf Wars. Nearly 450 mass graves have been recently discovered throughout Iraq since the toppling of Saddam Hussein's Regime and liberation of Iraq in 2003.

This symposium has been dedicated to the victims of the chemical attack in Halabja (25 years ago) and to victims of the Anfal Campaign in Kurdistan of Iraq. In this trip, one full day will be dedicated to the **Third Annual State-of-the-Art Surgical and Medical Symposium**. Additionally, the main emphasis will be focused in the area of trauma care and expedite management of acutely ill patients in the trauma setting. We are very lucky to have been able to bring several colleagues who are pioneers in the field of Trauma and Critical Care Surgery, Neurosurgery, Emergency Medicine, Interventional Radiology, ENT and many other specialties.

Finally, this team is very grateful to the Kurdish Regional Government for supporting and accommodating these efforts. We hope to help with medical capacity building and establishing a continuous relationship between both countries, particularly between medical communities in both countries.



*In Memory
March 16, 1988*

Twenty-five years ago, over 5,000 Kurdish civilians vanished in a matter of minutes during a chemical weapon attack on the city of Halabja. This symposium is dedicated to the memory of these victims.



Monument of "City of Halabja" in Kurdistan of Iraq was built in 2003 in memory of the victims.



A father and child lay dead in the street after the chemical weapon attack by Sadam's regime.

Third Annual Joint ICS, Operation Hope, World Surgical Foundation & AHPBA

State-of-the-Art Surgical & Medical Symposium

March 13, 2013
Sulaymani, Kurdistan, Iraq

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Scientific Program

8:00-8:30	Registration, Coffee & Tea
8:30-8:40	Opening Remarks / Introduction Gazi B. Zibari, MD, FACS, FICS
8:40-9:00	Disaster Medical Care Blain L. Enderson, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM
9:00-9:20	Introduction to Exposure Assessment Shawn G. Gibbs, PhD, MBA, CIH
9:20-9:40	Diagnosis & Treatment of Illness due to Chemical Agents & Bioterrorism Lisa Moreno-Walton, MD, MS, MSCR, FACEP, FAAEM
9:40-10:00	Management of Abdomen that would not Close in Trauma Lou Smith, MD, FACS, FICS, FCCM
10:00-10:20	Damage Control Traumatic Spine Injury Gene Bolles, MD
10:20-10:40	Contemporary Management of Traumatic Brain Injury Guthikonda Bharat, MD, FACS, FICS
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-11:20	Principles of Image-Guided Tumor Ablation Horacio B. D'Agostino, MD, FACR, FICS, FSIR
11:20-11:40	Advances in the Treatment of Estuaction Tube Disorders Marc Dean, MD, FICS
11:40-12:00	Management of Iatrogenic Common Bile Duct Injury Gazi B. Zibari, MD, FACS, FICS
12:00-12:20	Percutaneous Management of Malignant Obstructive Jaundice Horacio B. D'Agostino, MD, FACR, FICS, FSIR
12:20-12:40	Lessons Learned Lieutenant Colonel Mark W. Weber
12:40-1:00	Epidemiology of Multi-drug Resistant T.B. Monirul Islam, MD, PhD
1:00-1:20	Using Physician Assistant Model to Expand Healthcare Delivery Byron Turkett, PA-C, MPAS, FCCM
1:20-1:40	Bedside Ultrasound Application for Surgeons Christy Butts
1:40-2:00	CLOSING PRESENTATION Operation Hope and its 15 Years of Experience John Thomas, MD, FACS, FICS

Learning Objectives

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

- Appreciate the component of their existing local trauma system
- Learn how to expedite treatment of the injured patient
- Recognize what is required to effectively treat the critically injured patient
- Understand bedside application of ultrasound for surgeons
- Understand diagnosis and management of CBD injury
- Role of interventional radiology in the ablation of liver tumor and percutaneous treatment of obstructive jaundice
- Learn about advances in the treatment of middle/inner ear disorder



Participants of the 2nd Annual Scientific Symposium in Sulaymani, Kurdistan of Iraq in 2012.

Featured Speakers

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