



DR. PRADEEP CHOWBEY

MS, MNAMS, FIMSA, FICS, FAIS, FICS, FACS
Padmashri Awarded by President of India
Performed 27000 Minimal Access Surgeries

Dr. Pradeep Chowbey belongs to the cadre of the pioneer laparoscopic surgeons in India. He was one of the first to perform Laparoscopic cholecystectomy in North India and since then, has worked with singular determination to develop, evaluate and propagate Minimal Access Surgery in India. His continued quest for professional excellence led him in surgical oncology to visit and train in some of the best medical institutions in the World like Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer hospital, New York, John Hopkins Institute in U.S.A. and Royal Marsden Cancer hospital, in U.K. Today, the department is recognized and acknowledged as a Global Centre of Excellence in the field of Endosurgery.

Dr. Chowbey was one of the surgeons to recognize and acknowledge the increasing prevalence of obesity in India. With his characteristic determination, he pursued the surgical treatment (bariatric surgery) of patients of morbid obesity. His tenacity has borne fruit with a large number of patients benefiting following bariatric surgery. He, in a proactive initiative to generate awareness about the growing overweight problem in the city and other parts of the country played a key role in the launching of a Non Government Organization (NGO) 'Obesity Support and Education Group of India-OSEGI'. The support group for obese people has been set up to provide interactive forums, consultation, moral support and information about weight loss.

His contribution is reflected in being unanimously elected President of Asia Pacific Hernia Society (APHS) and Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSSI). He has also been designated Secretary General of Asia Pacific Bariatric Surgery Society (APBSS).

His academic kudos are several and to name a few, he is on the Advisory Board of Asia Pacific Endosurgery Task Force (APETF). He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2002 for his dedication and service in the field of Minimal Access Surgery by President of India. He was one of the

founder members of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endosurgeons (IAGES) and later served as President of the association. Presently, he is honorary laparoscopic and endoscopic surgeon to the President of India and Honorary consultant laparoscopic surgery to the Armed Force Medical Services (AFMS). He represents India as Governor to the Society of Endoscopic & Laparoscopic Surgeons of India (ELSA). He is Board member of Gasless Laparoscopic & Endoscopic Surgeons Society, International (GasLESS).

Dr. Chowbey in association with his team in the department performed more than 27000 major Minimal access surgeries (also known as laparoscopic surgery / key-hole surgery) between 1992-2005. He along with his team operated on the President of India, Shri K R Narayanan in March 2001. Dr. Chowbey features in the Guinness Book of Records 1997 and Limca Book of Records in consecutive editions 2000 - 2005 for performing most minimal access surgeries.

There is still an element of luck in surgery but successful Surgeons overall tend to be thoughtful, discriminating and assiduous. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chowbey's personal attributes of sobriety, humbleness, kindness and amity, coupled with his solid professional competence mark him out as an extraordinary personality.

Professional and Academic achievements:

- Chairman, Minimal Access & Bariatric Surgery Centre, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, 1996
- First Honorary Endoscopic & Laparoscopic Surgeon to the President of India, 2000
- First Honorary Consultant in laparoscopic surgery to Armed Forces Medical Services of India (AFMC), 2000
- Trustee, Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-surgeons (IAGES), 2002
- Governor (India), Society of Endoscopic and laparoscopic surgeons of Asia (ELSA), 1997
- Board Member, Gasless Laparoscopic & Endoscopic Surgeons Society, International (GasLESS), 1997
- Convenor, Post Doctoral Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery, National Board of Examinations, New Delhi, 2000
- President, Asia Pacific Hernia Society, Singapore, 2004
- Founder Member, Asia Pacific Bariatric Surgery Group, 2004
- Secretary General, Asia Pacific Bariatric Surgery Society, 2005
- Advisor, Asia Pacific Endosurgery Task Force, 2004

- National Expert Patron, Indian Society of Minimal Access & Gynaecological Endoscopic Urogynaecological Surgery (IMAGES), Mumbai 2005
- Chief Convenor, Surgical Education Leaders' Summit 2005 – Shaping the Future by 2010, Chennai 2005.
- Faculty, Foundation for Endocrine surgery, training and advancement at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI), Lucknow, 2001
- Expert Panel Member, The Minimal Invasive Surgery Development Center, a recent establishment of the United Christian Hospital, Department of Surgery, Hong Kong, 2001
- Expert Panel Member, The Minimally Invasive Surgical Center(MISC), National University Hospital, Singapore, 2003
- Faculty Member, Ethicon laparoscopic training centre at New Delhi, 2003
- Patron, Association of Endoscopic Surgeons, New Delhi, 1999
- Faculty Member, Ethicon laparoscopic training centre at Mumbai, 1999
- With over 20,000 surgeries to his credit he is featured in the Guinness Book of Records 1997 and Limca Book of Records 2000 – 2007 (consecutive years) as the first Endoscopic surgeon performing most number of minimal access surgeries.
- Chairman of the core-group of experts from all over the country, who deliberated and formulated guidelines and recommendations for minimal access surgery in India. The resulting treatise on "Minimal Access Surgery - Guidelines and Recommendations" was released by the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan on July 15, 2002. These guidelines are supported by all medical bodies and governmental organizations of repute viz. Indian Medical Association, National Board of Examinations, Medical Council of India, Ministry of Health and Indian Council of Medical Research, and are also endorsed by the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons (IAGES).
- **Honor of operating on His Excellency Shri K R Narayanan for his gall bladder surgery (March 29, 2001)**
- Record of performing surgery in the shortest duration (4-1/2 min.)
- The first person to perform laparoscopic cholecystectomy in Sri Lanka in 1993
- Performed laparoscopic surgery on patients aged 3 months to 92 years and on patients weighing upto 180 kgs (morbidly obese)
- The largest series of laparoscopic cholecystectomy on patients of situs inversus (seven cases).
- The first to perform simultaneous laparoscopic splenectomy on a patient scheduled for renal transplant with ITP.
- Featured several times in Electronic media for assessing all aspects of minimal access surgery on various channels for scientific and patient awareness programmes

Trained in the following Institutions

1. Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital, Bombay
- "Gastroenterological Surgery" with Dr. P.B. Desai.
2. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer hospital, New York, USA
- Hepatobiliary Malignancy and Breast Diseases.
3. Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital London, U.K.
- Hepatobiliary Malignancy and Breast Diseases.
4. Singapore General Hospital, Singapore.
- "Laparoscopic Surgery" with Prof. Mohan Chellappa.
5. University Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- "Laparoscopic Surgery".
6. Siloah Hospital, Hannover, Germany
- "Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery" with Prof. Ludwig.
7. John Hopkins Institute, Baltimore, USA
- "Advanced Minimal Invasive Surgery".

Awards for Professional Excellence

- Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa Doctorate) by His Excellency Governor of MP and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jabalpur, October 2007
- Dr. K C Mahajan Award for Best Academician, January 2006
- Gem of India Award for excellence in field, 2006
- Arch of Excellence (Medicare) Award, 2006
- Bharat Jyoti Award, 2006
- Rashtriya Rattan Award & Gold Medal for Medical Excellence, December 2005
- Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for excellence work in the laparoscopy field, November 2005
- Dhanvantari Award for Excellence in Health Care, November 2005
- Awarded IMAGES Masters Virk Award – 2005 by Virk Hospital Centre for Human Reproduction, for pioneering efforts in the field of Endoscopic Surgery
- Awarded Padma Shri, January 2002
- ACADIMA 2001, awarded for excellent work and contribution in the field of Minimal Access Surgery.
- Aadharshila award for excellent work and contribution in the field of medicine.
- Placed in Limca Book of Records 2000 / 2001 / 2002 / 2003 for most minimal access surgery
- Ratna award in Laparoscopic Surgery by Punjab Government in February, 2000.
- Awarded by Guinness Book of Records for most minimal access surgery in 1997.

- Awarded Arya award for most compassionate doctor in 1997.
- Vocational award 1995-96 by Rotary International for services to mankind through vocational excellence and high ethical standard.
- Awarded Gold Medal by Indian Medical Association as “Young Investigator of India 95”.
- Best performer National Board of Examination for MNAMS degree in 1979.
- Gold Medal and best performer, Govt. Medical College, Jabalpur (MP) at the MS (Gen. Surgery) in 1977
- Merit in all subjects, Govt. Medical College, Jabalpur (MP) at the MBBS examination in 1973.

Membership of Professional Societies

- President, Asia Pacific Hernia Society (APHS)
- President, Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI)
- Secretary General – Asia Pacific Bariatric Surgery Society (APBSS)
- Governor (India), Society of Endoscopic and laparoscopic surgeons of Asia (ELSA)
- Patron, Health Care Welfare Society
- Patron, Association of Endoscopic Surgeons (AES)
- Fellow, American College of Surgeons (FACS)
- Fellow, The Association of Surgeons of India (FAIS)
- Fellow, International College of Surgeons (FICS)
- Member, The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons(SAGES)
- Member, International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES)
- Member, International Society of Surgery (ISS)
- Member, European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES)
- Member, International Medical Science Academy (FIMSA)
- Member, Indian Society of Oncology (ISO)
- Governing Council Member, Association of Surgeons of India (ASI)
- Member, National Academy of Medical Science (MNAMS)
- Member, Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG)
- Member, Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology (IASG)
- Founder Member, Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI)
- Member, Membership Drive Committee – Association Surgeons of India (ASI)
- Member, Workshop Committee – Association Surgeons of India (ASI)

Positions in International / National Journal(s)

- Editorial Board Member, Hernia – The World Journal of Hernia and Abdominal Wall Surgery, 2006
- Reviewer, Surgical Endoscopy, 2006
- Editorial Board Member, Obesity Journal, 2005
- Editor, Journal of Minimal Access Surgery (JMAS), 2004.
- Author, Special Issue on Laparoscopic hernia repair, World Journal of Surgery, France, 2004

- Honorary Section Editor for the Minimal Access Surgery section, Hospital Today [Mediworld Group of Publications], 2004.
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board of Annals, IMA Academy of Medical Specialities (IMAAMS), 2003.
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, BH Journal of Applied Medical Sciences (BHJAMS), 2002.
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, An international Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (GUT), Indian Edition, Volume 1, Number 1, April 2001.
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Indian Journal of surgery, the official publication of Association of Surgeons of India, 2000.
- Guest Editor for special issue on Minimal access surgery of Journal of International Medical Science Academy (JIMSA), 2000
- Associate Editor, Journal of Society of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia (ELSA), 1999

Publications:

He has published 87 Scientific National and 33 International Publications.