

eThekwini Hospital & Heart Centre hosted a joint workshop between International Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ISGE) and the Durban Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society (DOGS) to train gynaecologists in KZN in the new advances in Laparoscopic surgery. The workshop was held over 2 days at the hospital on Wednesday, 18 and Thursday, 19 March 2015.

According to Professor Bhaskar D Goolab, President of the South African Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Chairman of the Training Committee of ISGE said that laparoscopic surgery is the finest, modern method of teaching.

"The new technological advancement of telescopic surgery treats endometriosis, myomectomy, hysterectomy, and ovarian cystoscopy in a minimally invasive manner. Through this surgery, local gynaecologists are trained to become as equally skilled as in Europe, so we can offer our patients the same benefits of the

advanced surgical skills." said Professor Goolab.

Professor Bruno van Herendael (Belgium) and Professor Hélder Ferreira (Portugal) were invited to share their skills and knowledge with the local gynaecologists in KZN.

eThekwini Hospital & Heart Centre has pioneered the teaching of advanced tele-surgery by building dedicated and fully wired theatres for the transmission of the operation from the theatre complex to the auditorium with two-way communication between the surgeon and the audience.

"Mr Niresh Bechan, General Manager of eThekwini Hospital & Heart Centre was instrumental in putting eThekwini Hospital & Heart Centre as the leading hospital in Durban, to promote advanced laparoscopic surgery in KZN. It is because of his vision, passion and enthusiasm and, together with the assistance of resident gynaecologist, Dr K T Subrayen, also an

expert in laparoscopic surgery, that this live surgery training programme was conducted for the third year in succession. It is through their input that this surgery and the skills in Durban have been significantly enhanced. This training programme will significantly benefit the patients in Durban requiring advanced laparoscopic surgery procedures" added Professor Goolab.

Some of the benefits of this advanced technological telescopic surgery includes minimal pain, quick recovery, minimal blood loss and superior cosmetic results.

Picture: Left to Right

Back row: *Dr Marlon Naicker; Dr Hélder Ferreira (Portugal); Dr Morgan Pillay; Professor Bruno van Herendael (Belgium)*

Front row: *Dr Siva Moodley; Professor Bhaskar Goolab; Dr Suren Ramphal; Dr K T Subrayen*