Bangladesh Association of Urologic Surgeons and the AUA: A Growing Relationship

This international meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, supported by the AUA, was attended by more than 250 urologists from Bangladesh and other parts of the world. Drs. Mutahar Ahmed (Hackensack Medical University Medical Center, New Jersey) and Muhammad Choudhury (AUA Board Member, New York Medical College, New York) represented the AUA at the meeting.

Wide-ranging topics including the AUA guidelines on the management of nonmuscle invasive bladder cancer, castration resistant prostate cancer and management of the incidental small renal mass were discussed. Dr. Ahmed conducted a hands-on course on laparoscopic adrenalectomy, radical nephrectomy and partial nephrectomy. This meeting highlighted the tremendous progress the specialty of urology has made in Bangladesh.

BAUS Program at AUA2015 in New Orleans

The AUA also supported the first ever meeting of the Bangladesh Association of Urological Surgeons during the AUA annual meeting in New Orleans, and 40 urologists traveled to New Orleans from Bangladesh to participate. Drs. Lane Palmer, Christopher Dixon and Mutahar Ahmed from the U.S. presented on posterior uretreal valves, urethral stricture and management of the small renal mass.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by urologists from Bangladesh updating their experience in renal transplantation, laparoscopic surgery, the management of complex urethral strictures and radical cystectomy. The meeting was well attended and considered a huge success.

Lessons in Urology Program, Bangladesh 2015

The first ever Lessons in Urology program, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in August 2015, was jointly sponsored by BAUS and the AUA. The program was structured as a review course for residents in training, junior academic faculty and practicing urologists.

U.S. faculty included Dr. John Barry (AUA Past President, University of Oregon), Dr. Muhammad Choudhury and Dr. K.C. Balaji (Wake Forest University, North Carolina). Drs. Rajeev Kumar (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) and R.V. Sabnis (Muljibhai Patel Urological Institute) also came to Dhaka from India to serve as AUA faculty for the course. Dr. Mutahar Ahmed, a highly skilled robotic/laparoscopic surgeon and a consummate teacher, also joined as faculty. His expertise was invaluable for the program, especially in the hands-on sessions.

The course was a great success in terms of the number of registrants, contents covered and the goodwill generated toward the AUA as the primary sponsor of the course. There were 86 residents and 141 practicing urologists registered, bringing the total attendees to 227.

Fundamentals of laparoscopy and robotic surgery were reviewed by Drs. Ahmed and Kumar. Dr. Kumar gave a presentation on basic scientific study design, an introduction to statistics for scientific research and the fundamentals of writing a scientific paper. The talk was well received, especially by the residents and junior faculty. Dr. Choudhury then addressed prostate cancer and urological trauma.

Dr. Barry presented on all aspects of renal transplantation. Since several institutions in Dhaka routinely perform living donor renal transplantation, Dr. Barry’s presentation was certainly timely and helpful for practicing urologists, many of whom are actively involved in renal transplantation.

Dr. Balaji gave a review of the diagnosis, staging and management of nonmuscle invasive bladder cancer; the surgical management of muscle invasive bladder cancer and systemic therapy for metastatic disease. In the afternoon Dr. Choudhury provided an overview of the management of renal tumors. Dr. Sabnis gave a presentation on all aspects of stone disease, including evaluation and medical and surgical management. In the afternoon more than 50 residents took the International Exam 2015.

BAUS also arranged hands-on courses (independent of the AUA) on vasovasostomy with Dr. Kumar and Dr. Balaji as the faculty and a full day hands-on course on laparoscopy proctored by Dr. Ahmed. Three laparoscopy cases were done in a 6-hour period, including adrenalectomy, complex partial nephrectomy and radical nephrectomy for locally advanced kidney tumor, and all went without a hitch.