

ASU WORKSHOP SERIES 4 at ALUVA, Ernakulam

On 4 March 2018 the ASU annual council member's programme for Kerala was conducted in Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva, Ernakulam. As the title suggested "Potpourri of paediatric urology" it was an interesting mix of topics, paediatric surgeons and urologists, young and old. It was an academic feast starting with didactic lectures. Dr Prasanna talked about antenatal hydronephrosis- the new terminology, management and counseling the parents in antenatal period. Dr Mallikarjuna Reddy delved on the management of children with spina bifida from birth to adulthood. A session on extrophy bladder involved a lecture by Prof Sudipta Sen on initial closure in which he shared a technique of using rectus muscle flap for the closure without osteotomy. Prof Ganesh Gopalakrishnan spoke on the management in closed extrophy, he shared that patient expectations are very high and at times it becomes difficult to achieve same. The final result depends on the experience of the surgeon and host of other factors. Becoming philosophical he concluded that at times "what is ideal is not practical and what is practical is not ideal". This was followed by a delightful session on disorders of sex differentiation by renowned paediatric surgeon Prof Ravikumar from Coimbatore. Prof Ravikumar made a topic like DSD very lucid explaining the enzyme deficiencies interspersed with jokes that kept every one glued. This was followed by the much awaited doyens debate where stalwarts in urology and paediatric surgery came to a consensus that. The first debate saw Prof Sudipta sharing his experience with PUV fulguration in about 55 neonates. Here explained about pop off fulgurations in these children to allow the bladder to recover. Prof Ganesh spoke about primary vesicostomy quoting the literature where it has been found not to be detrimental to the bladder. In the end concluding that whether you do a vesicostomy or primary fulguration is a clinical decision. Do what is best in your hands. One does not lose any points by doing a vesicostomy. Debate on large ureters saw Prof Suresh Bhat taking on the grand old man of Indian urology PVG. Both speakers covered the meagureters like a teaching session for both postgraduates and consultants

- At noon there was a short inaugural function which saw some of the extrophy and meningomyelocele children lighting the lamp and felicitating the faculty with short addresses by organisers and ASU office bearers
- About 96 delegates including faculty, consultants and post graduates attended the meet. The afternoon session had interesting how I do it Videos by Dr George P Abraham on infant pyeloplasty, Dr Vijayan showed his instructional video on orchiopexy single as well as staged. Dr Naveen Vishwanath's video showed the transvesicoscopic reimpalntation. This was followed by interesting case discussions. The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm. The meeting has been allocated 1 ½ CME credit points by TCMC