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To,
The President,
Indian Association of Surgical Oncology.

From,
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Subject- Report of poster presentation at SSO 2023, Boston.

Respected sir,

It is with great joy, that I convey that my poster "Impact of post-hepatectomy biliary leaks on long- term survival: single-institute experience of 862 oncologic liver resections" was well received in the Surgical Society of Oncology conference held in Boston between March 22-25th 2023. Many delegates at the meeting were astonished with the volumes that we deal with and were amazed at how we manage to deliver quality comprehensive cancer care to even the most economically deprived sections of society.

I had the opportunity to attend some truly spectacular talks and debates during the 4 day program. The talk of CRS HIPEC in colorectal surgery by Dr Garrett Nash was particularly engrossing. Learning about how much impetus to research is given at centers like MSKCC, made me realize that there is so much more that can be done in our country.

The silent hub was a truly innovative idea which allowed for a single hall to be used for multiple purposes and this is something that I think can easily be implemented at conferences back home.

The highlight of my trip, however, was attending the TARPSWG meeting and meeting Dr Alessandro Gronchi who is the biggest name in soft tissue sarcomas across the world.

Attending this meeting along with Dr Elroy, Dr Jeevan and Dr Karthik was a truly enlightening experience and has really opened my eyes to new frontiers. The guidance received from Dr Toparani and Dr Chandramohan also has helped me pinpoint where I need to direct my energies at this early stage of my career.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

Please find attached the photos of the conference.

Thanking you,
Yours truly,
Dr Devesh Ballal

With Professor Gronchi- the Sarcoma Surgeon!



Presenting our work on liver resections in Boston!



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