



# Developing an educational and crisis management program for RATS

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# **Educational program for RATS**

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# Importance of education

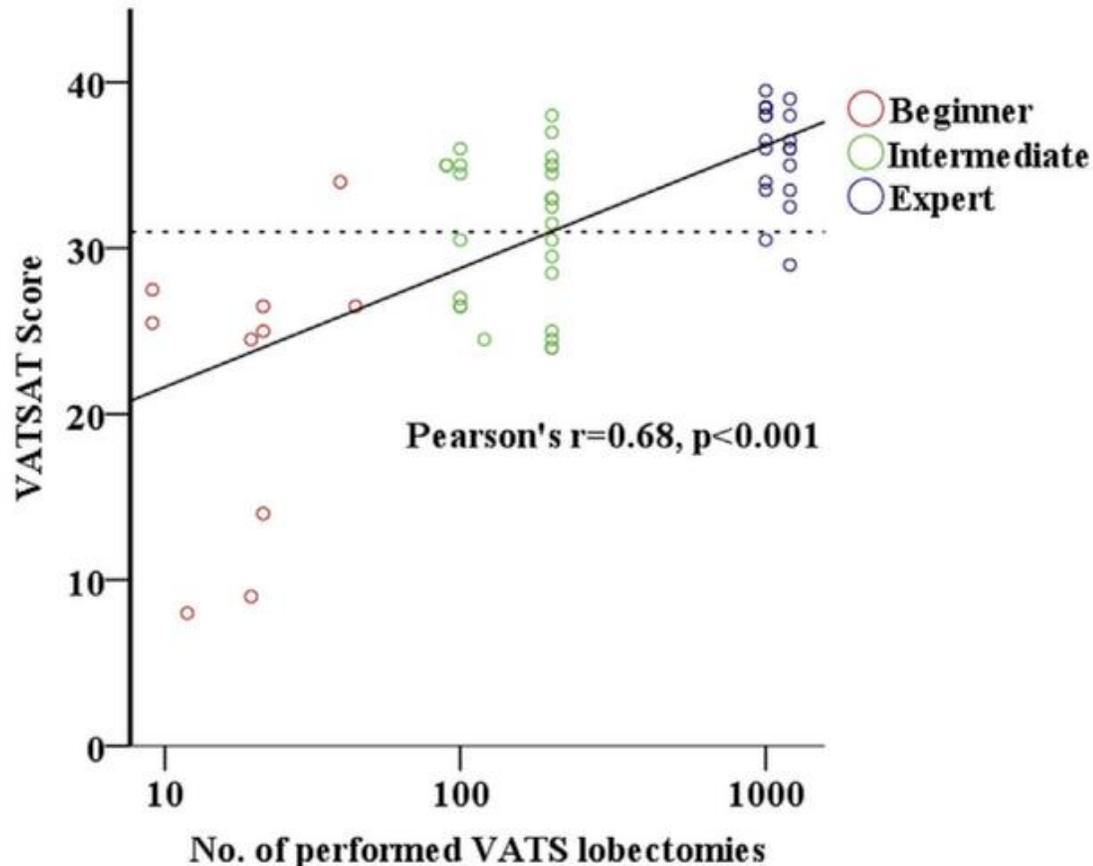
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Why surgical training and education is important in surgical residents?

<b>Competence</b>	Development of necessary skills and knowledge
<b>Patient Safety</b>	Reduces risk of errors and complications
<b>Confidence</b>	Builds resident's confidence in their abilities
<b>Professional development</b>	Facilitates continuous learning and improvement
<b>Clinical decision making</b>	Enhances critical thinking and problem-solving skills

# VATS thoracic surgery

- Education and surgical experiences are helpful for trainees to develop their confidence and competence in real surgery.



## VATSAT (VATS assessment tools) = 8 items

- (1) localization of tumor and other pathological tissue
- (2) dissection of the hilum and veins
- (3) dissection of the arteries
- (4) dissection of the bronchus
- (5) dissection of lymph nodes
- (6) retrieval of lobe in bag
- (7) respect for tissue and structures
- (8) technical skills in general

Each item was rated 1 to 5, where 5 was the best score, giving a minimum score of 8 and a maximum score of 40.

# Why robot surgical training is issue?

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- It is quite different from VATS/open training in several ways!
- Surgeon is apart from the patient
- Lack of tactile senses
- CO2 insufflation in robotic surgery
- Difference in port placements
- Difference in lung retraction and dissection
- Difference in vision (3D, not same vision with assistant)

# Effects of robot thoracic surgery training

## Robotic lobectomy can be taught while maintaining quality patient outcomes

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Made several steps for Robot surgery training



TABLE 1. The recorded sequential steps of each lobectomy (in order of conduct) and allotted time to be completed

Step no.	Description	RUL	RML	RLL	LUL	LLL	Allotted time (min)
1	Mark out ports on skin	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	2
2	Place ports	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	9
3	Inspect pleura	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	1
4	Resect inferior pulmonary ligament	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	2
5	Remove LNs 9, 8, 7	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	7
6	Identify RUL and RLL bronchus posteriorly	Same	Skip this step	Same	Remove 10L LN off PA	Same	5
7	Divide fissure between RUL and RLL	Same	Between RUL and RML	Same	Divide fissure between LUL and LLL	Divide fissure between LUL and LLL	10
8	Remove LNs 2R and 4R	Same	Same	Same	#5, #6	#5, #6	7
9	Retract the lung with robotic arm 3	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	1
10	Remove 10R LN under azygous vein	Same	Same	Same	11L off PA and LMSB	11L off PA and LMSB	1
11	Identify and dissect PA arterial branches	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	10
12	Identify and dissect PV	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	5
13	Encircle PV	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	2
14	Encircle PA	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	2
15	Guide stapler under PA branches	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	1
16	Guide stapler under pulmonary vein	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	1
17	Encircle bronchus, guide stapler	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	1
18	Divide remaining fissure	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	10
19	Bag specimen	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	3

RUL, Right upper lobe; RML, right middle lobe; RLL, right lower lobe; LUL, left upper lobe; LLL, Left lower lobe; LN, lymph node; PA, pulmonary artery; LMSB, left main stem bronchus; PV, pulmonary vein.

# Effects of robot thoracic surgery training

TABLE 2. Teaching outcomes

Steps performed	Brief description of steps	Lobectomy	Lobectomy	Lobectomy	Lobectomy	Lobectomy
		0-100 % perform general surgical resident/thoracic surgical resident	101-200 % perform general surgical resident/thoracic surgical resident	201-300 % perform general surgical resident/thoracic surgical resident	301-400 % perform general surgical resident/thoracic surgical resident	401-520 % perform general surgical resident/thoracic surgical resident
Dates		2/2010-3/2011	3/2011-4/2012	4/2012-9/2013	9/2013-10/2014	10/2014-12/2015
Steps 1-5	Ports, ligament, inferior N2 LNs	NR/50%	20%/70%	60%/70%	70%/90%	80%/90%
Steps 6-7	Postbronchus and fissure	NR/NR	0%/20%	0%/10%	30%/50%	20%/60%
Step 8	Superior N2 LN	30%/50%	60%/75%	80%/100%	100%/100%	90%/100%
Step 9	Retract lung	NR/NR	NR/NR	0%/15%	30%/40%	0%/20%
Steps 10-12	N1 LN, dissect out PA	0%/10%	0%/60%	20%/50%	50%/60%	40%/70%
Steps 13-14	Encircle PV and/or PA	0%/0%	10%/30%	30%/70%	30%/70%	40%/80%
Steps 15-16	Staple PA and/or PV	NR/NR	NR/NR	0%/0%	10%/30%	20%/60%
Step 17	Bronchus	NR/NR	40%/50%	30%/70%	70%/80%	80%/95%
Step 18	Remaining fissure	NR/NR	NR/NR	0%/0%	30%/70%	50%/70%
Step 19	Bagging	15%/40%	30%/50%	70%/90%	90%/100%	90%/100%

LN, Lymph node; NR, not recorded; PA, pulmonary artery; PV, pulmonary vein.



*Surgical proficiency increased over time for all steps*

# Effects of robot thoracic surgery training

**TABLE 3. Patient outcomes**

Metrics	Lobectomy 0-100	Lobectomy 101-200	Lobectomy 201-300	Lobectomy 301-400	Lobectomy 401-520
Median operative time (skin-to-skin), min	195	160	144	123	126
Median blood loss (range), mL	35 (15-100)	39 (10-3000)	37 (10-650)	43 (10-400)	47 (10-750)
Median No. of LNs removed (range)	21 (12-25)	21 (12-31)	23 (13-43)	24 (10-34)	24 (10-66)
Median No. of N2 LN stations resected	5	5	5	5	5
Median No. of N1 LN stations resected	3	3	3	3	3
Conversion to thoracotomy	12%	10%	7%	4%	3.3%
Major vascular injury	2%	4%	4%	3%	0%
Transfusion in OR	0	0	1%	0	0
Median length of stay (range), d	3 (1-42)	3 (2-12)	3 (1-21)	3 (1-11)	3 (2-11)
Morbidity of any type	50%	45%	12%	14%	4.2%
Major morbidity	16%	16%	5%	6%	2.5%
30-d mortality	0	0	1%	0	0
90-d mortality	0	0	2%	0	0.83%

LN, Lymph node; OR, operating room.

*Patients' outcome was similar or improved over time*

# Essential components for robot education

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Faculty  
Mentor

Robotic surgeons who are beyond their own learning curve  
(>20 robot lobectomies, 50-150 robotic cases)

Robotic  
team

Dedicated team of anesthesiologists, surgeons,  
bedside assistants, nurses and technicians

Simulation  
education

Devoid of risk to the patient, and shortening the learning curve prior to  
patient contact, improving operative experience and outcomes

Systematic  
program

Systematic education program in real surgery

# Essential components for robot education

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## Faculty Mentor

- Education programs direction
- Evaluation of trainees' skills
- Video review of trainees' cases and feedback

# Essential components for robot education

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## Robotic team

- Highly trained team members → Familiarity, Improve efficiency
- Perioperative competencies
  - Arranging robotic system and all its components in the OR
  - Assembling system components
  - Starting the system
  - Draping the patient cart
  - Setting up and calibrating the vision system
  - Setting up the surgeon console
  - Driving and positioning the patient cart over the patient
  - Identifying safety features

# Essential components for robot education

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## Simulation education

- Early phase education program
- Experiencing the robotic system and the surgical skills
- Being proficient before experiencing real surgery

# Essential components for robot education

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Systematic  
program

- Suitable programs for resident grades

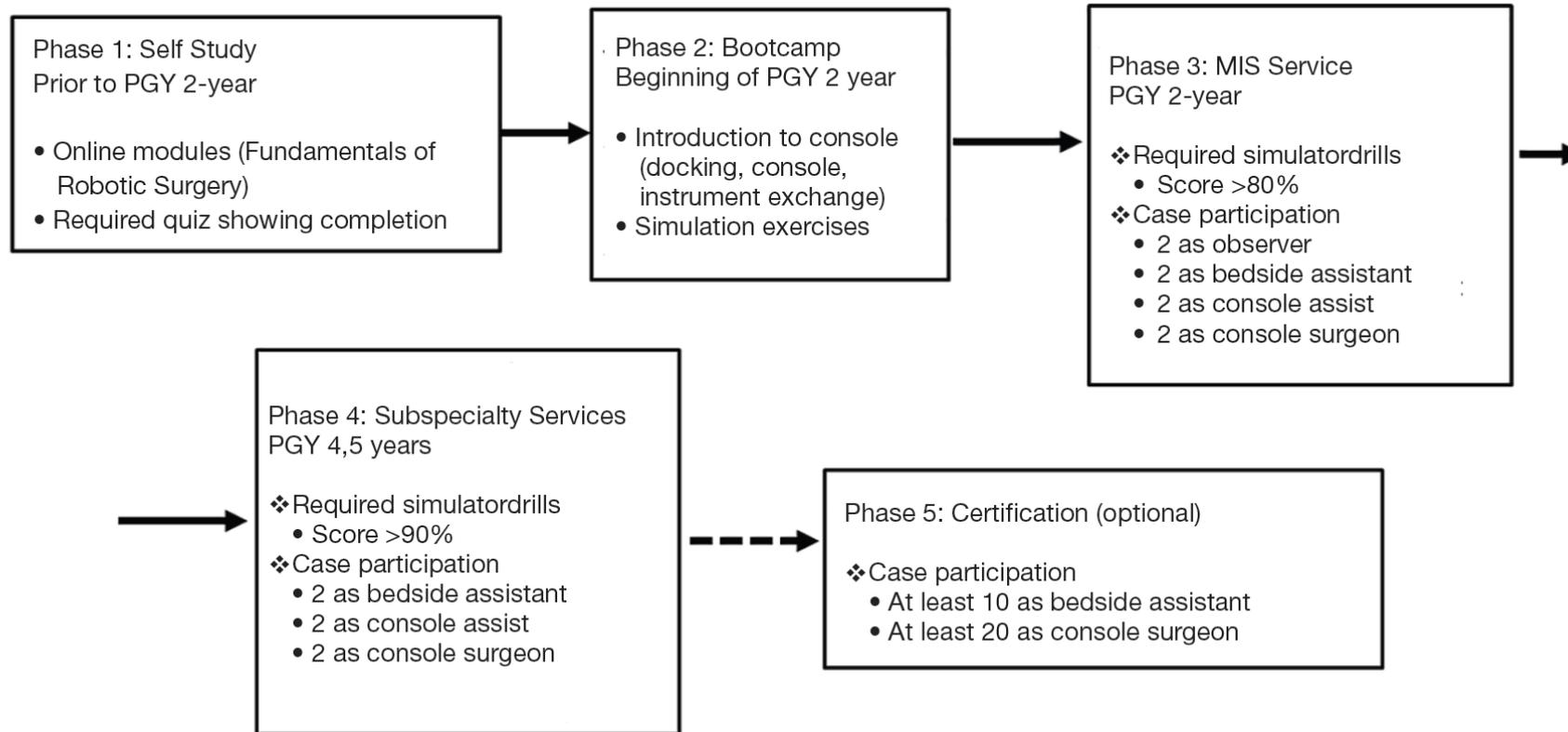
# Suggested programs

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- Several phases of robotic education system
- **Preclinical phase (PGY 1)**
  - Online didactics
  - Skill acquisition with simulation models
- **Bedside assistant phase (PGY 2-3)**
  - Learn port placements, docking, instrument exchange, trouble shooting
- **Console phase (PGY 4-5)**
  - Participate in parts of the robotic operation in a progressive fashion

# Suggested programs

- Several phases of robotic education system



**Figure 4** University of Southern California Robotics Curriculum: trainees complete each phase with graduated responsibilities. Most phases are completed by the end of PGY 2 years and simultaneously fulfill requirements to achieve certification by the end of residency training.

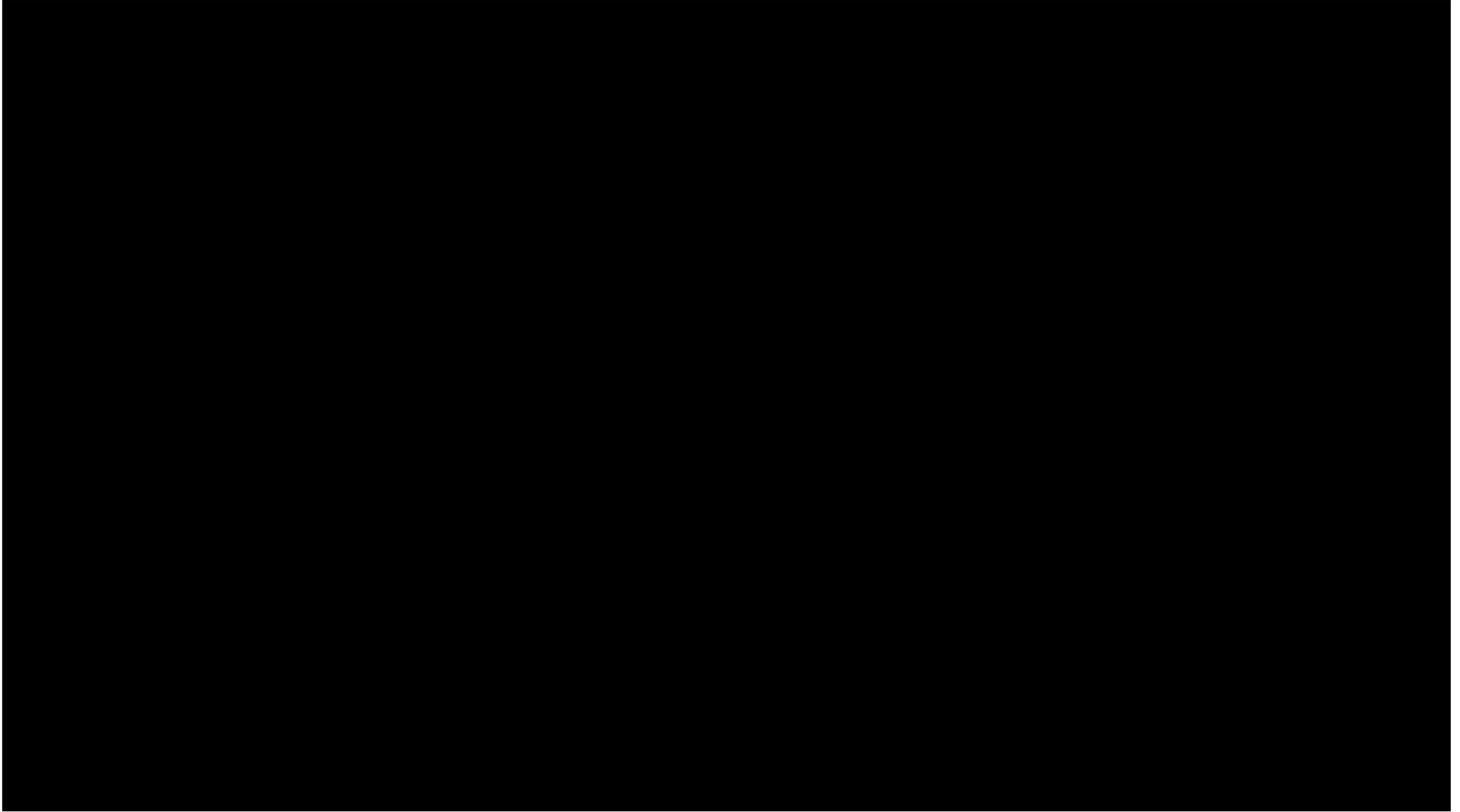
# Preclinical phase

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- Learning about robotic system
- Simulation model (VR)
- Simulation kit (lobectomy model)
- Animal model (porcine lung model)

# VR model

*Courtesy of Intuitiv*



# VR model

## System In-service & Simnow Basic Skills

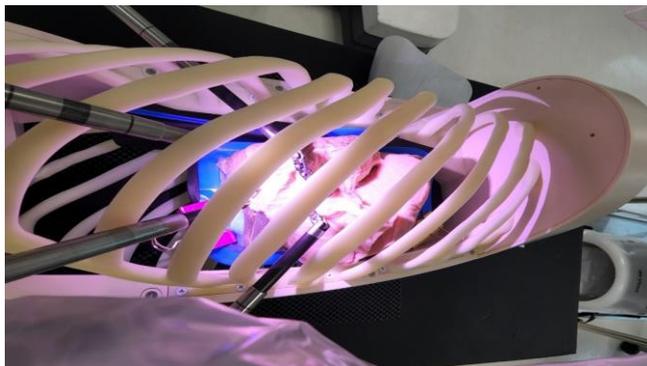


## System In-service & Simnow Basic Skills

Category	Program	Goal	Score
Endowrist manipulation	Sea Spike 1	80	
	Wrist articulation 1	80	
Clutch	Clutch	90	
Camera Control	Camera 0	70	
Energy pedal selection	Energy Pedal 1	80	
Using the retraction arm	4th arm cutting	80	
	Three arm relay 1	70	

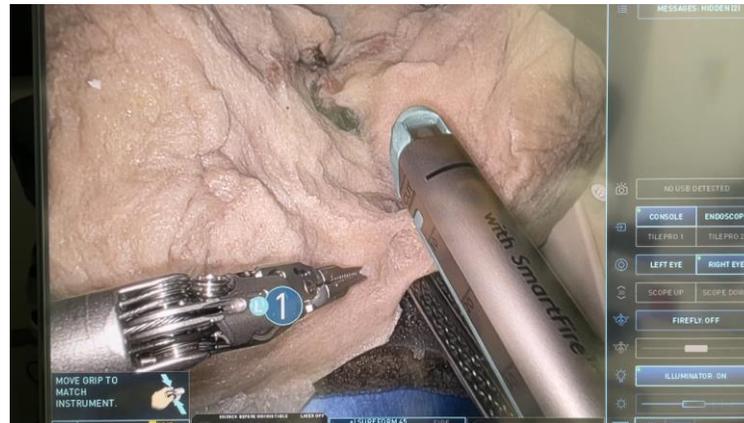
# Lobectomy simulation model

Versatile Training Tissue (VTT) Lung Model (Rt. Lung)  
(kotobuki medical)



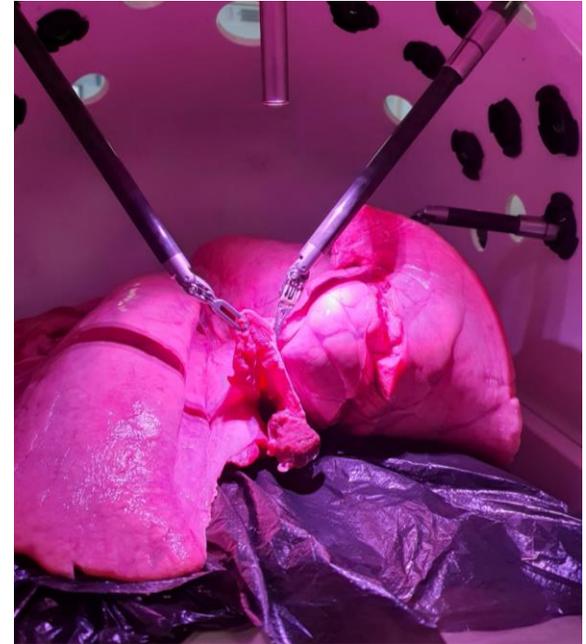
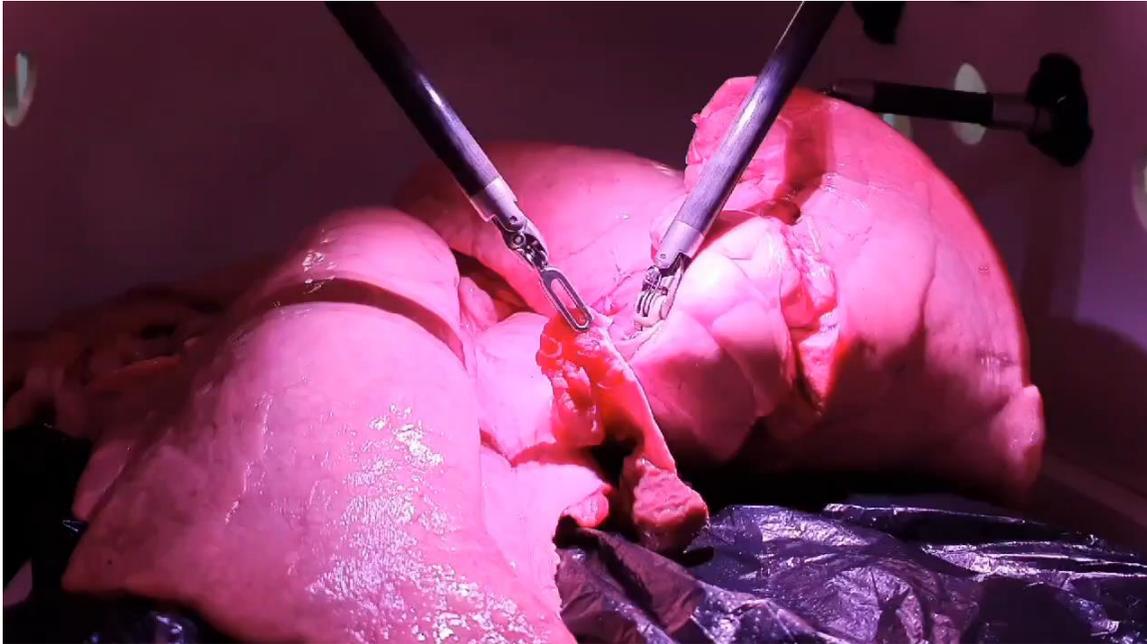
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# Animal model

## Porcine lung model



# Assistant Surgeon

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- Port placement, docking, trouble shooting
- Familiarized with fundamentals of the robotic platform
- Communications between console surgeon and the team members
- Understanding of the whole surgical procedures

# Console surgeon

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- Step-by-step procedures
- Communication with assistant surgeons and team members
- Trouble shooting

# In SNUH

- No systematic education program
- But, tried to give opportunities to residents and fellows for robotic training
- Every residents went to Intuitive center at least once for simulation training.

## Robot 실습 계획

2023.5.15 Intuitive center

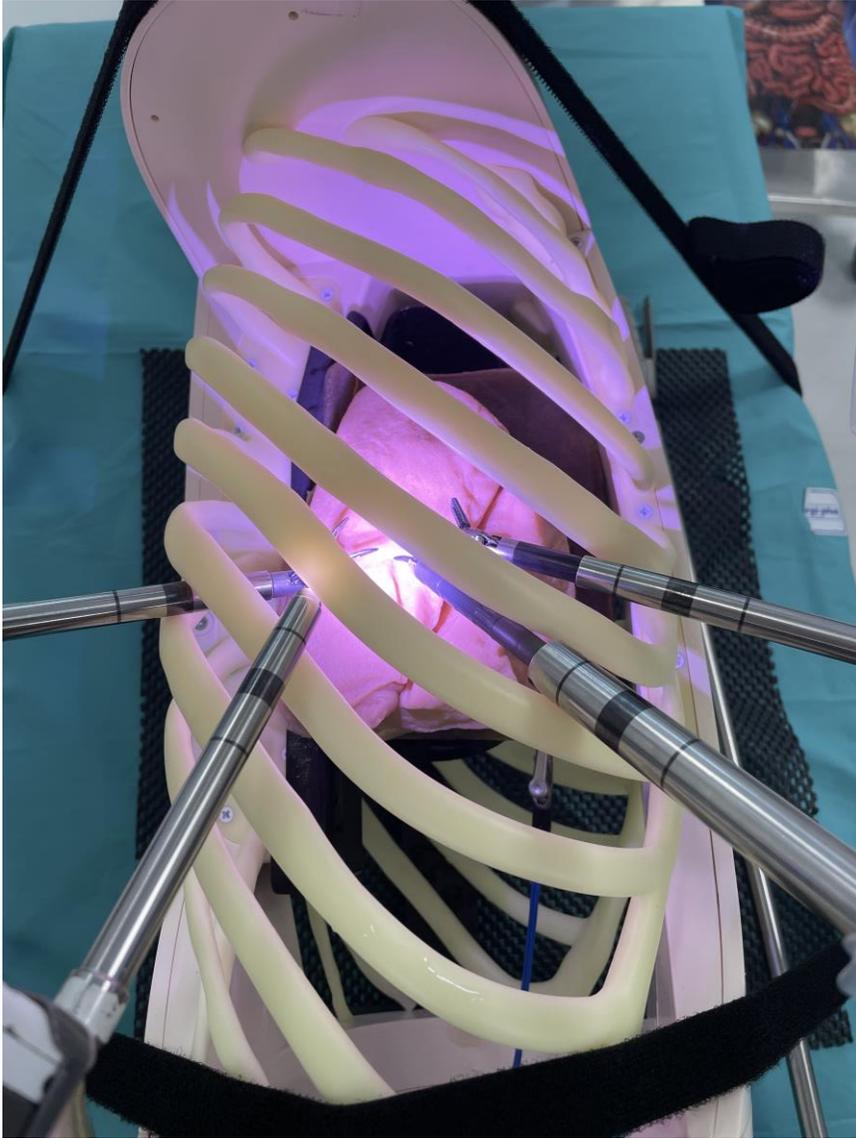
*Instructor : 나권중*

	Console 1	Console 2
09:00-10:00	Robot 시스템 및 원리, docking 에 대한 설명 진행	
	전공의 3년차	전공의 4년차
10:00-11:00	로봇 기본 조작 연습 (시뮬레이션) SimNow 이용한 RLlobectomy	곤약 모델을 이용한 RULobectomy
	전공의 4년차	전공의 3년차
11:00-12:00	로봇 기본 조작 연습 (시뮬레이션) SimNow 이용한 RLlobectomy	곤약 모델을 이용한 RLlobectomy

# In SNUH



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- As an assistant surgeon..
  - Residents participate robotic surgery from grade 2
  - Grade 2 : thymectomy, lung surgery
  - Grade 3/4 : thymectomy, lung surgery, esophageal surgery
- As a console surgeon..
  - Residents have change to do some robotic procedures from grade 4
  - Fellows do many procedures
  - Grade 4
    - Port placement
    - thymectomy substernal dissection
    - IPL division
    - Omental fat division

# **Crisis management program for RATS**

# Crisis in thoracic surgery

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- *Major vessel injury (most fatal)*
- Bronchus injury

# Crisis management in RATS

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- Because the operative surgeon works on a console located outside the operating field, RATS has radically modified teamwork and inter-professional communication.
- This may create a specific safety risk, which should be given special consideration.

# 4P concepts

- **Poise:** *remain calm*
- **Pressure:** *apply pressure immediately to the bleeding vessel*
- **Prepare:** *prepare your disaster plan preoperatively and give your anesthesia and nursing team time to prepare after the injury and do not rush to perform a thoracotomy as the patient is bleeding*
- **Proximal control:** *proximal control of vessel bleeding*

## **Incidence, Results, and Our Current Intraoperative Technique to Control Major Vascular Injuries During Minimally Invasive Robotic Thoracic Surgery**



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# Pressure

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- Rolled sponge gauze should be ready in the field
- If there is no sponge gauze, the bleeding vessel can be given pressure with robotic arm, but caution is needed for more injury
- Usually, giving pressure with arm on anterior side is recommended, for giving room for assistant surgeon doing posterolateral thoracotomy

# Pressure



# Prepare

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- Prepare for open surgery, transfusion and vital signs management
- Simulation-based training of crisis management

# Simulation-based training

## ORIGINAL SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

### Crisis Checklists for the Operating Room: Development and Pilot Testing

John E Ziewacz, MD, MPH, Alexander F Arriaga, MD, MPH, Angela M Bader, MD, MPH, William R Berry, MD, MPH, MPA, Lizabeth Edmondson, BA, Judith M Wong, MD, Stuart R Lipsitz, SCD, David L Hepner, MD, Sarah Peyre, EDD, Steven Nelson, BA, Daniel J Boorman, BS, Douglas S Smink, MD, MPH, FACS, Stanley W Ashley, MD, FACS, Atul A Gawande, MD, MPH, FACS

#### OR Critical Event Checklists



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Figure 1. Cover of the operating room crisis checklist packet.

## 8: Hemorrhage

**Condition:** Acute massive bleeding.  
**Objective:** Stop bleeding, maintain hemodynamic stability, avoid coagulopathy.

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- Call for help.
- IV fluids opened?
  - IV access adequate?
- Call blood bank:
  - Massive transfusion protocol activated (if available)?
  - Blood products ordered (in addition to PRBCs)?
    - FFP (consider 1:1 ratio with PRBCs).
    - Platelets (if indicated; consider 1:1 ratio with PRBC's).
    - Cryoprecipitate (if indicated; 1 unit).
- Additional lap sponges requested?
- Rapid infuser (or pressure bags) requested?
- Labs sent?
  - CBC, PT/PTT/INR, Fibrinogen, Lactate, ABG, Potassium.

**Have we considered:**

- Additional surgical techniques and/or personnel?
  - Hemostatic agents?
  - Vascular instruments or consultation?
- Damage control surgery (pack, close, resuscitate)?
- Warming the room and patient?
- Factor VII (per institution protocol)?

**Transfusion Considerations:**

• Cryoprecipitate to fibrinogen > 100 mg/dL

If first fibrinogen level is...	
<100 mg/dL	Order 2 more pools of cryoprecipitate
100-200mg/dL	Order 1 more pool of cryoprecipitate

- Red blood cells to Hematocrit > 21%
- Platelets to serum platelet level >50 K/microliter
- Fresh frozen plasma to PT/PTT < 1.5 times control
- Cell Saver (for nonmalignant, noncontaminated cases)

**Hyperkalemia Treatment:**

- Calcium gluconate (10mg/kg) or Calcium chloride (10mg/kg) IV;
- Sodium bicarbonate 1-2mEq/kg, slow IV push.
- Insulin 10 Units regular IV with 1-2 amps D50W (0.1 units insulin/kg and 1mL/kg D50W for pediatric patients).

## 9: Hypotension

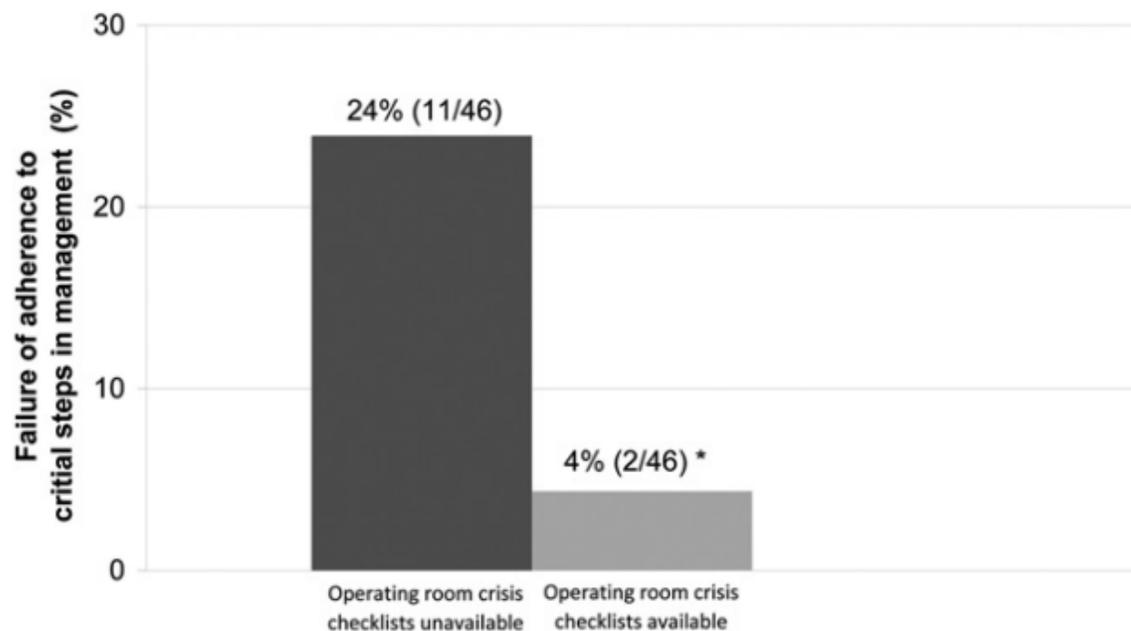
**Condition:** Unexplained drop in blood pressure.  
**Objective:** Restore hemodynamic stability.

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- Call for help.
- Equipment checked for malfunction (arterial line, blood pressure cuff)?
- Pulses checked?
- Intravenous fluids opened?
- FIO<sub>2</sub> increased to 100%?
- Surgical field inspected for bleeding? If Bleeding GO TO: Hemorrhage Checklist.
- Have we considered:
  - decreasing anesthesia?
  - patient position?
  - additional IV?
- Have we considered the following causes:

Surgical	Nursing	Anesthesia/OR Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retraction</li> <li>• Vagal stimulation</li> <li>• Mechanical/surgical manipulation</li> <li>• Vascular Compression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other evidence of bleeding:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amount of blood in suction canister</li> <li>- Number of bloody sponges</li> <li>- Blood on the floor</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Drugs used on the field (i.e. intravascular injection of local drugs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Airway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unexplained Hypoxia (GO TO: Hypoxia Checklist)</li> <li>• Increased PEEP</li> </ul> <p><b>Breathing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumothorax</li> <li>• Pulmonary Edema</li> <li>• Hypoventilation</li> <li>• Persistent hyperventilation</li> </ul> <p><b>Circulation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myocardial ischemia</li> <li>• Pulmonary Embolism</li> <li>• Air embolism (GO TO: Air Embolism Checklist)</li> <li>• Other emboli (fat, septic, CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>• Tamponade</li> <li>• Bradycardia (GO TO: Bradycardia – Unstable Checklist)</li> <li>• Tachycardia (GO TO: Tachycardia – Unstable Checklist)</li> <li>• Bone Cementing (Methyl methacrylate effect)</li> <li>• Malignant Hyperthermia (GO TO: Malignant Hyperthermia Checklist)</li> </ul> <p><b>Drugs/allergy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent drugs given/dose error/allergy</li> </ul>

# Simulation-based training



\* p=0.007

**Figure 2.** Association between operating room crisis checklist use and failure of adherence to critical steps in management.

**Table 2.** Checklist Survey Responses

Checklist survey question	Mean Likert response, mean +/- SD (IQR)*
The checklist helped me feel better prepared during the emergency scenario	4.2 +/- 0.95 (4-5)
The checklist was easy to use	4.1 +/- 0.92 (4-5)
I would use this checklist if I were presented with this operative emergency in real life	4.3 +/- 0.75 (4-5)
If I were having an operation and experienced this intra-operative emergency, I would want the checklist to be used	4.4 +/- 0.68 (4-5)

\*Mean Likert response across all checklist scenarios (1=disagree strongly, 5=agree strongly); 39-40 responses per question. IQR, interquartile range.

*Checklist and simulation is helpful to the participants  
It showed significantly lower failure rate in OR crisis simulation*

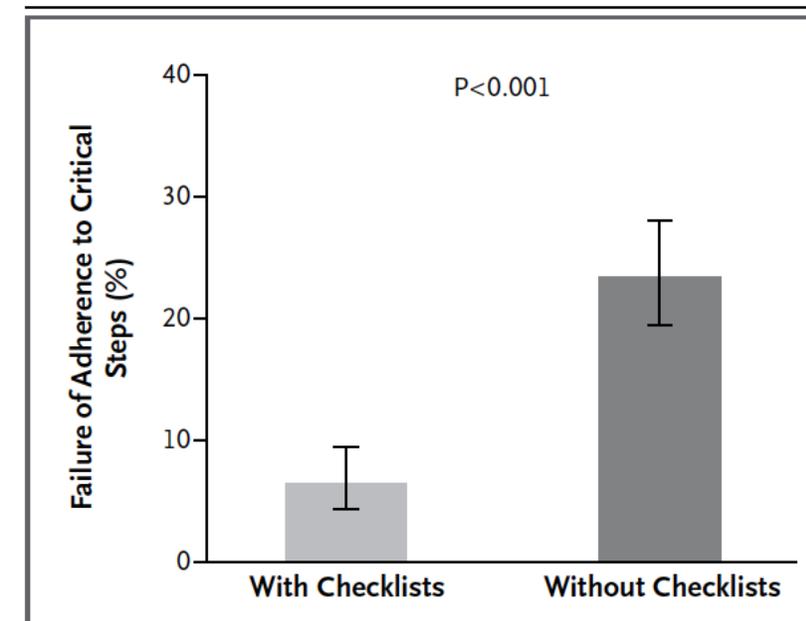
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**Table 1. Professional Characteristics of the Participants.**

Position	Participants (N = 67)  no. (%)	Years of Experience in Specialty					Unknown
		<1	1 to 5	6 to 10	>10 to <15	≥15	
		percent					
Anesthesia attending physician	17 (25)	0	18	47	12	18	6
Surgical attending physician	2 (3)	0	0	50	50	0	0
Anesthesia resident*	10 (15)	0	100	0	0	0	0
Surgical resident*	2 (3)	0	100	0	0	0	0
Operating-room nurse	20 (30)	0	20	15	5	55	5
Surgical technologist	9 (13)	0	56	44	0	0	0
Certified registered nurse anesthetist	7 (10)	29	29	29	0	14	0

\* One anesthesia resident who participated was a first-year anesthesia resident at the end of the first year of clinical anesthesia training (second postgraduate year). The remaining anesthesia residents were in their second or third year of clinical anesthesia training, and the surgical residents were in their second or third postgraduate year of training.

*Significant improvement in adherence to recommended procedures for the most common intraoperative emergencies*



**Figure 1. Association between Use or Nonuse of Operating-Room Crisis Checklists and Failure to Adhere to Critical Steps in Management.**

The use of checklists during operating-room crises resulted in nearly a 75% reduction in failure to adhere to critical steps in management. Of 371 critical steps in the management of surgical crises, 24 (6%) were missed when the checklists were available, as compared with 89 of 379 steps (23%) missed when the checklists were not available. I bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

# Simulation-based training

**Table 2.** Failure to Adhere to Critical Steps in Management, According to the Presence or Absence of Checklists and the Scenario Type.

Scenario Type*	Failure Rate†		P Value‡
	With Checklists	Without Checklists	
	no./total no. (%)		
ACLS scenario	7/100 (7)	15/89 (17)	0.005
ACLS scenario preceded by hemodynamically unstable condition	14/154 (9)	46/172 (27)	<0.001
Other crisis scenario	3/117 (3)	28/118 (24)	0.002

\* Scenario types were as follows: advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) included asystolic cardiac arrest, ventricular fibrillation, and unstable tachycardia; ACLS scenarios preceded by a hemodynamically unstable condition included clinically significant hypoxemia and hypotension followed by unstable bradycardia, and hemorrhage followed by ventricular fibrillation; and other crisis scenarios included malignant hyperthermia, anaphylaxis, hemorrhage, and air embolism.

† The failure rate was calculated as the number of critical steps that were not adhered to in the management of the scenario.

‡ P values were calculated in a model that accounted for clustering by team, with adjustment for time of day and institution.

**Table 4.** Participants' Perceptions of Crisis Checklists, with Responses across All Checklist Scenarios.\*

Survey Statement	Response Score
The checklist helped me feel better prepared during the emergency scenario	4.4±0.81
The checklist was easy to use	4.3±0.84
I would use this checklist if I were presented with this operative emergency in real life	4.5±0.76
If I were having an operation and experienced this intra-operative emergency, I would want the checklist to be used	4.7±0.60

\* Plus-minus values are means ±SD. Data included 196 responses from 67 participants. Response scores were on a Likert scale and ranged from 1 (disagree strongly) to 5 (agree strongly).

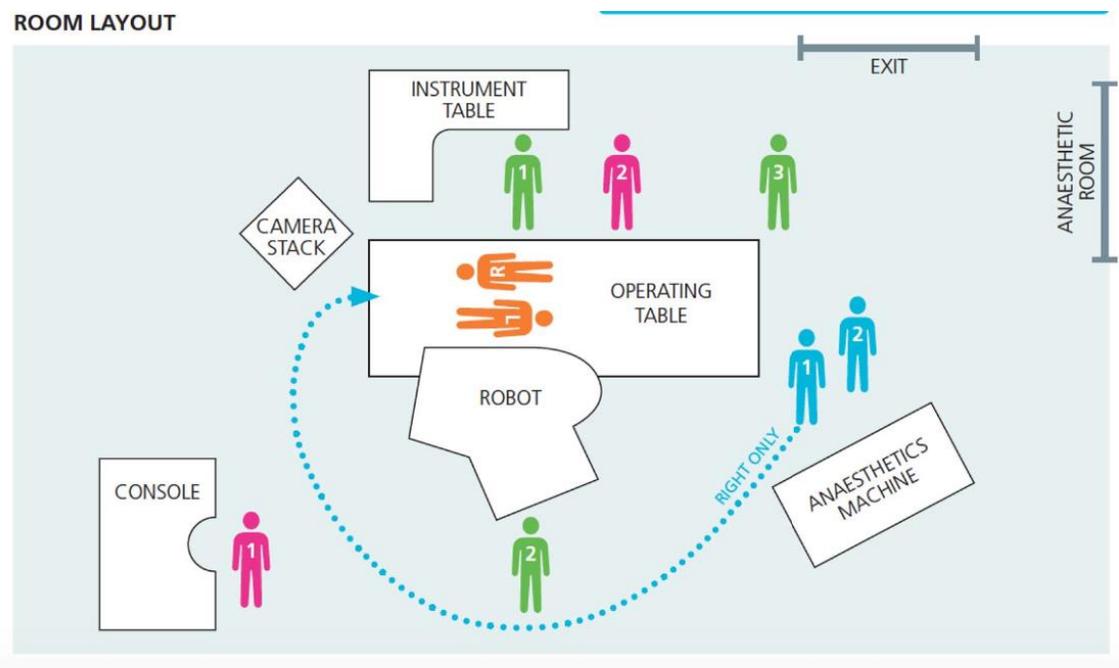
*It showed significantly lower failure rate in OR crisis simulation regardless of simulation type  
And the participants felt the checklist and simulation was helpful*

# Simulation-based training

## Development of a high fidelity, multidisciplinary, crisis simulation model for robotic surgical teams

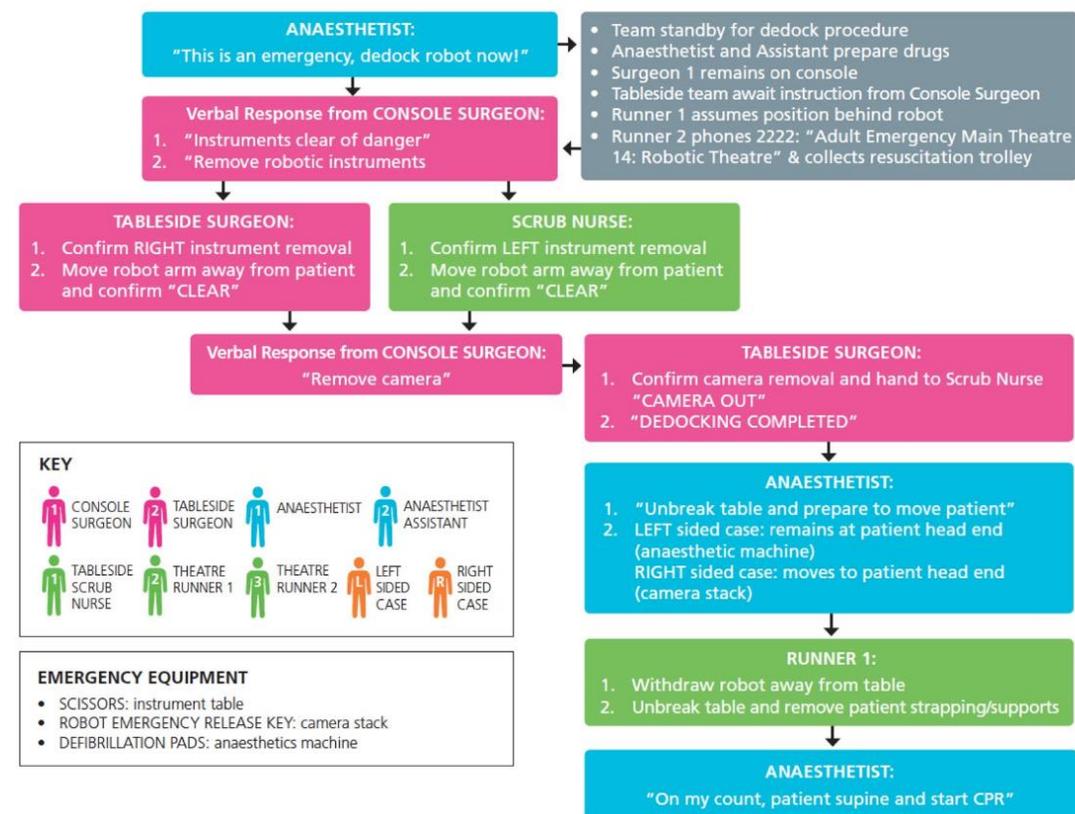
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### ROOM LAYOUT



## Robotic Theatre Emergency Algorithm

**NHS**  
Royal Free London  
NHS Foundation Trust



# Simulation-based training

**Table 1** Team 1—Time taken to complete tasks and total time taken for resolution of crisis scenario from point of ‘cardiac arrest call’ by the consultant anaesthetist

	First event			Retention validity
	Control	Training	Test	
Time to CPR (s)	101	85	48	69
Time to defibrillator shock (s)	> 302	189	86	208
Time to robot undocking (s)	86	48	25	40
Total time taken (s)	702	306	469	660

*Shorter time to CPR, Defib, and undocking in simulation-based training group*

	Anaesthetic team			Surgical team			Theatre team		
	Control	Test	Validity	Control	Test	Validity	Control	Test	Validity
Communication	3	6	5	3	5	5	3	6	5
Co-ordination	5	6	5	4	6	5	3	6	6
Co-operation	3	6	6	4	6	6	3	6	6
Leadership	3	6	5	4	5	5	4	6	5
Team motivation	3	6	5	4	5	5	6	6	6
Total score	17	30	26	19	27	26	19	30	28

## **Observation teamwork assessment**

*Better communication, co-ordination and co-operation in simulation-based training group*

# Summary

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- As the number of robotic surgeries in cardiothoracic surgery continues to increase, there is a need for systematic residents training and crisis management programs.
- The training process should start with training using simulation, animal models, etc. and then a systematic program to train as an assistant surgeon and console surgeon.
- In the event of an emergency in the RATS, the surgeon cannot react immediately, so it is very important to follow the principles and sequence set by the team. The simulation-based training seems very helpful in emergency situation in RATS.