TEACHING SEMINAR
under the auspices of
European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA) and International Society for Pediatric Wound Care (ISPeW)

SURGERY OF PREMATURE INFANTS EXPERTS FORUM

16th -17th October, 2020
Barcelona, Spain
Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 2020 STEPS (Strategies & Trends in European Pediatric Surgery) Seminar which will be held under the auspices of European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA) as a joint meeting with the International Society for Pediatric Wound Care (ISPeW) in Barcelona, Spain from 16-17 October 2020.

The 2020 teaching seminar will be an Experts Forum on “Surgery of premature infants”. Experts from Europe and Overseas have been invited to deliver State-of-the-Art lectures and compare their experiences in management. The experts forum will include debates with expert opinions and views.

The Vall d’Hebron University Hospital is a public and university affiliated hospital founded in 1955. It belongs to the Catalan Health Institute and is the hospital complex with the highest volume of procedures in Catalonia.

The Vall d’Hebron University Hospital is among the four most important reference centers in Spain, and one of the most important hospitals in the country.

Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Catalonia region is known for its art and architecture. The wonderful Sagrada Familia church and other landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudi can be seen throughout the city. Its wonderful museums and archaeological sights will offer great opportunities for social events.

Our co-host Prof. Manuel Lopez, and the local organizing team members of Vall d’Hebron University Hospital, ISPeW members and the organizing team of STEPS, welcome your participation to this exciting joint meeting in the city of Barcelona for STEPS 2020.

Amulya K. Saxena, MD
STEPS Organizer
Experts Forum Topics

- The ethics of operating on prematurity
- Understanding the physiology of premature infants undergoing surgery
- Embryological basis of congenital abnormalities and influence on prematurity
- Concepts in ventilator management of premature infants undergoing surgery
- Recent advances in the understanding of necrotizing enterocolitis
- Surgery for pulmonary pathologies in premature infants
- Surgical approach for gastrointestinal atresias
- Current controversies regarding PDA ligation surgery in premature infants
- Meconium ileus and meconium peritonitis
- Abdominal wall defects- outcomes in premature infants
- Surgical preparation of premature infants
- Outcomes of primary esophageal repair in premature babies
- Peritoneal dialysis in premature infants
- Congenital diaphragmatic hernia and prematurity
- Outcomes in management of urogenital sinus and cloaca patients
- Stoma placement and management of stoma breakdown in premature infants
- Wound breakdown and wound management in premature infants
- Fetal interventions and premature births

Scientific Faculty

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**Abstract submission**
Structured abstracts (Aim, Patients, Results, Conclusion) of 200 words with title, full author names (first name and family name) & institution (name, city, country) can be submitted by email to steps.seminars@gmail.com

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* Registration fee includes seminar, breaks & lunches (Annual dinner not included)
** Valid for participation in ISPeW and STEPS Sessions on 16th October (1 day only)

For registration email details (Name/Address/Registration type) to steps.seminars@gmail.com

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