

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Re: Louisiana State Urologic Robotic Consortium (LSURC)

The purpose of this group is to establish a system for robot urologic surgeons to communicate with and learn from each other.

With the expansion of robotic surgery, there is more of a need for a consortium to help advance the safe use of robotic surgery in the greater interests of our patients. With the ever-increasing indications for robotic surgery and the availability of easy-access platforms such as Zoom, the aim is that communications will be easier and more helpful.

A telephone survey amongst prominent robotic surgeons has demonstrated overwhelming support for the establishment of such a group, which would be unique as a statewide and multi-institutional co-op venture.

How often do we meet? The initial proposal is to meet once a month on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening for an hour to 75 minutes. It is anticipated that the first such meeting would be sometime either in June or July, on the second Tuesday.

How do we proceed? Initially, announcements will be sent out to all urologists in the state of Louisiana by regular US postal mail, and by email. It is important that we have the email addresses of all those performing robotic surgery to send out the Zoom invitations. It is expected that these meetings would be held at a fixed time. It is possible, of course, that not all of us cannot attend all meetings, but certainly those interested can dial in from wherever they may be located.

What would be the format? This would be based on the feedback received from the attendees. The proposed format:

1. There would be a brief presentation on a given topic or technique. This would be open to all members who would like to present if they can provide us the topic of

- their choice along with their ability to screen share with us. Presentation should include slides, x-ray clips, video clips, etc.
2. The presentation can be followed by discussion and a Q&A session.
 3. The remaining portion of the meeting would be devoted to case presentations from members or to questions regarding management of patients; this time can also be spent on questions regarding the management of any adverse events that may have occurred and management strategies, etc.

What is contact information?

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It is the intent that all Louisiana medical school and teaching programs faculty, as well as those performing robotic cases in Louisiana, would embrace this format to learn from each other.

With best wishes and happy robot-ing!

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