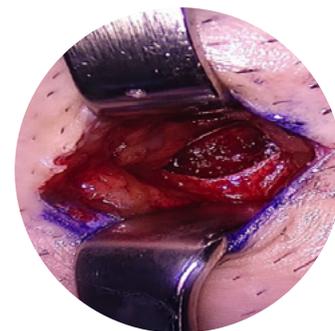


eTEP in Barranquilla (Colombia) with Dr. Jorge Daes



And the winner is" I was a very lucky surgeon on the Swiss Hernia Days Networking Event 2021 when this sentence was followed by my name.

I had never seen an eTEP nor did I really know a lot about it. So, I started to study Jorge`s papers and YouTube-sessions to benefit as much as possible during my time with him. The 9 steps to establish a Critical View of the Myopectineal Orifice became my bible.



Jorge was perfectly organized. Airport pickup service, hotel, surgery schedules When I arrived at midnight 19th of April, I already received the WhatsApp with the next-days surgeries and a personal pickup from the hotel. And the journey began

On my first day at the hospital, I was introduced to Jorge`s local fellows, who immediately included me in the team. The first surgeries I watched closely to try to catch all the details in preparing the eTAP layer. It was very helpful to take notes. Jorge had a clear aim for me to get to know and in the end to perform the eTEP approach.

Jorge even organized an international clinical immersion course, where I was able to repeat everything. I realized how lucky I was to get to learn from Jorge during the 10 days in surgery, when I saw surgeons coming from all over the world to see his work.

Besides the eTEP technique I got to know the medical system in Colombia as well as the friendly Colombian people, the great food (recommended not to be a vegetarian here!!) and of course once in a while a tasty drink.

The time in Colombia definitely affirmed my fascination for hernia surgery. I am very thankful that the Swiss Hernia Days Crew (Henry, Philipp & Jan) made this experience possible.



My greatest thanks go to Jorge and his wife Lucy, who made the whole journey as great as it was. I hope to see you both soon in Switzerland.

Muchas gracias a voces!!



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