

Vision Statement 2025

AAGL is one of the most prestigious organisations dedicated to the education and promotion of minimally invasive gynaecology (MIGS). Renowned for its inclusiveness, it brings together physicians from around the world to share ideas, showcase surgical innovations, and explore emerging technologies and techniques.

I have been a committed member of AAGL for over two decades and have had the privilege of learning from exceptional leaders throughout this time. If given the opportunity, my aim would be to carry forward the great work of my predecessors and further strengthen AAGL's position as the world's most respected platform for education and clinical excellence in MIGS.

AAGL as a Global Platform

Having operated in many countries and developed strong relationships with numerous gynaecological associations, I would actively seek to engage these organisations and encourage their members to participate in AAGL's annual congress. I am especially committed to increasing involvement from countries across Asia and Africa, thereby expanding AAGL's global outreach and inclusivity.

Global Centres for Training and Educational Excellence

To promote structured, high-quality training in MIGS, I propose establishing AAGL-affiliated education centres around the world. These centres would serve as regional hubs for surgical excellence. I would encourage AAGL experts to reach out and proctor physicians within their own countries, with an emphasis on **on-site proctoring** to ensure hands-on learning and mentorship.

Embracing Technological Advances

Surgical practice has seen significant change in recent years, with increased emphasis on objectivity and evidence-based medicine. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now at the forefront across all specialties. I envision integrating AI into various fields such as laparoscopy, hysteroscopy, and robotic surgery. AI-based applications and clinical guidelines will, I believe, shape the future of all AAGL meetings and congresses.

Empowering Young Physicians

I am particularly passionate about identifying and supporting talented young physicians from around the world. Through dedicated AAGL initiatives, I would seek to create opportunities for them to present their research, share ideas, and gain exposure to varied surgical techniques by visiting multiple international centres. This will foster innovation and ensure continuity in excellence.

Patient Advocacy and Engagement

Understanding patient needs is essential for a patient-centred approach to healthcare. I would encourage AAGL experts to take an active role in patient advocacy initiatives. Such

engagement will foster stronger relationships between doctors and patients, improving trust and ultimately leading to better healthcare outcomes.

I remain fully committed to the mission and vision of AAGL and would dedicate all my efforts to advancing its global leadership in minimally invasive gynaecological surgery.

Thank you,
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