

Dear Friends,

I am excited to invite you to the International Conference “Inguinal Hernia in Children - Different Techniques, One Goal. 20 years of PIRS Technique”, which will be held on October 24-25, 2024 in Wroclaw, Poland.

Inguinal hernia repair is the most common operation in pediatric surgery. Advances in surgery and anesthesiology reduced the risk of this operation to the point that it is mostly performed on an ambulatory basis as day surgery. In recent years, minimally invasive surgery has emerged with many new techniques for treating inguinal hernia. As the traditional methods of treatment are well-established and highly effective, the introduction of new techniques should at least provide benefits and offer an advantage over the old ones. But our goal is the same - to repair the hernia. Classical and laparoscopic approaches come with their own benefits and shortcomings and have advocates on both sides. We want to address all these issues in one place with the most distinguished pediatric surgeons from all over the world. Wroclaw will guarantee all the participants an unforgettable time.

This meeting is a special occasion to celebrate the 20 years of the new technique for inguinal hernia surgical treatment that was invented and developed in 2004 in Wroclaw. We named it PIRS as an acronym for Percutaneous Internal Ring Suturing. Since then, it has been widely adopted and improved by many surgeons around the world and has significantly increased the comfort of pediatric patients with inguinal hernia.

The congress will feature keynote lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and poster sessions on various topics related to inguinal hernia and pediatric surgery, such as the history and evolution of inguinal hernia repair techniques, the current best practices and guidelines, the challenges and complications of the treatment, the latest research, and innovations in the field of inguinal hernia and pediatric surgery, the future directions, and opportunities.

The conference will also provide a great opportunity to network with other experts and colleagues from different countries and regions and to exchange ideas and experiences on the clinical and academic aspects of inguinal hernia and pediatric surgery.

The event will take place at the Wrocław Congress Center, a modern and spacious venue located near The Centennial Hall, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and near many attractions and amenities.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference and celebrating this milestone together.

Sincerely,

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