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Challenges in initiation and running a ENT, head & neck robotic surgery program in our country

To initiate and run the robotic program successfully has been a very challenging task for us. This program at our hospital which is one of the largest corporate hospitals in India started two and half years ago. We have done 110 cases so far. In developing countries like India starting such a program involved high costs of training as there is no ENT, Head and Neck training program here and non-availability of trained surgeons is added disadvantage. Running the program successfully has also been met with challenges. There are various reasons or drawbacks here as to not having very large numbers in our series despite having excellent feedback from almost every patient that underwent robotic surgery at our setup.

Biography

Dr. Kalpana Nagpal is a senior consultant in Dept. of ENT, Head & Neck Surgery and Robotics at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, India. She has 26 years of experience. Training for Robotics was from Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea. She has worked in rhinology with Dr. Frederick Kuhn at Savannah, Georgia, USA. She is doing basic & advanced ENT, Head and neck surgeries.

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