

Dr. Sardari Nia: surgery is a good combination of art and science

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The 2nd Cambridge International Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) Symposium was successfully held in the Madingley Hall, Cambridge, United Kingdom on Oct. 16th and Oct. 17th, 2015. In this symposium, Dr. Peyman Sardari Nia, from the University Medical Center in Maastricht, the Netherlands, made an interesting presentation on the pre-operative planning and simulations, which attracted much attention from the audience. This time, *JOVIS* Editorial Office had the great honor to have an interview with Dr. Sardari Nia (*Figure 1*).

Dr. Peyman Sardari Nia is a cardiothoracic surgeon, University Medical Center in Maastricht, the Netherlands. He was awarded the Pfizer educational prize in 2009 and a position at faculty of medicine as postdoctoral fellow in 2009. He did his cardiothoracic training in University Hospital Antwerp and at St Antonius Hospital, Nieuwegein, Netherlands. Dr. Sardari Nia has received multiple awards for his research, notably American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) scholar-in-training award and European Association of cardiothoracic surgery (EACTS) Young Investigator award. He has been EACTS councilor (board of directors, 2009–2012) and is a member of different committees of EACTS since 2008.

He is the assistant editor of *European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EJCTS)* and *Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS)*. He is an all-around cardiothoracic surgeon with special interest in surgery for lung cancer and minimal invasive adult cardiac surgery. Dr. Sardari Nia is the founder and director of the EACTS course in minimal invasive techniques in adult cardiac surgery.

In the interview, Dr. Sardari Nia indicated that though there were only a few cases reports about 3D printing, it still has many possibilities in pre-operative planning. Moreover, when talking about the question written on a post board in this year's American College of Surgeons (ACS)—*What do you love about surgery*, Dr. Sardari Nia gave out his own answer—surgery is a good combination of art and science (*Figure 2*).

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Figure 1 Picture with Dr. Sardari Nia.



Figure 2 Interview with Dr. Sardari Nia (1). Available online: <http://www.asvide.com/articles/705>

Footnote

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