

Dr. Adrian Ooi: mindset and patience mean a lot

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The 2nd International Conference of Asia Thoracoscopic Surgery Education Program (ATEP) was held successfully in Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Seoul, Korea from Dec. 4th to 5th, 2015. Among all the well-known surgeons, Dr. Adrian Seng Wae Ooi, from the Singapore National Heart Centre, was actively joining into every speeches in the conference and expressed his own perspective. During this conference, the Editorial Office of *Journal of Visualized Surgery* (JOVS) had the great honor to have an interview with Dr. Ooi to share with us some of his perspective on uniportal video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS) (Figure 1).

Dr. Adrian Seng Wae Ooi, FRCS(C/Th) CCT(UK), is the Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgery (CTS) Surgeon in the National Heart Centre, Singapore. Being president of Singapore Thoracic Society since 2013, Dr. Ooi is an expert on uniportal VATS and robotic lung surgery.

In the interview, other than sharing about his perspective on the current development of VATS in Singapore and expectation on its future development, Dr. Ooi also told us his focus on the training of young surgeons about performing uniportal VATS—mindset (believe in yourself and just do it) and patience when practicing the uniportal VATS.

When talking about how to balance the busy work with personal life, Dr. Ooi gave us his own answer with a sweet smile—I married the right person. Thanks to his considerate wife, Dr. Ooi could enjoy what he does every day in the work and then go home after work every day being looked after by his lovely wife. Thus, Dr. Ooi always told his trainees that it's quite important to marry the right one for the pursuit of surgical life (Figure 2).

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Figure 1 Photo with Dr. Adrian Ooi.



Figure 2 Interview with Dr. Adrian Ooi (1).

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