

## The Seventh China's Forum on Minimally Invasive Therapy for Lung Cancer & the Fourth Asia-Pacific Assembly on VATS (December 14-15, 2013)

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**Chairman of the Forum:** Professor Jianxing He, Professor Tristan D. Yan

**Location:** The 30th floor of the Inpatient Building, the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University (No. 151, Yanjiang Xi Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou, China)

**Time:** December 14-15, 2013

The Seventh China's Forum on Minimally Invasive Therapy for Lung Cancer & the Fourth Asia-Pacific Assembly on Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) will be held in the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University from December 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Each year, the Forum on Minimally Invasive Therapy for Lung Cancer held in Guangzhou provides a great chance for the thoracic surgeons in China and even in Asia-Pacific Area to share and exchange the latest technologies and therapeutic experience on thoracic surgery.

This conference is jointly sponsored by *Journal of Thoracic Disease*, *Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery* and The Ming-Yi Medical Charity Foundation of Guangdong Province, and co-organized by the Professional Committee of Minimally Invasive Endoscopy in the Endoscopic Physician Branch of Chinese Medical Doctor Association (CMDA), State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Diseases/Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Diseases, the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University and the www.DXY.CN. The conference will majorly focus on three issues: the Chinese experts' consensus on VATS, the contrast and comparison of video-assisted thoracoscopic segmentectomy and video-assisted thoracoscopic lobectomy for the early NSCLC, and the presentation of complex video-assisted thoracoscopic surgeries. After the conference, the articles and videos of Chinese experts' consensus on VATS and the complex video-assisted thoracoscopic surgeries

(such as video-assisted thoracoscopic sleeve lobectomy) will be published on *Journal of Thoracic Disease*, and the video articles on segmentectomy will come out on the *Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery*.

### Introduction of organizers

#### *Journal of Thoracic Disease*

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#### *Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery*

*Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery* (ACS, *Ann Cardiothorac Surg*, Print ISSN 2225-319X; Online ISSN 2304-1021, http://www.annalscts.com/) is a bi-monthly peer-reviewed international academic publication that features operative videos provided by renowned surgeons. Indexed in PubMed, ACS is dedicated

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to the field of cardiothoracic surgery and published both in print and online. In each issue, more than twenty distinguished international experts are invited to convey their personal experiences and views on a hot topic (including controversial topics), which is designed to encourage dynamic and comprehensive exploration of the topic.

#### ***The Ming-Yi Medical Charity Foundation of Guangdong Province***

Officially registered in the Guangdong Department of Civil Affairs in June, 2012, the Ming-Yi Medical Charity Foundation of Guangdong Province is the first charity foundation to separate the management of property and administration throughout China and the only medical charity foundation in Guangdong. The foundation concentrates on charitable medical donations including awarding illustrious doctors, establishing medical scholarship and sponsoring curative activities in poverty-stricken area, etc.

#### ***Professional Committee of Minimally Invasive Endoscopy in the Endoscopic Physician Branch of Chinese Medical Doctor Association (CMDA)***

In order to reinforce the national construction of physician team for endoscopic diagnosis and treatment, to establish a scientific and impartial access system for endoscopic physicians, to improve the endoscopic physicians' professional techniques, to regulate the diagnosis and treatment, and assure the medical quality and safety, the Endoscopic Commission for Examination and Assessment of Professional Techniques in Ministry of Health was approved to be established, according to the related Notices from Ministry of Health.

#### ***China State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease***

China State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease is co-founded by Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Disease and Guangzhou Institute of Biomedicine and Health of Chinese Academy of Science, with Guangzhou Medical University (formerly Guangzhou Medical College) as its supporting institutions. It is one of the four medical state key laboratories established in China's Eleventh Five Year Plan and strives to provide more solutions for the prevention and treatment of respiratory disease. Located at the beautiful riverside of the Pearl River, Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Disease (GIRD),

founded in 1979, is one of the oldest Chinese institutes in respiratory disease. Following the trend of China's reform and opening up policy, with the support of the Department of Science and Technology of Guangdong Province, Guangdong Health Department and Guangdong Medical University, GIRD has constantly been focusing on the researches of respiratory disease and persisted in the basic-clinical combination, gradually forged ahead into an professional base for respiratory disease that integrates the scientific research, medical care and talent development. GIRD is the supporting unit of National Key Disciplines and Guangdong Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease, owning the post-doctoral research center for internal medicine.

#### ***The First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University***

The First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University is a large hospital of Grade III Level A that integrates medical care, teaching, scientific research, health care, rehabilitation and first aid emergency care; and is also the supporting institution of Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Disease, Guangzhou Institute of Orthopaedics and Institute of Urology of Guangzhou Medical College. It was formerly the Hospital Franco-Chinois Paul Doumer founded in 1903, and renamed as Guangzhou Worker's Hospital, the Fourth People's Hospital of Guangzhou city since the 1950s, and became the Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College in 1974. It was then renamed as the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College in 1981, and the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University and the First Clinical Medical Institute of Guangzhou Medical University in 2013.

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<b>Agenda</b>			
Registration--Dec 13, 2013			
Dec 14	Conference Content	Speaker	Chairman
Session I (Theme: VATS Lobectomy in China – Standard of Care Consensus)			
08:00-08:20	Speech of the Chairman	Jianxing He	Jianxing He,
08:20-08:40	Keynote Lecture: Surgical Practice of Pulmonary Resection – the Past, the Present and the Future	Brian McCaughan	William Walker
08:40-09:00	Keynote Lecture: VATS Lobectomy 20 <sup>th</sup> Consensus Statement	Tristan D. Yan	
09:00-09:20	Keynote Lecture: Cross-sectional Survey of Lobectomy Approach (X-SOLA) study report	Christopher Cao	
09:20-09:30	Discussion		
09:30-11:30	Standard of Care Consensus in China (50 questions)	Jianxing He	
11:30-12:00	Discussion		
12:30-13:00	JTD Introduction		
13:00-13:30	Satellite Meeting 1		
13:30-14:00	Satellite Meeting 2		
Session II: ACS Segmentectomy vs. Lobectomy for Early Stage NSCLC			
14:00-14:40	Keynote Lecture: Segmentectomy vs. Lobectomy	Rene Peterson	Jin-Shing Chen,
14:40-15:10	Meta-analysis: Segmentectomy vs. Lobectomy	Christopher Cao	Dominique Gossot
15:10-17:30	Segmentectomy video demonstrations (8 videos – 10+5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CT pulmonary arterial phase analysis for segmentectomy (William Walker)</li> <li>○ Uniportal segmentectomy (Diego Gonzalez-Rivas)</li> <li>○ Posterior approach Lingular segment and apical segmentectomy (Tristan Yan)</li> <li>○ Copenhagen approach to segmentectomy (Rene Peterson)</li> <li>○ French approach to segmentectomy (Dominique Gossot)</li> <li>○ Robotic-assisted segmentectomy (Bernard Park)</li> <li>○ China approach to segmentectomy (Jianxing He)</li> <li>○ China approach to segmentectomy (Other 2-4 Chinese surgeons)</li> </ul>		
19:00-20:30	Dinner		
Dec 15			
Session III: Advanced Techniques in Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery			
08:00-08:40	Keynote Lecture: Minimally invasive thoracic surgery in another 20 years' time	William Walker	Chinese Surgeon, Rene Peterson
08:40-11:00	Advanced Techniques in Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robotic-assisted Pulmonary Resection (Bernard Park)</li> <li>○ Advanced VATS Instruments (Dominique Gossot)</li> <li>○ Subcarinal resection (Jian-Xing He)</li> <li>○ Bi-institutional database on none-intubation VATS (Christopher Cao)</li> <li>○ Diego Gonzalez-Rivas (Uniportal VATS – Geometry)</li> <li>○ Chinese surgeons demonstrations (X2-4)</li> </ul>		
11:00-11:20	Conference Conclusion	Jianxing He	

**Introduction of keynote speakers**

Professor Jian-Xing He  
(Guangzhou, China)

Professor He is the Director and Professor of the Thoracic Surgery Department, First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College, Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Diseases (GIRD), as well as the President of the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College, China. He completed his medical studies at Guangzhou Medical College, and attained a higher research doctorate in thoracic surgery at the Guangdong Institute of Cardiovascular Disease while concurrently acting as the Deputy Director of the Thoracic Surgery Department of Guangzhou Medical College. Professor He later became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has the world-largest clinical experience in video-assisted thoracic surgery and non-intubation minimally invasive thoracic surgery. His other appointments include being the Primary Investigator of the National Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease, Chief Advisor of National Ministry of Health Clinical Invasive Pathway Technique Advisory Board, Chairman of National Evaluation Committee for Endoscopic Skills, President of Guangdong Thoracic Surgeon Society, Chief Physician and Director of the thoracic surgery department of the First Hospital Affiliated to Guangzhou Medical College, and Primary Investigator of Translational Medicine Lab in the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College. Professor He has published more than 200 scientific papers in thoracic surgery, including a seminal paper published in *Lancet* regarding a molecular assay he developed to predict survival in resected non-squamous, non-small-cell lung cancer. He also established the Asian-Pacific Lung Cancer Specimen and Tissue Bank, which has collected more than 20,000 samples including 18 multi-resisted lung cancer cell lines. Professor He has an extensive and impressive array of research experience, currently undertaking more than 30 scientific projects supported by National 863 Program and National Science Foundation.

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Professor Yan has surgical expertise and special interests in minimally invasive cardiac surgery, minimally invasive thoracic surgery and major aortic surgery. He has also extensive research experience, with authorship or co-authorship of more than 180 articles and textbook chapters. The high-standard and impact of this research is reflected by his h-index of 32, with approximation 3500 citations to date. Professor Yan's research involvement and leadership extends to international projects. He is currently the Chairman of the Collaborative Research (CORE) Group, and is responsible for establishing and running the world's largest multi-institutional project for aortic arch surgery. He is also the founder and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery (ACS)*.

As a cardiothoracic surgeon who prioritizes patients and their outcomes, Professor Yan applies the latest pioneering techniques to minimize surgical trauma and access sites and thus achieves a more rapid and comfortable recovery for his patients. He is dedicated to surgical innovations and has travelled widely to refine his surgical techniques. Furthermore, he is one of the few cardiothoracic surgeons who can operate proficiently using both hands. In his didactic teaching, he emphasizes strongly on surgical precision using ambidextrous techniques, which are fundamental in minimally access surgery.

Professor Yan has received intense surgical training with several renowned surgical masters. He completed his first fellowship with Paul Sugarbaker in the United States, who is one of the most prominent surgeons in the world. Professor Yan was then closely trained by the pioneer and originator of Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery, William Walker, in Edinburgh, UK, where he mastered the technical expertise of video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) to perform complex lung resections, such as lobectomy and segmentectomy. He also underwent a comprehensive Aortic Surgery Fellowship Program at the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, the largest Aortic Surgery Center in the UK, where he was trained primarily on minimally invasive aortic valve replacement and root, arch and descending thoracic aortic surgery, as well as minimally invasive mitral surgery. In addition, Professor Yan has been mentored by an internationally-renowned giant in cardiac surgery, Professor Fred Mohr, on Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery, in Leipzig, Germany, where 3500 VATS mitral valve surgery has been performed to date. Professor Yan has the determination and wealth of expertise to fully develop the Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery Program at MUH.

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