

ISAR begins digital initiative with DocMode

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DocMode, a global online medical learning platform for outcome based education, will be associating itself with ISAR (Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction) for implementing 'Seed to Soil'; the latter's digital initiative for specialists in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART).

'Seed to Soil' comprises a series of online live lectures on ART that is expected to assist about 4000 members of ISAR (including gynaecologists and embryologists) and other participating doctors, on the latest developments in assisted reproductive surgery. It would also allow an even more in-depth understanding through various case studies and aid in guidelines.

The lectures, each of 90 minute-duration, are available to ISAR members for viewing free of cost the DocMode website.

Dr. Jaideep Malhotra, President of ISAR, said, "ISAR has always been trying to train and mentor young infertility specialists. Through the webinars, eminent personalities would address a lot of topics, which would in turn encourage health experts towards protocol-based management of infertility patients in the country."

As of now, two lectures have already been held—the first titled 'Right Choice Right Time - Case Selection for Infertility Management'; by Dr. Jaideep Malhotra.

She spoke on the importance of patient selection. Under infertility management, patient selection is a crucial process where an evaluating surgeon decides whether to accept responsibility for the treatment of a potential patient. Almost 15 per cent of India's population is sub fertile out of which only about four per cent reach an ART specialist. And, even when they manage to contact an infertility specialist, they don't always get the right treatment. The webinar attains significance in this context.

The second lecture recently conducted, focused on 'Evidence for Surgery in Infertility'; by Dr Madhuri Patil, Clinical Director of Dr. Patil's Fertility & Endoscopy Clinic, Bengaluru. "Reproductive surgery is an integral part of the management of an infertile couple. It is used both for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. However, one must remember reproductive surgery is not necessary in all patients," she said.

The webinar is an eye-opener for understanding the evidence for reproductive surgery in female infertility.

Hans Lewis, Founder and CEO of DocMode said, "DocMode has been sparing no effort in ensuring continued medical learning for health professionals for some time now. The 'Seed to Soil' programme is a unique learning initiative by ISAR for its members and also for participating doctors in the scenario of constantly emerging developments. Topics like fertility treatment consist of a wide range of subjects requiring continuous evaluation and DocMode's association with ISAR will facilitate learning and understanding for doctors who are facing difficulty in participating in seminars and events."

"As infertility specialists or OB/GYN, we always feel at loss because there are no uniform patterns and no guidelines assisting and directing us in management of these patients. Hence, the 'Seed to Soil' programme has been designed to help health experts in an algorithmic and protocol-based management of infertile patients," Dr Jaideep said.

There will be two lectures every month on the second and fourth Thursday. In all, there would be 24 lectures in a year with the participation of 24 faculties-both national and international.