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Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar is a Laparoscopic, Thoracoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon who works in Hinduja Hospital, Hinduja Healthcare Surgical, Breach Candy and Dalvi Hospitals in Mumbai. Considered a National Expert in the field of Minimal Access (keyhole) Surgery and one of the pioneers in Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery, he has over 22 years of experience in the field. He offers treatment for a variety of abdominal diseases, chest diseases, sweaty palms (hyperhidrosis) and obesity.

He completed his undergraduate studies from Grant Medical College (1981 – 1987) and surgical residency from J. J. Hospital, Mumbai (1988 – 1991). In 1990 Dr Bhandarkar participated in the first-ever laparoscopic cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal) performed in India and since then developed a keen interest in laparoscopic surgery. He trained extensively in England from 1992 to 1997. In 1997, he was awarded the prestigious “Traveling Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow” to visit the Royal Brisbane Hospital, Australia and train further in advanced laparoscopic surgery. The same year he also obtained the ‘Diploma in Laparoscopic Surgery’ from University of Strasbourg, France.

He returned to India in 1997 and has developed a practice exclusively dedicated to Minimal Access Surgery. He regularly updates himself by visiting centers of excellence abroad. He visited Mount Sinai Hospital, New York in 2002 (laparoscopic adrenal and splenic surgery), St John of God Hospital, Perth in 2006 (bariatric surgery) and University of Pecs, Hungary in 2012 (advanced thoracoscopic surgery).

Being a keen academic, he has to his credit over seventy-five publications, five published abstracts and over 15 books chapters and invited contributions. As a much sought after speaker he has given more than two hundred and fifty presentations, video lectures and invited talks at National and International conferences. He has authored a book titled “A Primer of Laparoscopic Surgery’. He has been the past Associate Editor of Indian Journal of Surgery and since 2004 is the Editor of Journal of Minimal Access Surgery.

With the aim to help other surgeons train in this specialty he actively participates in conferences and training workshops around the country. In 2011 he was invited to join the Center of Excellence of

Minimal Access Surgery Training (CEMAST) – a state-of-the-art training facility in Mumbai – as a Faculty Director. Dr Bhandarkar firmly believes that the benefits of minimal access surgery should be passed on to all patients irrespective of their socioeconomic status. With this goal in mind he strives to make his expertise available to patients from all strata of the society and across the country.