Dear Sir,

I am a passionate laparoscopic surgeon and researcher. I have formal training in minimal access surgery from AIIMS New Delhi and Max Hospital Saket. I am working as an assistant professor at J N Medical College, Aligarh. I chose my career because I enjoy teaching and training budding doctors and surgeons.

I have been actively involved in academic activities throughout the country. I was Executive Committee member of Hernia Society of India from 2021-2023. I have participated in conferences and continuing medical education as faculty on 68 occasions in the last 7 year in different programs.

I am the author of two book chapters, one of which is on a newer hernia technique 'TAR Plus (TAR Plus Peritoneal Flap Hernioplasty) For Large Midline Ventral Hernias, Newer Concepts and Procedures in Hernia Surgery – An Atlas, Springer 2022.

I am currently a member of the research wing of the Hernia Society of India. I have published 27 articles, 15 of which are key articles on hernia and abdominal wall reconstruction and 2 of which are review articles. I have also published three innovative surgical techniques. I am a reviewer of ten major national and international surgery journals.

I have a YouTube channel for teaching operative procedures with 150K views. The video of TAR surgery is the most viewed video with 52K views. Thousands of medical enthusiasts have benefited from this online resource (www.youtube.com/@drmdyusufafaque6599). Two-thirds of surgeons and trainees watching it are from outside India, with the maximum from the US.

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