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## Minimal Access Surgery in Developing Countries taking Bangladesh as the Role Model today & tommorrow

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## **ABSTRACT:**

Minimal Access Surgery (MAS) at present is globally the most popular and effective subject in surgical practice. Bangladesh is no exception. But its application here is yet not up to the desired level.

MAS in Bangladesh: MAS is being practiced here in about 70% of our hospitals and clinics. Its acceptance among the patients is excellent. Development of its practice has markedly increased in the last 10 years. About 35-40% of our general surgeons and gynaecologists have been adequately trained in this subject and they are enjoying extra honour and benefits. The results so far, as indicated by the cases followed-up, are encouraging.

MAS is now a well-established surgical practice having a wide field of application in the developed countries. In Bangladesh, it is a very rapidly growing subject but its field of application is mostly limited to: pathology of Gall bladder, Uterus, Ovary, Spleen, Appendix and Hernia etc. WALS, through Laparocopy Hospital of Tilak Nagar, New Delhi is definitely performing an excellent job by giving good logistic support to many of our experts.

Health care to the people of Bangladesh is improving remarkably day by day. Practice of MAS is a forward step in this project. For its better future, more and more well-trained doctors and other logistic supports would be required. We suggest for including the basic concept of this subject during graduation and all surgical training curricula. WALS can contribute a lot in its development in Bangladesh by further extending hand of cooperation and offering scholarships to the trainees. This would go a long way in popularizing MAS in Bangladesh.