

# Surgical Services in Bangladesh: Glorious 50 years for Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons

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Since inception, the declared objectives of the college were “to promote specialist practice in all branches of medical science by securing improvement of technique and training in hospitals and hospital methods. “ It also committed to bring together the physicians and surgeons and the other specialists of Bangladesh periodically for scientific discussion and practical demonstration of various subjects. After Liberation the country inherited a devastated state of health facilities. But soon the nation got the visionary decision from the Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman through an ordinance P.O. 63 of 1972, later ratified in the parliament as a law in 2018. The main burden immediately after independence innumerable injured and organ lost freedom fighters at that moment. The first attempt was to provide surgical support to them in the existing hospital premises at Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Hospital complexes for those who need limb replacement, artificial prosthesis and flap coverage of their wounds. At the same time rural and community surgical services were initiated under various capacities both government, Red Cross and other International organizations.

Establishment of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons provides an opportunity to create trained surgical manpower and surgical specialist. The medical colleges and district hospital were furnished with modern equipment rapidly. Logistics and medicines were provided free of cost for surgical patients from national and international agencies.

Society of Surgeons of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Orthopedics Society were formed late in ‘80s to bring all the surgeons under one umbrella.

In the year of 1991, under the leadership of our past president Prof. Golam Rasul, the era of minimal invasive surgery started at the then IPGMR for the first time in Bangladesh. Later it glows in the sky of surgery by

including various super-specialties with similar vision.

Even transplant surgery especially Renal transplant started in various centers and shows a birds eye on the patients who are suffering from chronic kidney diseases.

Cardiac surgeries started at late ‘80s and got its momentum after 2000 in Government level and some institution under co-operation from neighboring countries training centers. Now a day, most of the cardiac surgeries are being done at home setting with commendable results.

BCPS has got commitment to train their trainees at campus and through skill development under various capacities. Establishment of skill development is one of those initiatives through which Basic Surgical Skill, Advanced Trauma Life Support, Emergency Obstetric Care, Advance and Basic Life Support Course and Course on Temporal Bone Dissection are important for development of skilled persons.

During last two decades, various staplers have been added in the surgical practice Joint replacement surgeries are being done regularly as an adjunct.

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