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Upper gastrointestinal surgery: National management trends and outcomes

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Upper gastrointestinal surgery comprised of the separate disciplines of oesophagogastric (OG) and hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) surgery which includes the operative care of the most complex cancers in alimentary surgery. Historically, any given general surgeon would see relatively few cases each year, resect even fewer and outcomes were notoriously poor. The emergence in the last decade of data from North American centres reporting improvements in outcome following concentration of workload into more specialised units has had a profound influence both on clinical practice and organisational infrastructure. We will discuss the national trends for complex upper GI malignancy treatment.

Biography

Ali Aldameh is Certified in Surgery, Thoracic Oncology and Thoracic Surgery. He received his Advanced Thoracic Surgical Education in Harvard Medical School, Boston USA at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Following that, he completed an advanced fellowship in Minimally Invasive Thoracic and Foregut Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He was mentored by US leaders in their field of Thoracic Surgery who followed the tradition of pioneers in their fields, including Dr. Pearson in Toronto, Luketich in Pittsburgh, Orringer. He has closely worked with Dr. Sugarbaker the late President of the American Association of Thoracic Surgery, Dr. Scott Swanson a World Leader in VATS Surgery and Dr. Steve Menzer, an expert in Lung Surgery and Esophagectomy in North America.

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