

The Hard Way Needs others' help

Mohamed S. Ellbishi
President,
Egyptian Group of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Colorectal surgeons have to pass a very long way after their graduation to achieve acceptable level in their specialty.

In the US, 5 years residency in general surgery followed by one year fellowship is the rule.

In Uk and in Australia, pre-fellowship training in general surgery followed by two year of training in colorectal surgery.

In Egypt, Colorectal Fellowship was established by the executive council of the Egyptian Group of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (EGCRS) in 2010.

A consensus was established for a two year period of training in colorectal surgery following the five year training in general surgical.

Currently, participating in the Training Board in Colon and Rectal Surgery (TBCRS) is voluntary for colorectal units.

Before this,

The founders of the EGCRS passed through a hard learning curve to achieve their current specialty level.

As they were all trained to be general surgeons.

A few of our professors and mentors were working as colorectal surgeons which added to the difficulties we faced on our road to specialty recognition.

Founders of EGCRS (arranged alphabetically)

Ahmed Abdelaziz

Ahmed Farag

Ahmed Hussein

Mohamed Farid

Mohamed S. Ellbishi

Our past professors and mentors:

Ahmed Shafik

Hamdy Abdallah

Saeid el Kilany

Our road was made easier with immense technical support from various international experts which we would like to acknowledge.

Professor:

Cor Baten (Germany)

Harry Rosen (Netherlands)

Sugerbaker (USA)

Michael Keighley (UK)

Hans Peter Bruch (Germany)

Antonio Longo (Italy)

Michael Parker (UK)

Paul Goldberg (South Africa)



However, today I would like to express our special thanks to the vital and continuous support we got from the Cleveland Clinic Staff:

Victor Fazio

Tracy Hull

Conor Delaney



Dr Levery



Dr Senagore



Dr Jeffrey Milsom

I would like to honor today

Dr Victor Fazio

for his leadership in supporting
Egyptian visiting staff to work
with staff from Cleveland Clinic.



He visited Egypt several times
and attended the Egyptian
Society of Surgeons meetings.





In the meeting of Egyptian Society of General Surgeons.

He supervised a conjoint symposium in Alexandria University for training of surgeons and nurses on colorectal surgery (2000) .



He played a pivot role in inviting three of colorectal surgeons from Egypt to the Turnbull Symposium, Cleveland Ohio, 2002.



He was always keen to keep in touch with all Egyptian doctors who attend the American Society Annual meeting in Cleveland Clinic receptions .

He also supervised the live transmission of many operative sessions from Cleveland Clinic(the minimal invasive surgery center) and from Cairo.

More importantly,

He was a good friend, and a good reader of pharaonic history as he visited Luxor city several times during his stay in Egypt.



We are thankful to all those who have given us from their time and their effort.

At the end, we still have to go further in this challenging pathway to get more experience and skills to make it clearer and more innovative for our future colleagues in colorectal surgery.

Thank you