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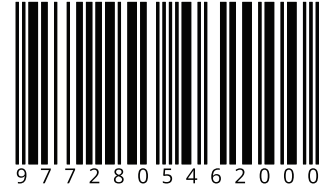


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GastroUiTM: CERTIFICATION COURSE OF ENDOSCOPIC FULL-THICKNESS RESECTION USING THE FTRD® SYSTEM

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On 10 February 2026, the Gastroenterology & Hepatology Unit (GastroUiTM) had the distinct honour of achieving a national milestone by conducting the first Certification Course of Endoscopic Full-Thickness Resection Using the FTRD® System in Malaysia. The programme was successfully organised at the Clinical Simulation Lab, Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah, UiTM, marking a significant advancement in the development of advanced therapeutic endoscopy services in the country.

The course was led by the renowned medical technology entrepreneur, Prof. Dr. Marc O. Schurr, of the Steinbeis-Transfer-Institute of Endoscopy and Technology and CEO of Ovesco Endoscopy AG, and PD Dr. Armin Kuellmer, Head of Interdisciplinary Gastrointestinal Endoscopy at Freiburg University Hospital, Germany. The hands-



PARTICIPANTS from Senior Gastroenterologist and Surgeons across Malaysia.



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on component was further supported by international faculties from Ovesco AG Asia Pacific based in India, ensuring



INTERACTIVE experience-sharing sessions and open question-and-answer discussions led by Prof. Dr. Marc O. Schurr.

close supervision and structured technical guidance throughout the training sessions.

Designed for advanced-level endoscopists, the course combined a series of comprehensive lectures covering indications, patient selection, device mechanics, procedural steps, and management of potential complications, with intensive hands-on practical training using simulation platforms and wet ex vivo tissue models. Interactive experience-sharing sessions and open question-and-answer discussions further enriched the learning experience.

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important firsts for GastroUiTM — it was the first time we utilised a wet lab/ex-vivo model and the first occasion in which senior consultant endoscopists from across Malaysia participated as course attendees. The participation of gastroenterologists, surgeons, and gastrointestinal assistants from both public and private sectors reflected the growing interest in expanding minimally invasive endoscopic options for complex colorectal lesions.

Participants expressed appreciation for





LECTURE session on FTRD® System by Prof. Dr. Marc O. Schurr of the Steinbeis-Transfer-Institute of Endoscopy and Technology, Germany.



ENDOSCOPIC Full-Thickness Resection



THE HANDS-ON session using simulation platforms and wet ex-vivo tissue models.



the meticulous engineering and thoughtful design of the FTRD® system, which demonstrated comprehensive functionality in addressing challenging lesions that previously required surgical intervention. A structured post-

course assessment was conducted, followed by the awarding of certification to successful participants, reinforcing the academic rigour of the programme.

FTRD® System provides another armament in our endoscopy capabilities as we complement the

move towards precision endoscopy. This course strengthened technical competency, enhanced clinical confidence, and underscored the value of international collaboration and structured training in advancing therapeutic endoscopy practice in



Using the FTRD® System.



HANDS-ON session with participation from gastroenterologists, surgeons, and gastrointestinal assistants.



ONLINE lecture on clinical experience by PD Dr. Armin Kuellmer, Head of Interdisciplinary Gastrointestinal Endoscopy at Freiburg University Hospital, Germany

Malaysia.

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CERTIFICATION awarded to successful participants by Prof. Dr. Marc O. Schurr.