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Best videos of the year in 2024 for the International Brazilian Journal of Urology - IBJU

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Dear readers,

It has truly been an incredible privilege to see our cherished journal achieve new echelons as a top 10 ranked international urological journal (based on updated impact factors for 2022), with now the IBJU having an impact factor of 3.7 which is an incredible achievement due in large part of the excellent work and leadership of our editor-in-chief Dr. Luciano Favorito and the entire editorial team committed to publishing only the highest quality peer reviewed scientific work and as well of the commitment of our international clinical investigators and leaders committed to publish their quality work in our esteemed journal. In this regard, I anticipate our journal will continue to have incredible success as a leading scientific journal within the global urology community for many years to come. One of my greatest honors as the video section editorial of the IBJU is to highlight some of the high quality videos published which not only depict cutting edge surgical approaches but offer the potential to innovate and re-define the treatment paradigm in surgical care for many urological conditions all in an effort to optimize surgical outcomes both in terms of treatment efficacy, functional results, and reduced surgical morbidity.

In this regard, I am pleased to announce the first prize for best video of the year to Dr. Cannoletta and colleagues from the department of urology, University of Illinois at Chicago as part of an international collaboration with centers in Italy in the video and abstract submission entitled "**Single-port transvesical vesico-vaginal fistula repair: An initial experience**" IBJU volume 50(4): 502-503, July-August 2024 (1). In this report of 4 patients managed using this novel minimally invasive surgical technique, the authors repair not only highlight an innovative surgical technique which is meticulously depicted but also with persistent favorable results at 3 months. There is no question this approach and technique has the potential to redefine the current treatment standard. The selection for second prize for best video of the year is awarded to Dr .Gamal and colleagues from the group of Dr. Vipul Patel at the AdventHealth Global Robotics Institute in a collaboration with Stanford University and the University of Central Florida in their accepted video submission entitled "**Step-by-step peritoneal bladder flap bunching (PBFB) technique: An innovative approach following lymph node dissection in robotic radical prostatectomy**" IBJU volume 50(5): 657-658, September-October 2024 (2). As conveyed by the authors, the occurrence of post-operative lymphoceles following lymph node dissection at time of robotic radical prostatectomy (RRP) although rare, adds potential morbidity and a ne-

cessity for secondary interventions in a subset of patients. Using a modified PBFB technique completed at time of RRP, this approach minimizes this risk using an easily learned and reproducible technique completed by one the most experienced surgeons in robotic prostatectomy and his team hence allowing to learn and benefit from their surgical refinements. The third prize for best videos of the year is awarded to Dr Fan and colleagues from the department of urology at Peking University in their video publication entitled "**Totally intracorporeal robot assisted bilateral ileal ureter replacement for the treatment of ureteral strictures using Kangduo surgical robot 2000 Plus**" IBJU volume 50(6): 781-782, November-December 2024 (3). The authors are to be congratulated for completing this complex bilateral ileal ureter reconstruction using an innovative surgical technique and robotic platform. The expansion in robotic platforms is critical in the dissemination and adoption of minimally invasive techniques accessible to patients and families across the globe. It also pushes the envelope in the further development and refinement in surgical tools integrating cutting edge technology. We should never become complacent that we have the best tools at hand as we owe it to our patients to push the envelope in always seeking to improve their lives.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you as dedicated readers and supporters of the video section of the IBJU in your commitment and dedication. It does not go unnoticed, and we are always seeking to promote and highlight advances in surgical technology and procedures which is at the fundamental basis of the field of urology. As we close out the present year, I want to wish each one of you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season with best wishes in the year 2025.

Warmest regards,

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