Society Report

Initiatives of the Digestive Endoscopy Society of Taiwan

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The Digestive Endoscopy Society of Taiwan (DEST) was established in 1992 with the initial aims of promoting the researches, publish academic journal, and hold varieties of conferences periodically. In the past 10 years, DEST has cooperated more with international digestive endoscopy societies and leading-edge experts in digestive endoscopy technique and technology. DEST has held many international sessions with 40 to 50 foreigner experts from Japan, Korea, China, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, USA and European in our annual meetings. To promote the techniques, knowledge and English ability of young Taiwanese endoscopists, DEST has had International Taiwan-Japan Endoscopy Forum of Digestive Disease every year since 2013. Recent two years, DEST also invite young endoscopists from other countries such as Thailand and Singapore to join. DEST also provides one to two quota of financial support for oversea international endoscopy meeting such as JGES, KSGE, IDEN, HK live and so on. TTEW with live demonstration has been the stage of communication of endoscopic techniques between Taiwanese international endoscopic consensuses.

DEST has started to carry out reforms in education in the past 10 year. DEST reset the requirements for fellows to complete before getting the endoscopy specialist certification. DEST also reset the criteria for endoscopy training centers this year. Stimulator and animal endoscopy training programs have designed and proposed by Simulators and Animal Models Working Group of DEST. The endoscopic fellows are requested to complete Basic Endoscopy Animal Training Program during 1st year of training. Advanced Endoscopy Animal workshops for ESD and PEOM are post-graduate courses. EUS training programs are held 4 times every year. IEE animal training workshops are set 1 ~ 2 per year. For ERCP, DEST executed the certification system of therapeutic ERCP since 4 years ago. The ERCP endoscopists are suggested to complete the certification. At Taiwan, only certificated ERCP endoscopists can perform Spyglass. DEST also established the training and certification system of endoscopic technicians.

About the research, DEST has complete the survey of digestive neuroendocrine tumors and made the endoscopic consensus according to Taiwan data. DEST also conducts multi-center studies about RFA, mucolifting agents, GI stenting and efficacy of ERCP training model. DEST has undertaken National Colorectal Cancer Screening Project.

DEST will continue to focus on reforming the education of endoscopists and endoscopic technicians and strengthening the cooperation with endoscopic societies of other counties, most important, to make the Asian endoscopic common core values.
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