Organizer's Comment

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The surgical procedure in all area has been toward minimally invasive treatment. In the trend, endourology, which started with the development of transurethral resection, now takes in all minimally invasive techniques including urologic laparoscopy. Laparoscopic surgery is the most commonly practiced and adapted to malignancies with continuing refreshment in technique. Laparoscopic surgery in urology has, in many instances, become the standard of care. However, this is associated with a steep learning curve because of its complexity and difficulty. This learning curve causes long operative times and potentially increases operative complications, and to date there are no world-wide usable credentialing guidelines.

In the 96th Annual Meeting of JUA, Professor Taiji Nishimura, congress chairman, takes up the international program of AUA-EAU-JUA Joint Meeting on the education of endourology, especially on laparoscopic surgical skill. As moderators, we expect panelist from each society describes the background to current experience of education on extension or limitation of laparoscopic surgeries, standing at the beginning of the twenty-first century.