How to educate young HBP surgeons

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Japanese surgeons have to obtain two to three steps to become an expert surgeon. First degree (basic) is correspondent to JSS (Japan Surgical Society). Second degree (expert) is correspondent to JSGS (Japanese Society of Gastroenterological Surgery). Third degree (highly expert) is correspondent to JSHBPS (Japanese Society of Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Surgery). Recently, number of surgeons has been decreasing probably due to changing mind of young generation in Japan. As the new members of JSS has been decreased, the number of JSHBPS is gradually decreasing. JSHBPS have launched an approved expert surgeons system in 2011. This is based on the concept that highly difficult HBP surgery should be done by approved expert surgeons who have experienced more than 50 to 100 highly demanding operations. Approximately 40 expert surgeons have been approved yearly. Their age average 45 years old because they have to pass the first and second degree training. Therefore we should encourage them to be HBP surgeons during long time. We have done a questionnaire for next generation young surgeons who have not decide to be surgeons. It suggested that they are not satisfied with their practice due to less opportunity of HBP surgery. Based on those results our department is trying to change our policy. In this lecture I would present of our updated training system for HBP surgeons.