

I am Dr Tejas Nikumbh, a surgeon from India. I was previously an Assistant Professor in Surgery at Grant Government Medical College which is the oldest and largest medical college and public hospital in Western India. My role here involved taking care of patients especially from the socially and economically poor class of the society. I was also actively involved in training of surgical residents and medical students, guiding them in their academic and clinical work.

I am currently pursuing a Fellowship in Liver Transplantation and HPB Surgery in Mumbai. I did an observership at Indiana University Hospital from 16 April to 15 May, 2018 under the mentorship of Dr Richard Shane Mangus, Associate Professor & Director Intestine Transplant, Department of Surgery, Indiana University. During this period, I worked with Arianna Cabrales, a medical student to review all the intestine and multi-visceral transplants (n=260) performed by the centre.

Intestinal and Multi-visceral transplant is a technically challenging procedure which requires a high level of expertise. It comprises not only of Gastro-intestinal surgery but requires proficiency in Vascular Surgery, Immunology and Nutrition as well. Hence, very few centres across the world have been able to perform this surgery successfully. Our paper aims to summarize the vascular anomalies and complications in these patients. This project has been accepted for presentation at the 2019 ASC.

I understand that my work was carried out in the USA but I am really keen on attending the ASC, as it would provide me an opportunity to enhance my knowledge and skills required for a successful career in Academic Surgery. Considering the cost of travel and accommodation, along with high currency exchange rates, I am looking for financial assistance to attend the ASC, 2019.