Robot Assisted Trans Axillary Thyroidectomy: A Subcontinent Experience

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We read with interest “Robot Assisted Trans Axillary Thyroidectomy: A Subcontinent experience” by Gupta et al. [1]. We congratulate the authors on their “three arm single incision” technique and their results they achieved, even though the numbers are small. We agree with the authors regarding the learning curve and that docking time decreases with time and also minor adjustments to suit Indian patients with different profile when compared to their Korean Counterparts with screen detected malignancies and smaller goiters [2]. We have few queries which many interest future readers.

The authors have mentioned Rs. 35,000 and Rs. 15,000 for Robotic and open hemi thyroidectomy however the Robotic patients would have stayed more in the hospital post-surgery than an uneventful open hem thyroidectomy. Did the authors compare the Total cost for Robotic and open hem thyroidectomies? What was the indication for

surgery in patients with FNAC diagnosis of colloid goiter? Did the authors find less of sensation over the tunnel area, which can be sometimes troublesome in female patients? Do the authors feel gasless techniques provide any added advantage over techniques which employ gas [3]?

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