Continuous medical education programmes: our expectations

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Respected Sir,

Namaste. In my past eight years of Surgical Residency which included three years in General Surgery and then five years in Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, many of my fellow residents with whom I work or meet during conferences or continuous medical education (CME) programmes and I always talk about the necessity of the following issues in CME programmes:

1. We as residents/young surgeons want to listen to some basic tips from experienced surgeons as well as recent advances in respective fields. But to our disappointment many times speakers instead of teaching us the basics and recent advances talk about their own achievements, as if they are presenting a paper on the subject, thus killing the whole idea of teaching us and refreshing our knowledge.
2. Live video sessions which are now part of many CME programmes and conferences are generally more time consuming and less informative, neither they give chance to interact with surgeons team

properly nor it is ethical for operating team to divert its attention in answering questions of audiences or checking the communication system repeatedly!!! Instead of live surgeries we can be shown edited videos of particular procedure with surgeon sitting in the same hall and explaining each step, thus making the whole exercise more informative in less time. This will also solve the frustration of missing/disturbed links that we so frequently face during such live sessions.

3. And lastly, to increase the interaction and flow of knowledge among residents, there should be some platform at all India level, may be an internet based group, duly recognized by Association of Surgeons of India and other respective associations, in which residents can discuss and share not only academic information but also job opportunities, work experience etc.

**Thanking You.
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