

Dr (Prof) Rajesh K. Ahlawat

Urologist | Robotic Surgeon | Renal Transplant Surgeon | Academic & Institutional Leader

Group Chairman, Urology, Max Healthcare
Chairman, Centre of Excellence for Prostate and Urological Cancers
Max Super Speciality Hospital, Sector 128, Noida, India

Internationally recognised urologist, robotic surgeon, renal transplant surgeon and academic leader with more than four decades of experience. An institution-builder who has established and led major programmes in urology, uro-oncology, robotic surgery and renal transplantation at SGPGIMS, Indraprastha Apollo, Fortis, Medanta and Max Healthcare. Led the clinical development and international dissemination of robot-assisted kidney transplantation with regional hypothermia through peer-reviewed research, invited plenary lectures, live surgical demonstrations and global mentorship. Recipient of the President's Gold Medal of the Urological Society of India and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the North Zone Urological Society of India.

Current Leadership

Group Chairman, Urology; Chairman, Centre of Excellence for Prostate and Urological Cancers

Max Healthcare, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Sector 128, Noida | *December 2024-Present*

- Clinical, administrative, academic and programme-development leadership in urology, uro-oncology, robotic surgery and renal transplantation.
- Member, Group Medical Advisory Council, Max Healthcare; Advisor, Robotic Urology and Training.
- Development of a comprehensive prostate and urological cancer programme integrating advanced imaging, transperineal targeted biopsy, robotic surgery, focal therapy, medical oncology, radiation oncology, genomics and theranostics.

Selected Landmark Contributions

- Led the clinical development and performance of the world's first robot-assisted kidney transplantation incorporating intracorporeal regional hypothermia, performed at Medanta on 9 January 2013 as part of the Vattikuti Urology Institute-Medanta collaboration.
- Developed and disseminated the technique through the IDEAL framework, high-impact peer-reviewed publications, international plenary lectures, live surgical demonstrations and mentorship of programmes in India, Europe, the United Kingdom, Turkey and the United States.
- Initiated India's first laparoscopic donor nephrectomy programme at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital in 1999.
- Established or led major urology, robotic-surgery and renal-transplant programmes across multiple academic and corporate institutions in India.
- Contributed to international consensus and curriculum development in robotic surgery and to national Standard Treatment Guidelines for Urology.

Honours and Distinctions

- Lifetime Achievement Award, North Zone Urological Society of India, for outstanding contribution to urology.
- President's Gold Medal, Urological Society of India, 2016-2017.
- P. N. Berry Scholarship for Higher Surgical Training in the United Kingdom, 1995.
- Chakraborty Fellowship, Indian American Urological Association, 1994.
- Late G. M. Phadke Fellowship, Urological Society of India, 1986.
- Babu Kashi Ram Dhawan Gold Medal for first rank in M.S. (General Surgery), King George's Medical College, 1980.
- Best National Reviewer Award, Indian Journal of Urology, 2013.

- Multiple national and international awards for scientific videos, posters and surgical presentations, including best-poster recognition at EAU 2014 and best-video recognition at AUA 2020.

Major Leadership Appointments

Group Chairman, Institute of Urology and Robotic Surgery

Medanta Hospitals | *April 2018-December 2024 (on approved leave during 2022)*

Director, Department of Urology

The Mount Sinai Hospital / Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, USA | *2022*

Chairman, Fortis Escorts Kidney and Urology Institute

Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi | *April 2016-April 2018*

Chairman, Division of Urology and Renal Transplantation

Medanta Kidney and Urology Institute, Gurugram | *January 2010-April 2016*

Director, Urology and Renal Transplantation

Fortis Hospitals, New Delhi | *April 2006-December 2009*

Senior Consultant, Urology and Renal Transplantation

Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi | *February 1997-April 2006*

Additional Professor / Associate Professor / Assistant Professor

Department of Urology and Renal Transplantation, SGPGIMS, Lucknow | *June 1987-January 1997*

Education and Advanced Training

Year	Qualification	Institution
1986	M.Ch. (Urology)	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
1982	MNAMS (General Surgery), by examination	National Board of Examinations, India
1980	M.S. (General Surgery), first rank	King George's Medical College, Lucknow
1977	M.B.B.S.	King George's Medical College, Lucknow
1995-1996	Clinical Assistant and Honorary Lecturer	Institute of Urology and Nephrology, University College London Hospitals, London

International Academic and Professional Leadership

- Elected member, Board of Directors, Endourological Society, 2009-2012.
- Convener, Core Urology Group for Standard Treatment Guidelines, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, 2011.
- Member, international multidisciplinary group that developed a standardised training curriculum for robotic surgery.
- Member, Delphi consensus on the ERUS robot-assisted partial nephrectomy curriculum.
- Invited faculty and speaker at AUA, EAU, SIU, UAA, World Congress of Endourology and major national conferences.
- Invited live-surgery faculty for robotic kidney transplantation, robotic uro-oncology and advanced laparoscopic urology at centres across India, Europe, the United Kingdom, Turkey and the United States.

Research, Scholarship and Publications

- More than 60 indexed original scientific publications, with major contributions in robotic kidney transplantation, minimally invasive renal transplantation, robotic partial nephrectomy, uro-oncology and endourology.
- Key publications in European Urology, Journal of Urology, BJU International, Journal of Endourology, Transplantation and other peer-reviewed journals.
- Author or co-author of multiple textbook chapters on robotic renal transplantation, minimally invasive kidney transplantation, robotic reconstructive surgery and complications of robotic urologic surgery.
- Editorial committee member and reviewer for leading urological journals, including Indian Journal of Urology, Journal of Urology, BJU International, European Urology Focus, Urology and Journal of Endourology.

Teaching and Mentorship

- Four decades of postgraduate teaching in M.Ch. and DNB urology programmes.
- Mentor to multiple generations of urologists, renal-transplant surgeons, minimally invasive surgeons and robotic-surgery fellows now holding senior academic and clinical positions in India and abroad.
- Founder and convenor of masterclasses, live operative workshops and complication-focused educational programmes in robotic and reconstructive urology.

Selected Invited Orations and Plenary Lectures

- Plenary state-of-the-art lecture, "Role of Robotic Surgery in Renal Transplantation," American Urological Association, New Orleans, 2015.
- EAU debate, "Is Robot-Assisted Renal Transplantation the Future?", Munich, 2016.
- Joint EAU-USI and ERUS-ESUT sessions on robotic renal transplantation, Madrid, 2015.
- Prof. P. V. G. Oration on robotic renal transplantation, Karnataka Association of Urology, 2014.
- Dr. A. N. Gaikwad Oration on robotic renal transplantation with regional hypothermia, 2013.
- Prof. P. B. Sivaraman Endowment Lecture on laparoscopy in urology, 2011.

Professional Memberships

Urological Society of India | American Urological Association | Endourological Society | Société Internationale d'Urologie | Indian American Urological Association | European Association of Urology

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