

Rouviere's sulcus is an important anatomical landmark in laparoscopic cholecystectomy. It is a 2–5 cm fissure on the liver between the right lobe and caudate process. The benefit of finding the Rouviere's sulcus during laparoscopic cholecystectomy is supported by the fact that the cystic duct and artery lay anterosuperior to the sulcus, and the common bile duct lays below the level of the sulcus. In this issue of WJOLS an important article is about Anatomical Variations of Rouviere's Sulcus Observed during Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy. Role of Preoperative Ultrasonography Findings in Predicting Difficult Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy is another good article to help general surgeon to perform safe laparoscopic cholecystectomy.



Although multiple operations have been described for the surgical treatment of rectal prolapse over the past 150 years, there have been very few trials conducted to compare treatments and even fewer to compare the functional outcomes. There is an important article in this issue on Short-term Outcomes of Laparoscopic Ventral Approach of Rectopexy with Polypropylene Mesh for Rectal Prolapse.

The robotic system is designed to work better in confined places such as the pelvis. The transition to robotic pelvic dissection for rectal cancer after laparoscopic mobilization of the splenic flexure facilitates dissection and prevents any disruption at the flow of the operation. There is a good meta-analysis in this issue about Laparoscopic vs Robotic Approach for Rectal Cancer.

Evolution of Surgical Management for Ulcerative Colitis in the Last Decade and Prevalence of Malignant Tumors of the Appendix in Patients with a History of Appendectomy and its Association with Demographic and Laboratory Variables and many more important articles are there in this issue that you will definitely like.

On behalf of the World Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons, the Editorial Board and the Editorial Team of our journal, I would like to wish all the authors, patrons and readers a wonderful and prosperous year ahead!

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