

Activities of AMFA (Association Medicale Franco Asiatique) in Myanmar (Burma)

Dr Alain Patel (France) reports:

The president Dr Alain Patel Ortho surgeon from Paris France is present in the country on different projects since the past 39 years and was doing reports in The WOC letter many times in the past.

In 2019 he went 3 times in Myanmar: the situation of orthopaedic surgery is very good ortho surgeons are around 500 members and they have an annual meeting regularly with good papers

They have two big orthopaedic hospitals in Yangon and Mandalay and the ministry is sending ortho surgeons in each province hospital and provide instruments and implants. Emergency doctors are post now in many hospitals and they know about trauma cases. The surgeons can also practice after office hours in good private hospitals.

Total knee prosthesis and THR can be done in the biggest hospitals where autoclaves are working well

Scoliosis procedures are currently being done in Yangon where French teams with children action (NGO) is helping and in Mandalay.

In 2019 the great progress is the opening of a national school of surgery in Yangon medical university

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Opening was done on December 2nd by Mrs Aung San Suu Kyi, the Peace Nobel Prize winner and State Counsellor. The organiser of the project is the rector Dr Zaw Way Soe, an Orthopaedic surgeon. In the new building two floors are for surgical simulators and AMFA organised a room for microsurgery with 10 microscopes and one for demonstration. Two Burmese nurses will be trained in Paris to act as technicians

In the Anatomy department AMFA was helping to set up a new dissection room with 5 operating tables and one cold room (- 20° C) was built to keep the bodies. The first teaching team in abdominal surgery taught from Dec 16-22.

The school is for all surgical specialities, but Ortho courses will be organisers. AMFA with French teams will be in charge of teaching during years 2020-21 and after that the Burmese teachers will take over.



