

Dr. Jacques Himpens

- 1977 M.D., University of Leuven, Belgium
- 1977 to 1982 Training at the University Hospital of Leuven
- 1982 Qualified general surgeon
- 1982 to 1984 Benefited from additional training at the New York Medical College
- 1984 Private practice in Belgium
- 1991 Joined the Free University of Brussels where he is presently active in the department of digestive and laparoscopic surgery (director G.B. Cadiere)
- 1993 Joined the St Blasius Hospital, Dendermonde



Currently performs obesity surgery in several different hospitals throughout the world

Obesity surgery experience

- Started laparoscopic obesity surgery in 1994.
- Performed laparoscopic lapband surgery routinely since 1994 totalling over 2500 procedures.
- Performed laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy since 2001 (over 700 procedures). Sometimes he performs this as the first step of a DS.
- Performed laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass routinely since March 1999 totalling over 1250 procedures with excellent results.
- Performed laparoscopic Scopinaro/DS routinely since November 2001 totalling over 400 procedures with excellent results.
- Performed laparoscopic redo interventions (gastric bypass and duodenal switch or sleeve after lapband or Mason/VBG) routinely since 2003 totalling over 450 procedures with excellent results.

General surgical experience

- Performed laparoscopic procedures as early as December 1990
- Performed the first laparoscopic nephrectomy in Belgium in 1992
- Experienced in functional surgery of the stomach and performed over 400 laparoscopic Nissen
- Performed the world's first robotic laparoscopic operation surgery in 1997

Live procedures

Regularly performs live procedures in front of audiences in London, Rotterdam, Linköping, Fallkopping, Malmö, Stockholm, Bordeaux, Paris, Strasbourg, Madeira, Lisbon, Sevilla, Barcelona, Valencia, Hamburg, Innsbruck, Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Yokohama, Fukuoka, Bangkok, and Seoul.

Published contributions

Published more than 80 medical articles in journals worldwide including the British Journal of Surgery, Surgical Endoscopy, Obesity Surgery, Journal de Coelio-Chirurgie, Annales de Chirurgie, American College of Surgery, American Journal of Surgery, Surgical Laparoscopy & Endoscopy, International Surgery, Hepato-Gastroenterology, Encyclopedie Medico-Chirurgicale, Journal of Surgical Engineering, Injury.