This is the first meeting of a new series of international updates in Surgical Oncology. Experienced surgeons coming from high volume reference centres all over the world participate into these meetings to exchange their knowledge in research and care of different cancers of the digestive tract.

The topics of this conference are cardia and stomach cancer. While an overall decrease of gastric cancer incidence has been registered in the last decades, cardia cancer rate is dramatically increasing, being unrelated to the strength to eradicate Helicobacter Pylori infection.

In this meeting, the actual guidelines and indications to endoscopic treatment will be reported by well-known gastroenterologists who have developed techniques adopted in the world. The development of both laparoscopic and robotic procedures for total and distal gastrectomy in case of gastric cancer will be explained by particularly skilled minimally invasive gastric surgeons; in this session a particular attention will be paid to the MIS techniques for performing oesophago- and gastro-jejunal anastomoses.

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