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Dear Australian Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons,

I would like to extend an invitation to you and the members of the ASOS, to the Sydney Robotics Summit being held in Sydney on Saturday 23rd June. The summit is a multi-specialty meeting focused on surgical robotic technology which has been organized by the Institute of Academic surgery at Royal Prince Alfred hospital. This year for the first time it includes a full Orthopaedic program. With robotic technology starting to penetrate into widespread use amongst Orthopaedic surgeons, this meeting presents a timely forum to examine a full overview of exactly what's available, how it is being used, what benefits (and challenges) the technology presents, and how it can be safely incorporated into surgeons practice.

The summit will begin with a combined session discussing robotic technology being used in multiple disciplines including Orthopaedics, Urology, Cardiothoracic, and Upper GI surgery. Breakout sessions will then commence for more in-depth presentations in all these specialties. For those interested in robotics in surgery overall, this multi-disciplinary forum is an ideal way to get a comprehensive overview of the current state of play in the broader field, and for those just interested in our own specialty we have an excellent in-depth program.

The Orthopaedic program includes outstanding array of speakers who are highly experienced in using robotic delivery techniques for their hip and knee replacements. They will be discussing all the available robotic systems for Orthopaedics in Australia, including the Mako, Omnibotics and Navio systems, and discuss the benefits these systems can provide, the difficulties in transitioning to their use from traditional techniques, and why they feel these tools are good for their patients. The program incorporates presentations, panel discussions, and debates and our sponsors will have each of their respective robotic systems there for interaction in the industry hall.

This is the second year of the Sydney Robotics Summit, and the first to include a full Orthopaedic program. If last year's summit is anything to go by it is an excellent way for our members to get a great overview of how robotic technology is penetrating into widespread use, the challenges and benefits it may bring to how to we treat our patients, and some very useful feedback from those who are experienced in its use

I would appreciate you forwarding this invitation to all the members of the ASOS, and I have attached a flyer detailing the summit along with a link to the registration site. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Sydney Robotics Summit 2018.

Warm regards

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Sydney Robotics Summit 2018