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*Ever tried
Ever failed
No matter
Try again
Fail again
Fail better*

Samuel Beckett

Dear Colleagues,

There are two kinds of surgeons who never experience complications: those who never operate and those who lie.

Accidents do happen in surgery, no matter how hard we try to avoid them. This is a reality we all have to cope with.

The **Belgian Group for Endoscopic Surgery (BGES)** will organise its biennial congress on **February 23rd, 2018 in Antwerp.**

The theme will be:

Complications in laparoscopic surgery

We would like to try to organise our congress in a deferred live format.

This is where we need your help. We would like to collect videos of laparoscopic complications.

- We would like you to record your laparoscopic operations if your facilities allow it and not to stop the recording if a mishap should occur. We would like to see the way you handle the complication. Our plan is to have these tapes presented as deferred live surgery, to be able to discuss the complication and the way it was handled.
 - If you happen to have such videos but think presenting it yourself to your peers might be detrimental, one of us can present the case anonymously.
 - If we don't receive enough "live" videos, our backup plan would be to discuss shorter existing video's of complications in a more conventional presentation format. You are welcome to send in eventual shorter videos if you happen to have any.
 - Complications of thoracoscopic procedures are also welcome.
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We should help each other to get wiser from our mishaps. Seeing the way complications are dealt with is often much more interesting than a clear cut programmed surgery. We are therefore certain that our congress can be a success. But we need your help to make it. If your video is selected, you will be invited to present it yourself unless you want us to do it for you. The BGES will participate in travel- and hotel expenses.

Fill out in the included form and mail it back to c.degheldere@skynet.be if you think you have a case you would be able to present. Information to transfer your videos will follow in due time.

We thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Charles de Gheldere M.D.

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Length of the
video :

Has the complication been seen or missed intraoperatively ?.....

Further comments :

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We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

A first selection will be made as soon as possible . We will come back to you to ask extra information or to ask you to transfer us your video for reviewing and selection.

Kind regards,

Charles de Gheldere

Secretary general BGES

