

Delegate Programme

Two-day regional forum

InterContinental Bangkok, Thailand · 28 to 30 October 2026 · Invitation only

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A working forum, by the region and for the region. Urology Futures Asia brings together endourology leaders from across Southeast Asia, Japan and Australia, together with the EMS distribution partner from each country, for two days of discussion, small group work and shared problem solving. You are here as a contributor rather than as an audience, and everything the two days produce is published under the names of the people who produced it.

What we will ask of you

- To contribute in every session. Each one ends in something the group has built together, such as a map, a framework or a plan, and each of those becomes a chapter of the regional Report.
- To speak from your own setting. The value of this room is the contrast between twelve health systems, so an honest description of what you can and cannot do is worth more than a polished one. This includes saying openly when you do not have the data, as a reflection of the reality of your health system. Where the region has no evidence at all is one of the most useful things this forum can establish, and naming it is a contribution rather than a gap.
- To be an author. Delegates who contribute to the dataset receive authorship or acknowledgement on the papers that follow.

Programme at a glance

The welcome evening · Wednesday 28 October

Time	
From 15:00	Delegate arrival, forum registration and hotel check in
From 17:45	Prayer room open and signposted
18:30	Opening Welcome Dinner. This is your first engagement of the forum.

Day One • Thursday 29 October

Time	
08:30-09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00-09:30	Welcome, orientation and introductions
09:30-10:40	Session 1 • The State of Endourology in Southeast Asia
10:40-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:20	Session 2 • Access to Care and Regional Disparities
12:20-13:20	Lunch
13:20-14:50	Session 3 • Innovation, Adoption and Evaluation
14:50-15:10	Coffee break
15:10-16:30	Session 4 • Workforce and Training Challenges
16:30-16:45	Day One synthesis and close
19:30	Gala dinner

Day Two • Friday 30 October • concludes 15:00

Time	
08:15-08:30	Arrival coffee
08:30-08:45	Day Two opening and recap of Day One
08:45-10:20	Session 5 • Leading and Deciding Under Pressure
10:20-10:50	Coffee break and group photograph
10:50-12:25	Session 6 • The Future Patient Journey
12:25-13:40	Lunch and Jumu'ah • prayers held at the hotel
13:40-14:30	Session 7 • Endourology 2030-2035
14:30-15:00	Closing panel, commitments and ceremony

About the sessions

A short overview of each session across the two days.

The welcome evening • Opening Welcome Dinner • Wednesday 28 October, 18:30

The full meeting with clinicians from across the region begins here, over dinner the evening before Day One. It is a relaxed chance to meet fellow delegates, the faculty and the distribution partners before the working sessions start the following morning.

Day 1 • Session 1 • 09:30–10:40 The State of Endourology in Southeast Asia

The forum opens with a regionally owned picture of where endourology stands across Southeast Asia: the stone disease burden, the workforce, access to technology and the payer reality, brought together for the first time. We look honestly at where the data is strong and where it does not exist at all, then you plot your own centre against the same four areas. **The pooled profiles become the opening chapter of the Report.**

Day 1 • Session 2 • 11:00–12:20 Access to Care and Regional Disparities

Five short perspectives from across the region open up where the real gaps in access lie: geography, cost, workforce and infrastructure. Together we trace the chain every new technology has to pass through, from funding and procurement to training, maintenance and reimbursement, and map exactly where it breaks for each of us. **The result is a shared regional access map and the levers most worth pulling.**

Day 1 • Session 3 • 13:20–14:50 Innovation, Adoption and Evaluation

How do we judge new technology honestly, and make a compelling case for procurement to approve it? This session offers a practical way to evaluate equipment. Five colleagues describe a real business case they have taken to management and what happened to it. **You then build the case for a genuine purchasing decision of your own and have it challenged by the room, including by the industry partners present.**

Day 1 • Session 4 • 15:10–16:30 Workforce and Training Challenges

The region's future depends on the people it can train, distribute and keep. We look at the workforce as a pipeline, then narrow deliberately to the part that you can actually change: the environment your colleagues work in. Burnout is treated as a signal about the system rather than a personal failing, and we look at what the evidence says actually reduces it. **You leave with one change you could make in your own unit within ninety days.**

Day 2 • Session 5 • 08:45–10:20 Leading and Deciding Under Pressure

The skills that separate good days from bad ones in theatre are rarely technical. This session covers team communication and human factors, working styles and influence, and how a concern actually gets raised and heard across a hierarchy. We work a real case together and agree the words each of us would use. **The session closes on the conversation most of us avoid, the difficult one with a colleague, and a structure for having it.**

Day 2 • Session 6 • 10:50–12:25 The Future Patient Journey

Outcomes are set across the whole patient journey, not only in theatre. This session maps the stone pathway end to end, from presentation and imaging through treatment, recovery and follow up, and finds where yours leaks time, quality or patients. **We then ask the harder question: why has the obvious improvement not already happened?**

Day 2 • Lunch and Jumu'ah • 12:25–13:40

Lunch is served from 12:25, so that colleagues can eat either before or after prayers. For those observing, Friday prayers are held at the hotel, with khutbah at approximately 12:45. The afternoon session begins at 13:40.

Day 2 • Session 7 • 13:40–14:30 Endourology 2030–2035

The forum closes by turning two days of work into a ten year direction for the region. We present the pooled findings from the delegate questionnaire back to the room, twelve countries and one dataset assembled for the first time, and one representative from each country responds to their own numbers. **Those responses shape five themes for 2030 to 2035, and each table commits to one concrete thing the region will do.**

Day 2 • Closing panel, commitments and ceremony • 14:30–15:00

Each table presents its commitment to the room, and the forum closes at 15:00.

Before you come

The questionnaire

You will receive two short questionnaires in advance: one for the representative of each country, and one about your own unit. Between them they cover case volumes, stone composition, imaging, equipment and reprocessing, costs, complications and follow up.

They will take longer than you expect, so please allow a couple of hours and look figures up rather than estimating them. This dataset does not currently exist anywhere, and it is the foundation of the Report and of the papers that follow. Delegates who contribute receive authorship or acknowledgement in return.

Three things to bring with you

- One real purchasing decision you are trying to get through at the moment, with rough numbers. You will build the business case for it in Session 3.
- Your unit's approximate annual activity, such as case numbers, waiting times and length of stay. Estimates are fine.
- One change your department has tried to make and failed to make. You will diagnose why in Session 6.

Short talks

Ten delegates will each be asked to give a five minute talk, five in Session 2 and five in Session 3. If we would like you to take one of these we will contact you separately, with a brief, a template and a deadline. Please use the template we send you and keep to three or four slides. Slides are collected one week in advance so that nothing has to be loaded on the day.

Practical information

Prayers

- A dedicated prayer room is available throughout the forum, with separate areas for men and women and the qibla clearly marked. It is signposted from the registration desk and open from 17:45 on Wednesday, before the welcome dinner.

- There is a restroom next to the prayer room. Please note that the hotel does not have dedicated wudu facilities.
- Jumu'ah is held at the hotel on Friday 30 October, with khutbah at approximately 12:45, within a protected break that runs from 12:25 to 13:40.

Catering

- All food at every meal and every break across the three days is prepared with halal certified ingredients. Please note that the hotel does not operate a separate halal kitchen.
- Please tell us about any other dietary requirement when you confirm your attendance, and we will arrange it.

Language and format

- The forum runs in English.
- We are asking ten colleagues to prepare a short talk before the forum. If you are one of them and would rather not present, please let us know. If you would like something repeated or explained again, please say so at any point. It is almost always because we explained it badly.
- Most of the work happens in small mixed groups of five or six, deliberately mixing countries and sectors.

Venue and joining details

InterContinental Bangkok, 973 Phloen Chit Road, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand. Full joining instructions, including travel, accommodation and dress, follow separately.

What you take away

- A named authorship or acknowledgement on the papers arising from the dataset you have helped build.
- The regional Report, published within twelve weeks of the forum, with chapters edited by delegates from this cohort.
- A business case, a pathway redesign and a ninety day plan, each built around your own service rather than a worked example.
- A cohort of colleagues across twelve countries who are working on the same problems.

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