




# YOU'RE INVITED

*Advanced robotic  
colorectal cadaveric  
workshop with da Vinci 5*



 Monday, 4 May 2026

 Morning session 8:00am – 12:00pm  
Afternoon session 1:00pm – 5:00pm

 CTEC – Clinical Training and Evaluation Centre  
35 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA 6009

Join **Dr Rahila Essani** and **A/Prof Abe Jacob** for a hands-on cadaveric workshop focused on advanced robotic colorectal techniques using the da Vinci 5 – the newest evolution in robotic surgical technology. This immersive programme is designed for colorectal and general surgeons seeking to advance their robotic skill set, refine operative workflows, and gain practical experience in complex colonic resections.

**PRIMARY PROCEDURAL FOCUS:**

- Robotic Right Hemicolectomy
- Robotic Left-Sided / Sigmoid Colectomy
- Vascular Control and Central Ligation Techniques
- Medial-to-Lateral vs Lateral-to-Medial Approaches
- Robotic Stapling and Intracorporeal Anastomosis
- Tips for Optimising da Vinci 5 Ergonomics and Efficiency

**REGISTER NOW:**

**MORNING SESSION**

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact your local Device Technologies representative.

# WORKSHOP FACILITATORS



## **DR RAHILA ESSANI**

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*Colorectal Surgeon, United States*

**Dr Rahila Essani** is a board-certified Colorectal and General Surgeon with over two decades of experience specialising in minimally invasive and robotic colorectal surgery. A national and internationally recognised leader, Dr Essani has refined and advanced techniques such as transanal and transvaginal specimen extraction, intracorporeal anastomosis, and natural orifice surgery.

She currently serves as Program Director at a Robotic Total Practice Observation Site, overseeing education and training in robotic colorectal surgery. Dr Essani is a sought-after speaker at premier surgical conferences including SAGES, ASCRS, and SRS, and was a co-chair of the 2024 NOSCART Summit.

A passionate advocate for surgical education and mentorship, she is dedicated to expanding access to robotic training and fostering equitable proctorship pathways, particularly for women surgeons. Her research focuses on AI-assisted surgical coaching, enhanced recovery protocols, and simulation-based training.



## **A/PROF ABE JACOB**

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*General Surgeon, Australia*

**A/Prof Abraham Jacob** graduated with honours from UTAS Medical School in 2007. He trained in General Surgery at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, specialising in trauma and transplant surgery. He became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2015. A/Prof Jacob then pursued sub-specialty training in Colorectal Surgery through CSSANZ at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide and Fiona Stanley Hospital in Perth.

With a keen interest in minimally invasive techniques, A/Prof Jacob focuses on laparoscopic surgery, transanal minimally invasive surgery (TAMIS), and da Vinci robotic colorectal surgery. He also possesses expertise in pelvic floor disorders and has received additional training in Sacral Nerve Modulation for fecal incontinence.

Originally from Melbourne and now based in Perth, A/Prof Jacob is dedicated to his profession and he strives to provide excellent care while remaining at the forefront of advancements in his field.