Medical breakthrough





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DR AL ABBASI



Advanced colorectal cancer surgery performed by a team of doctors at BDF hospital

TaTME procedure explored first time in the Kingdom for colorectal surgeries.

Professor Luigi Boni, Chief of Surgery at the University of Milan, supervised the surgery at BDF.

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n a groundbreaking surgery, a new laparoat the Bahrain Defence Hospital to remove a colorectal tumor from a patient.

Consultant general surgeon Dr Thamer Abbasi, supervised by Professor Luigi Boni, Chief of Surmedical tourism.

The most important challenge in cancer surgery invasive surgery.



scopic technique was successfully performed is to remove all cancerous cells in the body. The effort becomes a bit complicated in colorectal surgery. Sometimes we have to remove everything, the muscles and even the colon completely."

The surgeon said TaTME is one of the latgery at the University of Milan, led the surgery est procedures to deal with colorectal cancers. which is considered to be a medical milestone "TaTME is a very new procedure, we are probably for the Kingdom, which is an emerging hub of one of the first centres in the Gulf to perform a surgery like this. It is very exciting to be a part Speaking to Tribune, Dr Al Abbasi said, "The of a groundbreaking initiative like this. Professor way when it comes to performing major surgeries procedure is commonly called the Tatme Proce- Luigi Boni came down to help start the pro- in the Kingdom. We need such groundbreaking General Professor Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, ire. It can be considered a medical milestone. gramme. The best part is that it is a minimum

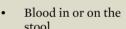
When asked about the number of colorectal cancer cases in Bahrain, he said, "The incidence of colorectal cancer (CRC) in the Kingdom, based on the latest cancer registry cases in Gulf Cooperation Council countries, was 40/100,000 in men and 32/100,000 in women. Moreover, when compared to other Gulf countries, Bahrain has highest incidence rates for the disease. CRC is a disease mainly affecting middle-aged and elderly people with a majority being diagnosed after the

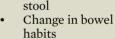
He said the Kingdom needed more steps to tackle these rising number of cases. "We don't have a national screening programme, and we can detect the disease at early stages by conducting colonoscopy on patients who are susceptible to the disease."

Dr Al Abbasi said the authorities should immediately implement such screening programmes. "A new study carried out by the American Cancer Society has showed increasing cases of colorectal cancer among young people, adults in their 20s and 30s.

"I think, a little more efforts will take us a long surgeries to boost the Kingdom's status as a med ical hub in the region."

Never ignore symptoms





Stools that are narrower than usual

- General stomach discomfort (bloating, fullness, and/or cramps)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, constipation, or feeling that the bowel does not empty completely
- Frequent gas pains
- Weight loss for no apparent reason
- Rectal bleeding
- Constant tiredness, or new fatigue during activity that was previously tolerated

Commander of Royal Medical Services, Major BDF hospital, who performed the surgery.



Two British School of Bahrain students, Bianca Govind and Tanisha Banerjee have received a scholarship offered by the French Embassy to attend a prestigious two-week French language summer camp in Nice.

Bandar Al Dar jetty project on track



Works Ministry officials inspect the site

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Al Dar jetty in Sias 85 per cent of the scheme charge of the project. has already completed, it emerged.

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