ASADA HERNIA surgeon Associate Professor Maurice Brygel and Dr Gerry Ahern have recently published an interactive educational program on the US McGraw-Hill Access Surgery subscription website. Titled Exploring Essential Surgery, the program appears alongside some of the most established surgery textbooks in the recently developed Clerkship Corner. Anatomy, clinical skills and surgical treatment lessons are demonstrated using text, graphics, photos and video clips. A range of surgical conditions are included, from cerebral tumours, to hernias and ingrown toenails.

The program features Masada Hospital specialists, including Mr Joe Robin and Mr Stephen Csongyav (Orthopaedics); Mr Uri Hanegbi and Mr Mark Frydenberg (Urology); Mr Len Matthews (Gynaecology); Mr Steven Kleid (ENT); Mr Michael Schenberg (Maxillofacial) and Mr Charles Leinkram, Mr Peter Grossberg and Mr Adam Rapaport. A/Prof Maurice Brygel is one of Masada’s general surgeons and director of the Masada based Melbourne Hernia Clinic. He is also a senior lecturer at both Melbourne and Monash universities.

Dr Gerry Ahern is a clinical anatomist at Notre Dame Medical School, where he is a senior lecturer and directs the education program for final year medical students. He is a major contributor to the postgraduate Diploma of Anatomy course convened at Melbourne University.

Together Dr Ahern and A/Prof Brygel have developed the Exploring Essential Surgery program as an interactive educational program, also available as an iPhone App and iBook. The program covers topics including anatomy, embryology, radiology, fractures, orthopaedics, general practice and emergency procedures.

Further information, educational programs and presentations can be viewed at www.hernia.net.au. By Imogen Thomas

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