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MODERN BARIATRIC SURGICAL
EDUCATION
THE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

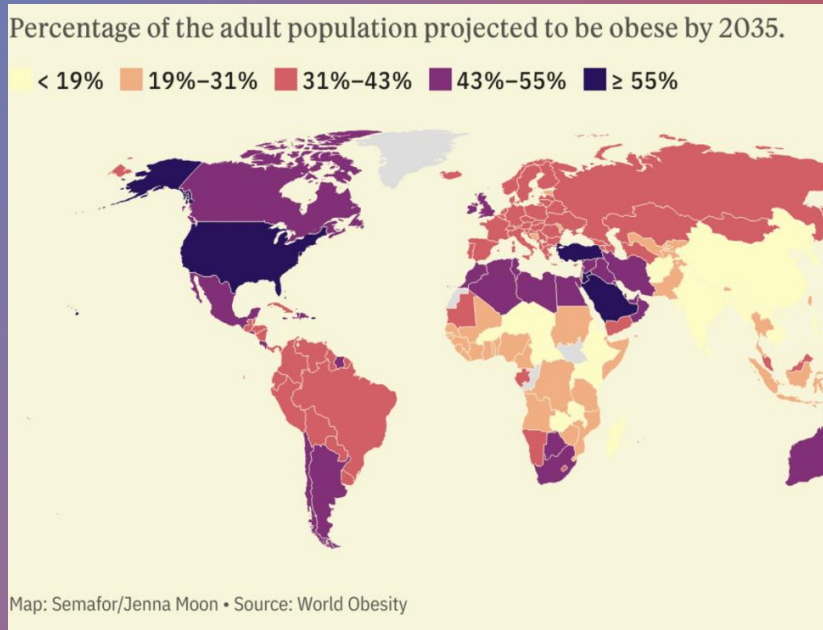
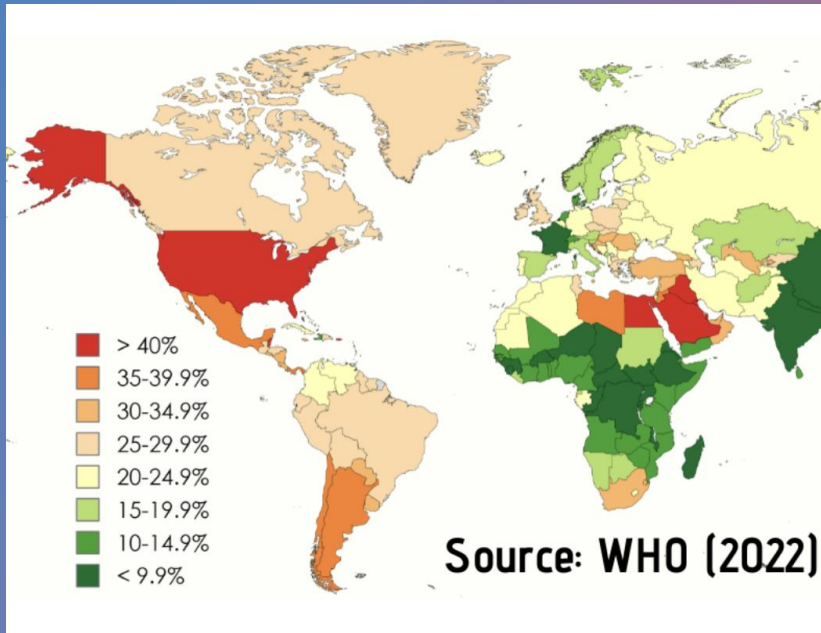
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Why Change is Needed

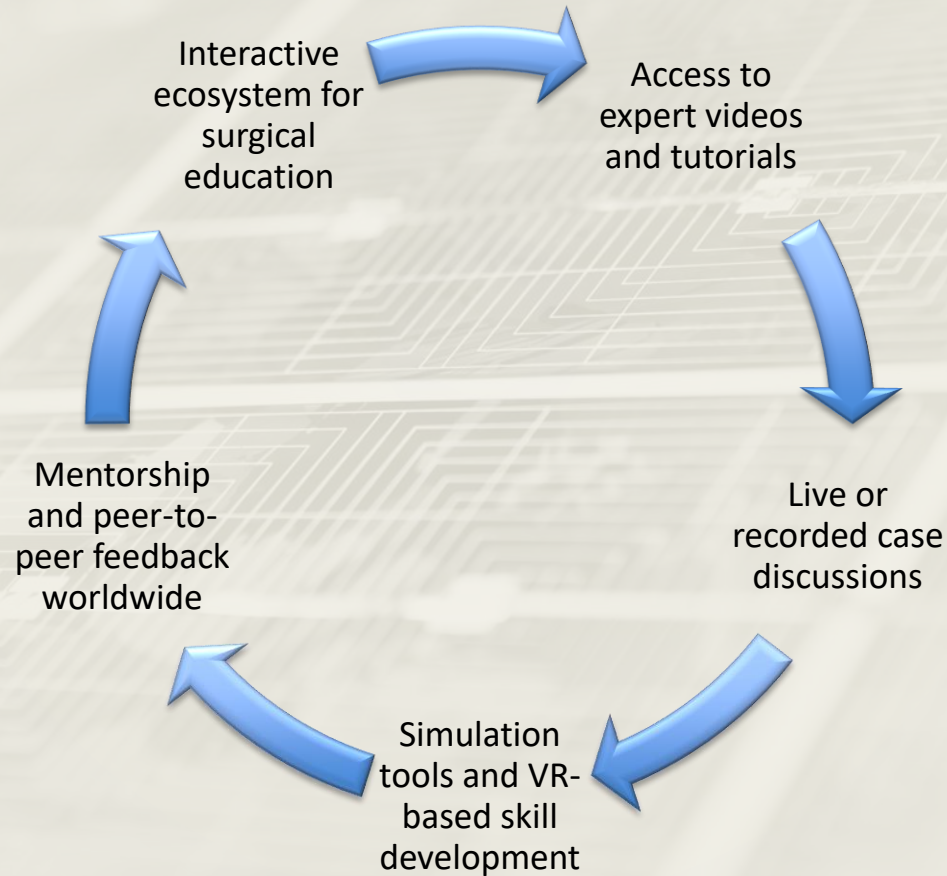
Obesity is a global epidemic, yet training opportunities vary greatly

Traditional training is valuable but not scalable or equally accessible

Need for global, standardized, and affordable education models



The Concept of the Virtual Academy



Benefits of the Virtual Academy

Standardization – reduces variability in training

Accessibility – supports surgeons worldwide

Flexibility – on-demand learning anytime

Networking – builds a global professional community

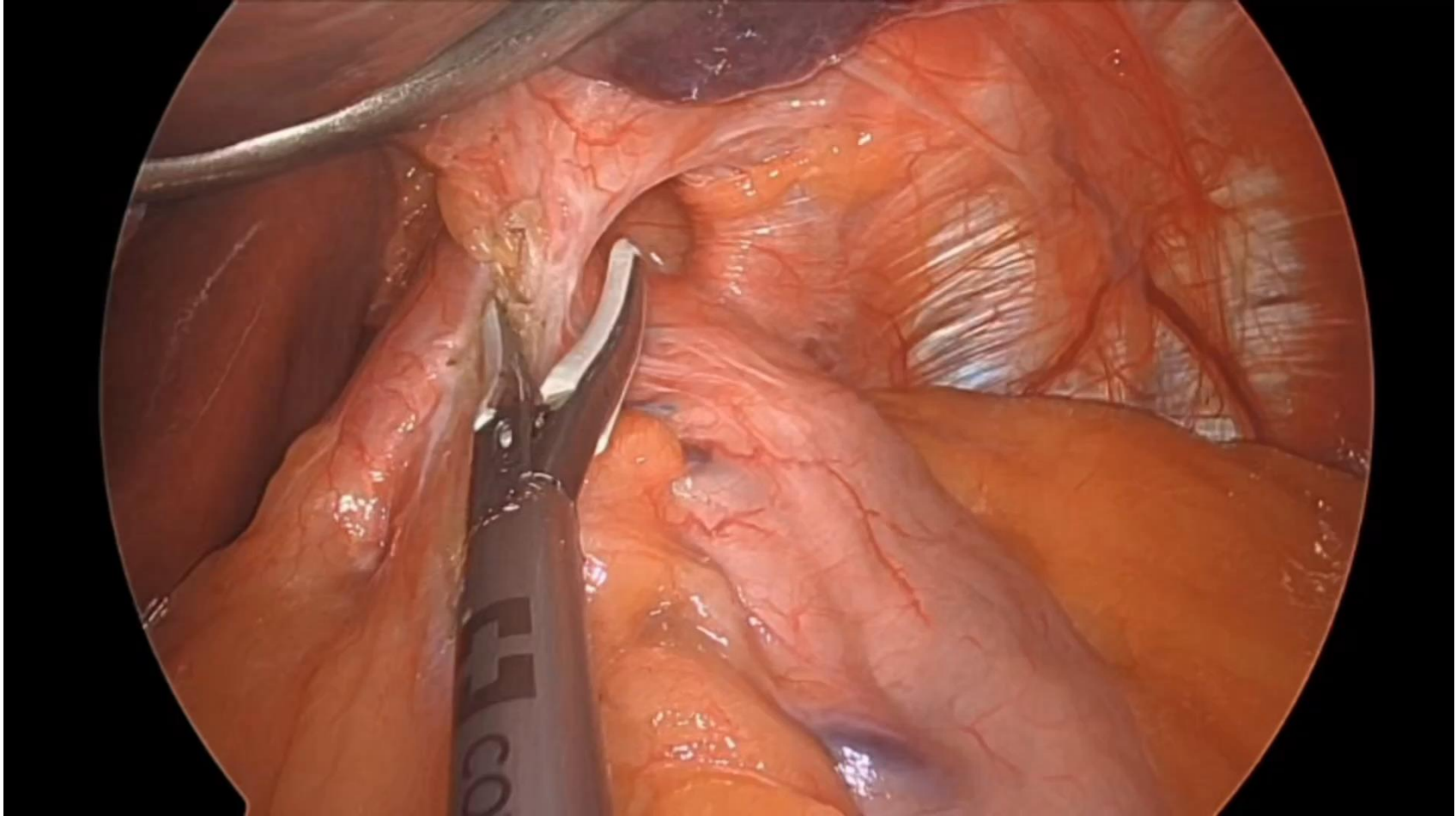


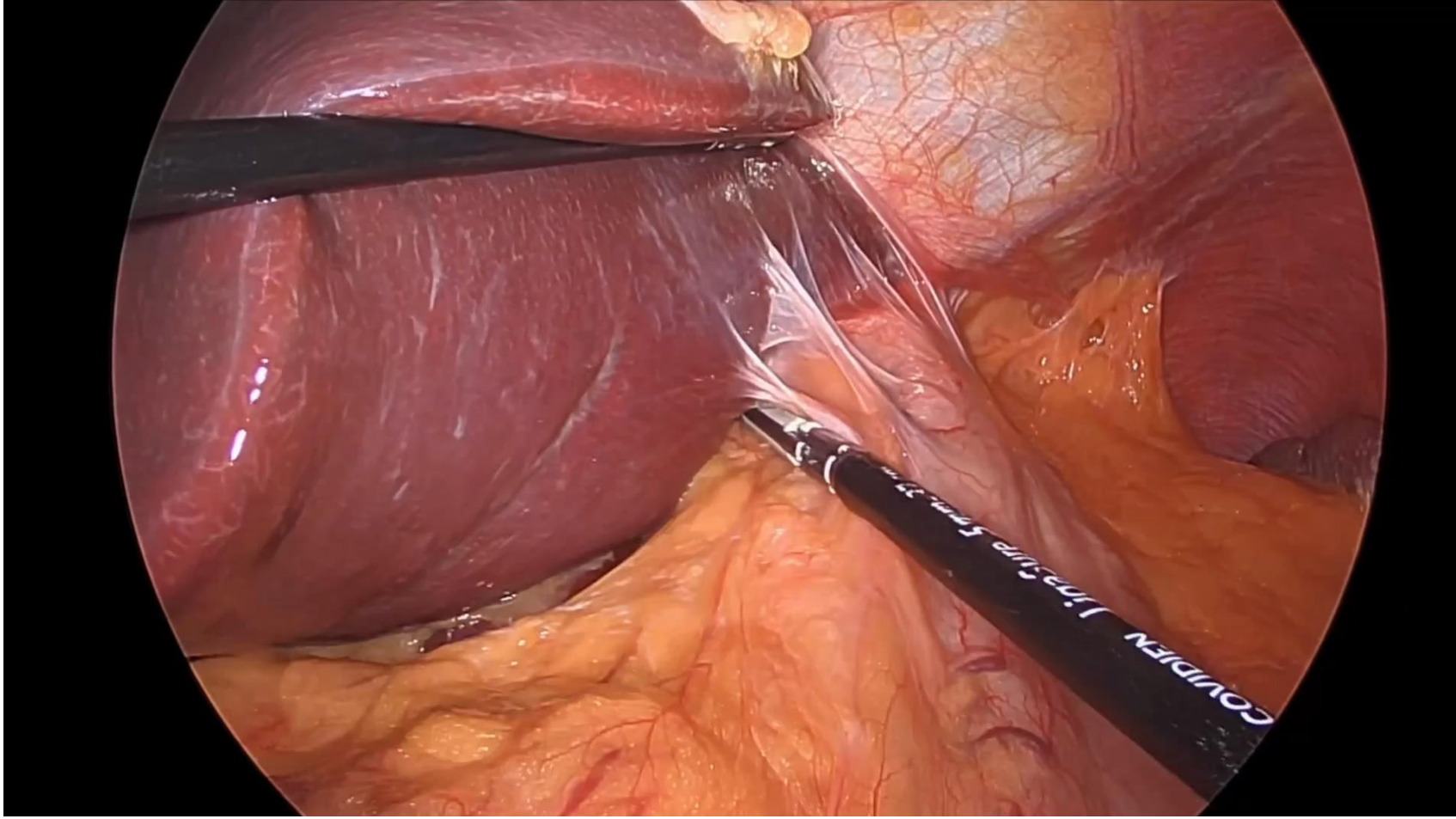
Personal Experience

Sharing annotated surgical videos with global colleagues

Details of the techniques used in obesity surgery

Encouraged global dialogue on techniques and best practices





Looking into the Future

Surgeons across continents
joining the same virtual OR

Watching complex
revisional cases in real-time

Interactive, collaborative
learning without borders

VR and AI will further
enhance surgical training

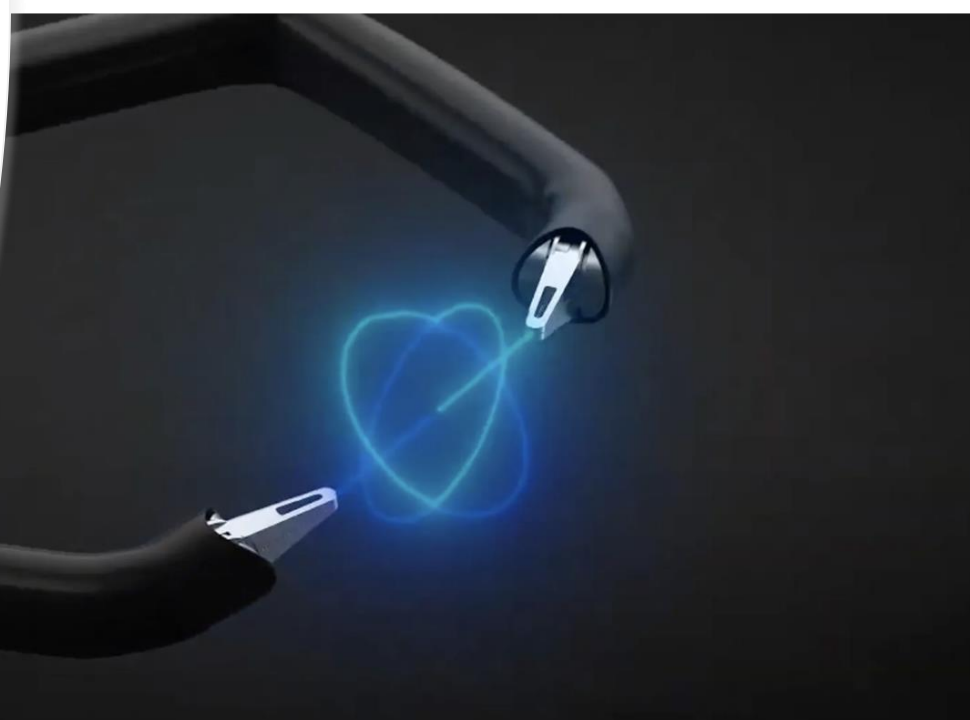
Robotic Bariatric Surgery & Remote Operations

Robotic systems are increasingly used in bariatric procedures

Enhanced precision, ergonomics, and visualization

Potential for telesurgery: performing operations remotely

Future: combining robotics with Virtual Academy for live training



Virtual Academy complements traditional mentorship

Promotes continuous, borderless learning

Our responsibility: share knowledge openly

Education without Borders



Thank you

