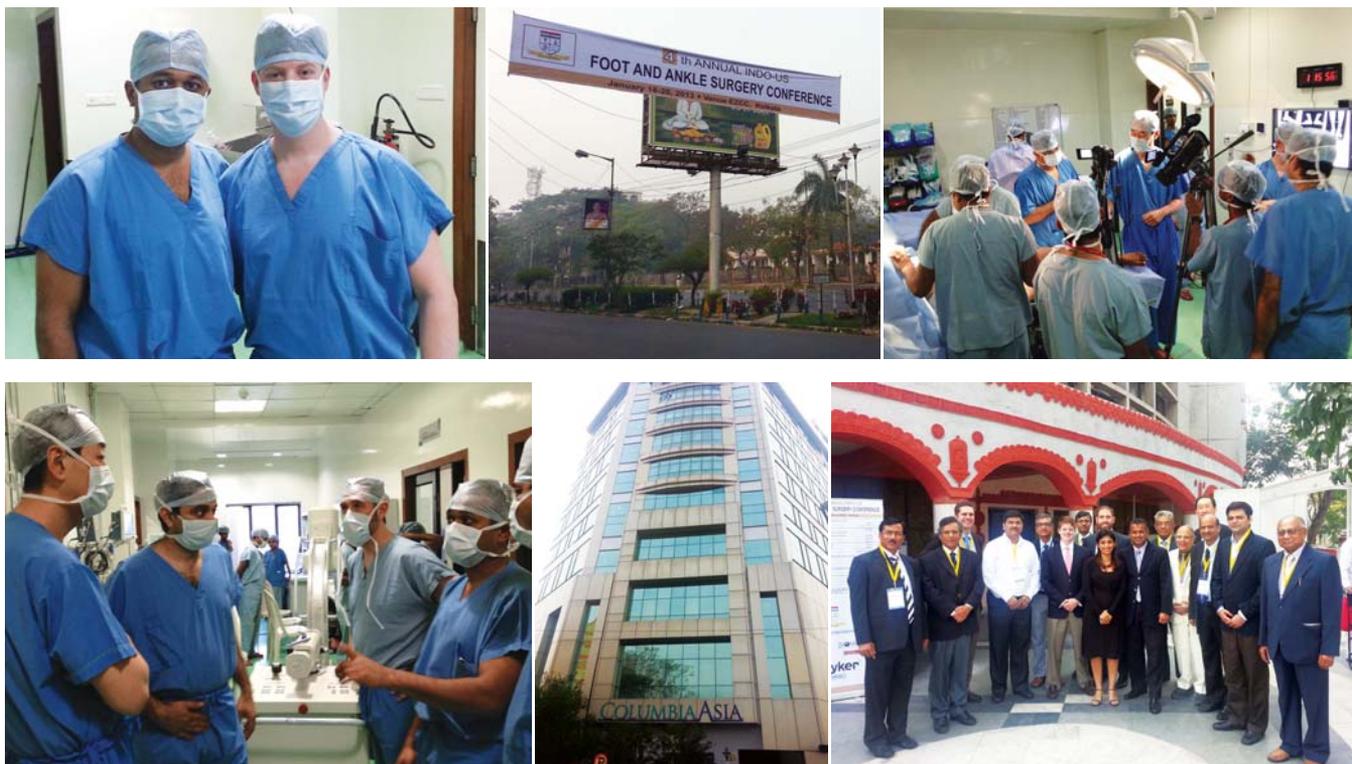


# Indo-US Foot and Ankle Surgery Conference 2013

The 4th annual Indo-US Foot and Ankle Surgery Conference, founded and sponsored by The Parekh Family Foundation was held from January 18th to 20th, 2013 in Kolkata, India. Since its inception, the aim of the conference was to disseminate and share techniques in foot and ankle surgery with surgeons from India, South Asia, the United States and beyond. Faculty from these respective countries run educational sessions and workshops, along with leading live surgeries.

This year's conference was led by Selene G Parekh, MD, MBA (International Chair), Rajiv Shah, MS (National Chair), MS Ghosh (Course Patron), Anjan Pan and Saumitra Misra (Joint Local Chairs), along with the following invited faculty: Thomas Lee, MD (Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Center, Westerville, OH), Sharmal Das De, MD (National University of Singapore),



David Pedowitz, MD (Rothman Institute, Philadelphia, PA), Eric Giza, MD (UC Davis, Sacramento, CA), Zankhna Parekh MS, PT (Therapod Rehab, Chapel Hill, NC) and resident scholar Karl Schweitzer, Jr, MD (Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC).

The conference was packed full of didactic and interactive sessions, live surgeries, and 'saw bones' labs. Educational session topics included management of osteochondral lesions of the talus, hindfoot salvage and reconstruction, syndesmotric injuries, regional anesthesia, stress fractures and case presentations for difficult surgical consults, among many others. Hands-on workshops included sessions on calcaneal and pilon fractures. Examples of live surgical cases, performed at Columbia Asia Hospital, included ankle arthrodesis for a chronic pilon fracture, triple arthrodesis for a rigid flatfoot, and ankle arthroscopy and microfracture for an OLT. Several of the conference leaders also brought surgical videos for review and discussion.

Kolkata was a tremendous location for this year's meeting. It is situated along the banks of the River Hooghly (Ganges) and has a wealth of cultural heritage with its location in eastern India. It is a colonial city developed by the British East India Company and stood as the capital of the British Indian Empire until 1911 when the capital was relocated to Delhi. It has been the home to many luminaries, including Mother Teresa. We look forward to next year's conference when it moves to Jaipur.

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