## Teleconferencing and Ear Surgery

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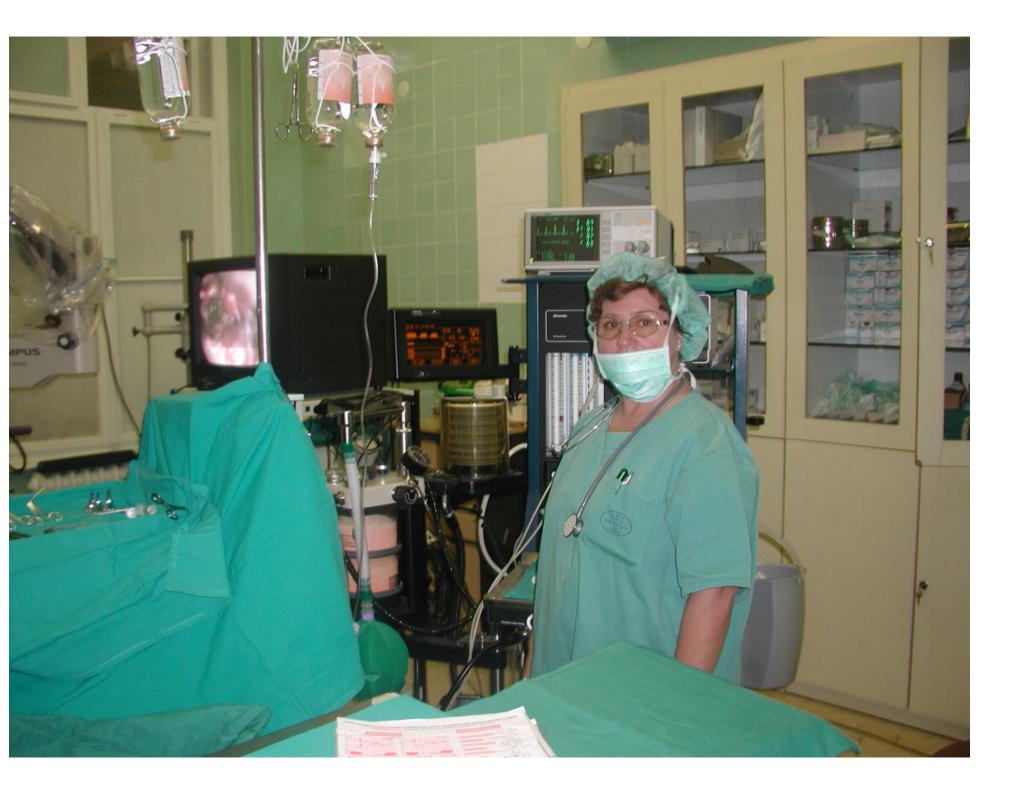
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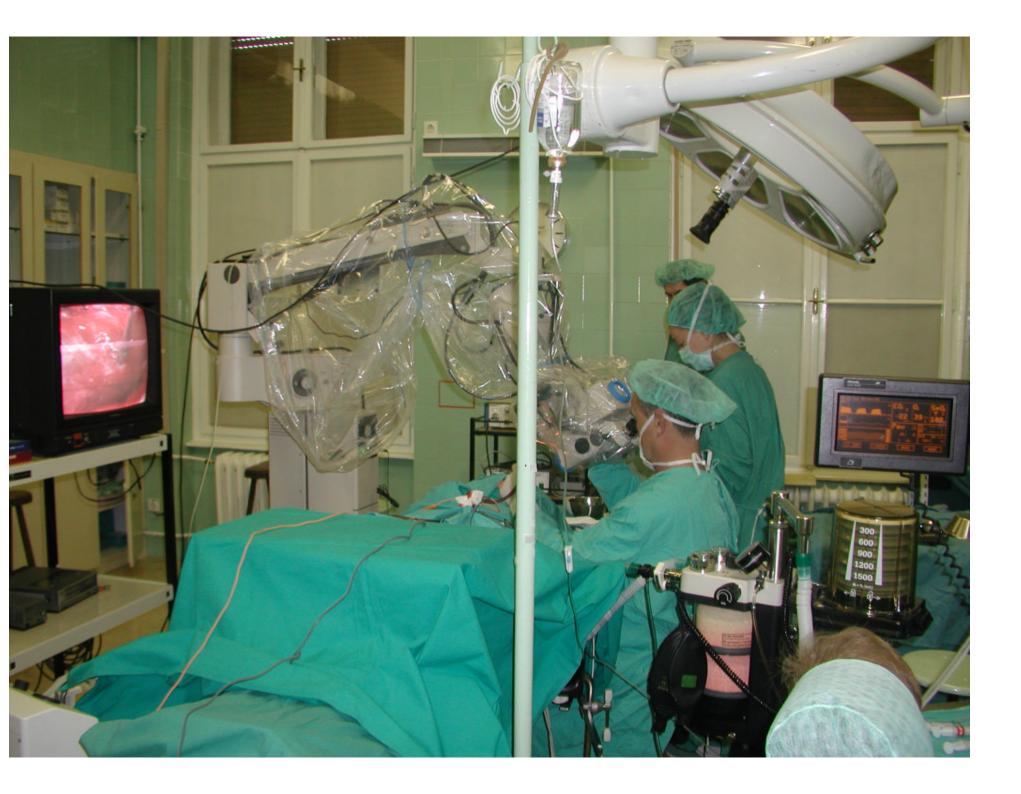
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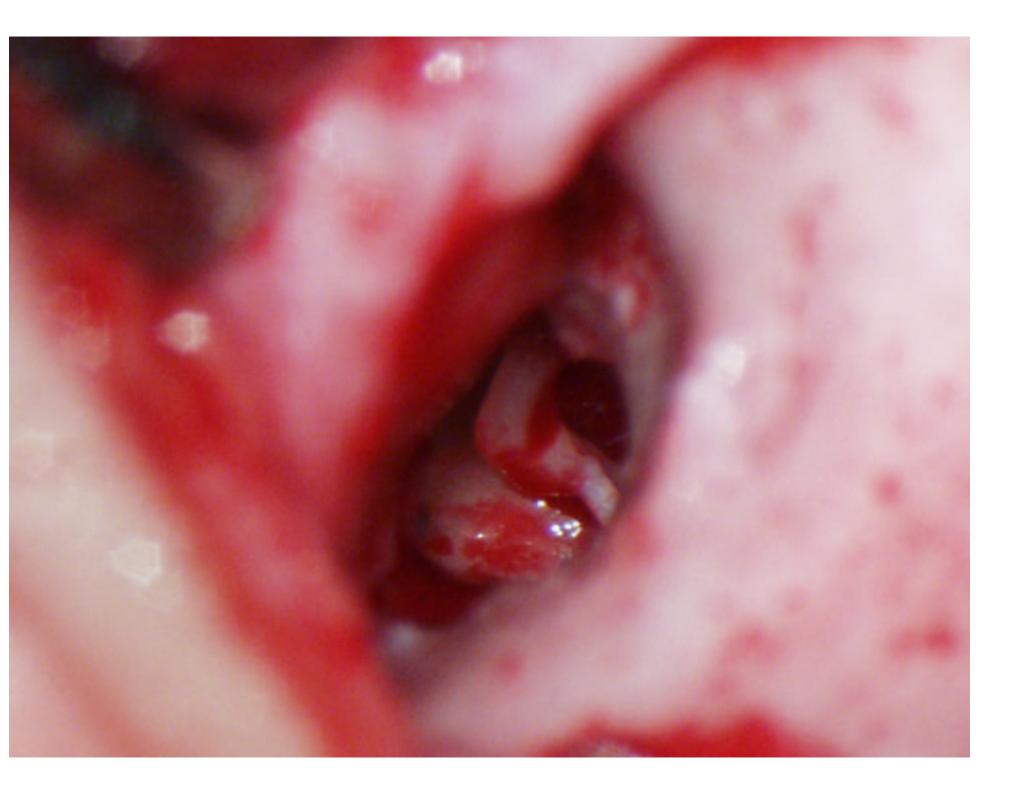
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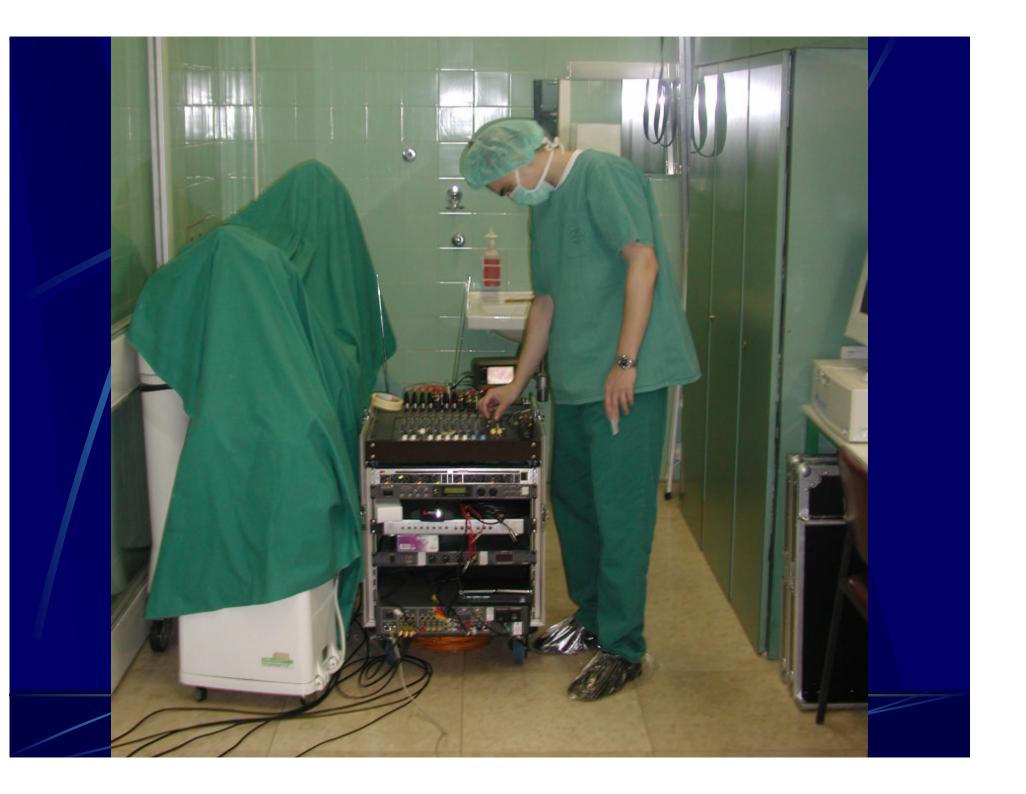
















#### INTERACTIVE

#### SURGICAL TELECONFERENCES

- teleeducation
- teleconsultation
- discussion
- combination

The classical, old method of education was for the less experienced surgeons to be present in the operating room during the surgical procedure and observe the procedure.

The number of such observers was limited.

The presence of the observers in the operating room interfered with the work of the surgeon and other team members.

Additional persons in the operating room impact contamination and decreased sterility of the operating room and surgical instruments.

The observers had to move away from the operation field and therefore had a poor view during the procedure.

## Observers travel from remote locations to another town and hospital.

- additional transportation costs
- additional accommodation costs
- significantly increased time consumption

# The advantages of teleconferencing in surgery

The number of observers is unlimited.

The observers are at a remote location and do not distract the surgeon and other members of team with their presence in the operation room.

The observers don't impact the sterility of the operating room.

The observers have better view and better information.

### Observers don't travel from remote locations to another town and hospital.

- no additional transportation costs
- no additional accommodation costs
- significantly decreased time consumption

#### Help and advice in unexpected situations.

- patients can have more procedures performed in their local hospital
- no need for additional expenses for traveling to larger medical centers

