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RATIONALE

Shortage of personnel ageing in the health system Social healthcare budget restriction political decisions limiting number of surgeons **Better operating room condition** decreasing stress, fatigue, optimizing ergonomics **Better operating field vision** image stability, real time hand-scope coordination **Optimizing surgical education** training, mentoring and tutoring



LapMan ROBOTIZED CAMERA DRIVING SYSTEM

Dynamic laparoscope manipulator controlled by the surgeon via a LapStick fixed to the handle of a working instrument or by room personnel via the LapLink











FEATURES AND BENEFITS

IMAGE STABILITY

REAL TIME HAND-SCOPE COORDINATION

COST EFFECTIVENESS

OPEN TO EVOLUTION SYSTEM



LIMITS - DRAWBACK

LIMITED TO SCOPE HOLDING

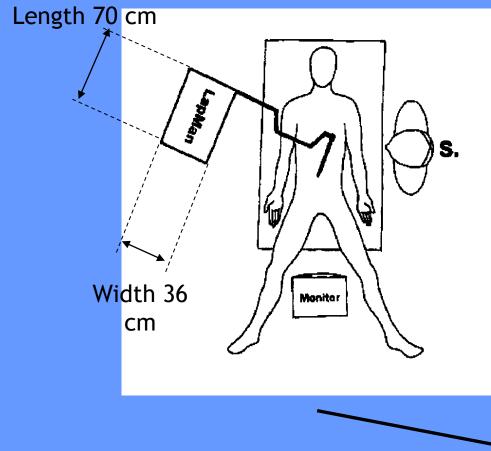
SYSTEM NOT FIXED TO THE OR TABLE

SURGICAL EDUCATION ISSUES

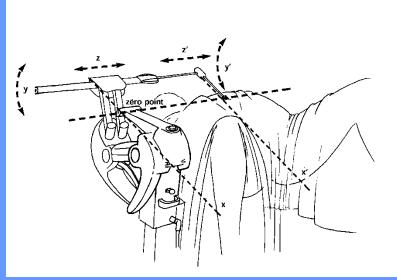
TRAINING OR TEAM



LapMan POSITIONING AND SET-UP



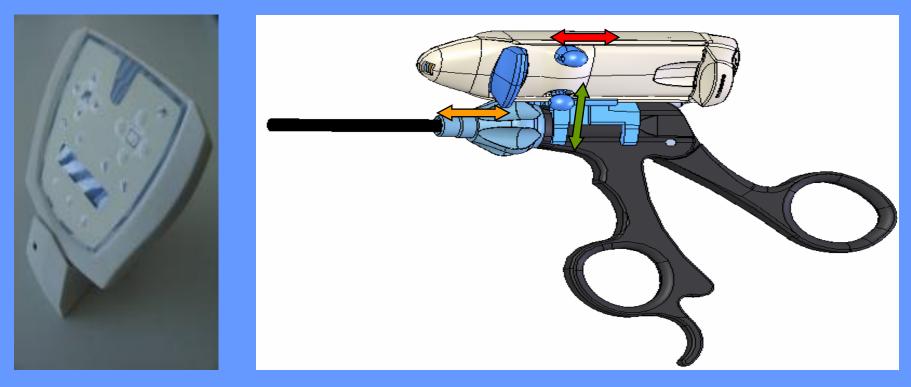
LapMan position differs according to procedure to be performed



zero point at level of skin incision for the optic cannula



CONTROL INTERFACE





Radiofrequency controlled system at the highest safety and regulation level LapStick



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CAMERA DRIVING SYSTEMS, OPTIMAL FEATURES AND EVOLUTIONS

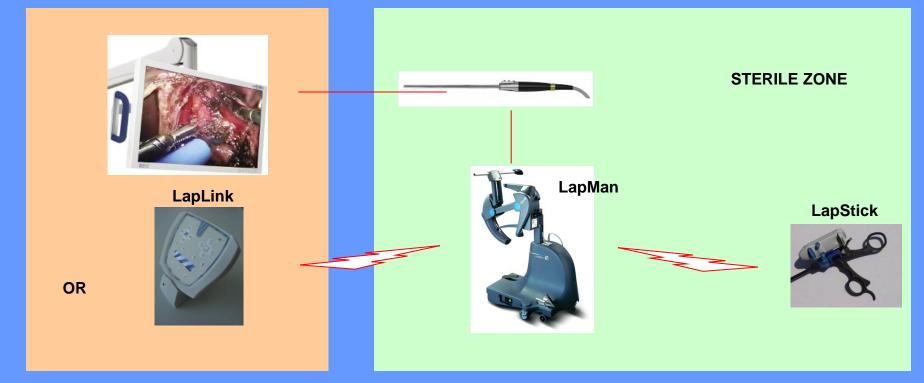
BELGIAN CLINICAL TRIAL

Disciplines
Digestive Surgery
lapchole, Nissen, Gastric banding, Gastric bypass,
hernia, inguinal & incisional
appendectomy
colo-rectal surgery
Urology
prostatectomy
nephrectomy
prolaps
Gynecology
adnexal surgery
hysterectomy
prolaps
Cost assessment

Pierre Hourlay 2006



LAP TEACH REMOTE INTERFACE R&D PROJECT BASED ON LAPMAN TECHNOLOGY



Laparoscopic procedure uses a camera that transmits image from the patient body to a monitor. Drawback: Surgeon doesn't have the control of his own vision (assistant or static arm). Solution: The LapMan holds the camera. The robot is controlled by two remote controls: the LapStick, for the surgeon, and the LapLink, for the OR team. Limits: The LapMan cannot be integrated with other equipments.



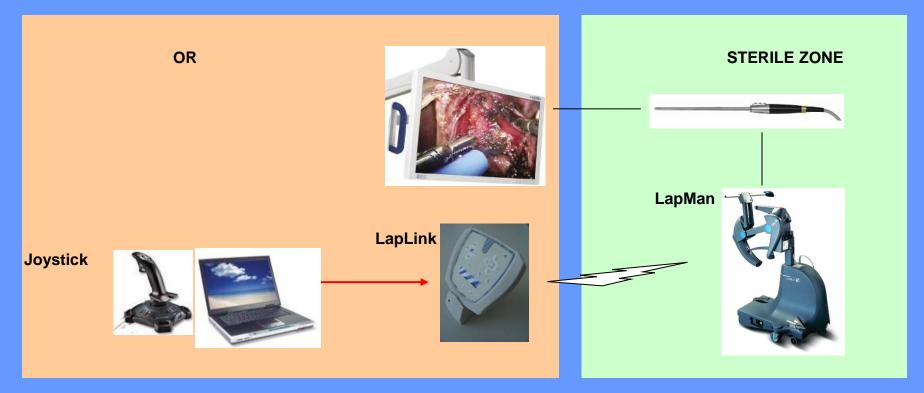
LAPTEACH

NEW TELESCOPE MENTORING MODULE DESIGNED FOR LAPMAN, GIVING THE SYSTEM FEATURES TYPICAL OF ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL TOOLS.

LAPTEACH ENABLES THE MENTOR TO DIRECTLY ASSIST HIS OR TEAM FROM HIS OFFICE, BY TAKING CONTROL – VIA A JOYSTICK CONNECTED TO HIS PC – OF THE LAPMAN IN THE OR.



LAP TEACH ROAD MAP



Development step 1

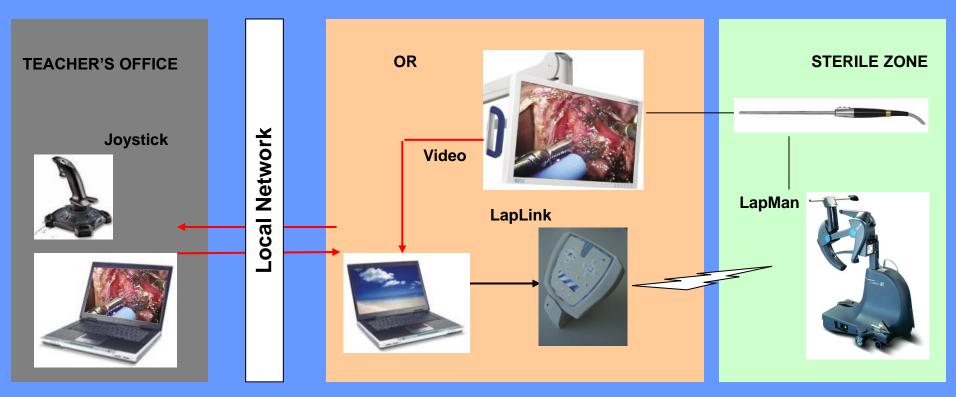
A PC is connected to the non sterile remote control (LapLink).

Advantages: Possibility to interface the LapMan to any control system: voice control, programmed paths, joystick...

Limits: No external control



LAP TEACH ROAD MAP



Development step 2

An external PC may take the control of the local PC through the local network of the hospital. Video is transmitted to the remote application.

Advantages: Tele-operating robot. The external user may control the vision.

Limits: One-way information flow



REMOTE CAMERA CONTROL





Joystick

Footswitch release



TELECOMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

CONFIGURATION: Network Connection

PROPERTIES:



Local Area Connection Speed 100.0 Mbps **INTERNET PROTOCOL (TCP/IP):**

> **Server IP** encoding Username

RUN THE APPLICATION CONFIGURATION OF THE APPLICATION: Keyboard controls Joystick controls





CAMERA CONTROL IS TAKEN BY AN EXTERNAL PC

DEVELOPMENT STEP 2



KEY ISSUE 1 HOW TO KEEP SAFETY

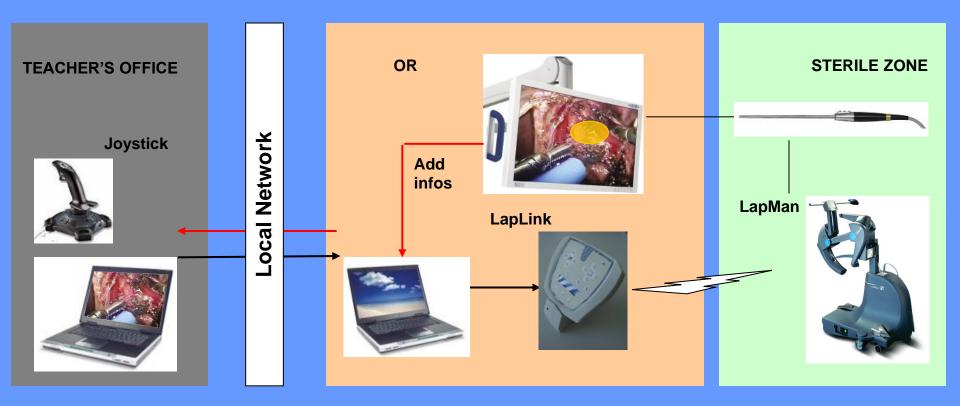
FOOTSWITCH PEDAL TO ENABLE OVERTAKING THE CAMERA CONTROL

KEY ISSUE 2 1-WAY INFORMATION FLOW

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY 2-WAY INFORMATION FLOW HYBRID IMAGE - AUGMENTED REALITY



LAP TEACH ROAD MAP



Development step 3

The external PC may add visual information on the OR monitor (mouse pointer, text, pictures...). Advantages: Share information and experience. Enhanced reality



CONCLUSIONS

 New generation camera driving systems should be: open and ready to be implemented surgeon and OR team friendly reliable at the highest level of task

- 2. A learning curve does exist for surgeons and OR team to use properly and safely the dynamic laparoscope manipulator
- 3. In the future, LapTeach evolution module will allow to share information and experience through the system and perform surgery under enhanced reality vision.