

BARIALink



WHAT IS BARIALINK?

BARIlink – created in 2016 by Dr. Bruno Dillemans – is a web-based knowledge base and participation network of bariatric and metabolic surgery specialists from all over the globe...

The primary aim of BARIlink is to share and discuss at a highly professional level the challenges faced by surgeons in complex cases, innovative surgical procedures and new approaches to bariatric surgery, in order to raise the level of surgical excellence in this field.

WHY BARIALINK?

Bariatric Surgery is a relatively new surgical subdiscipline, with scientific interest in the subject rapidly increasing, as well as the number of surgeries being performed worldwide.

An unfortunate side effect of this rapid evolution is the ever-changing nature of the discipline. Preferred bariatric procedures have quickly changed, and training has not always been carried out for long enough, or to a high enough standard for surgeons entering this appealing new domain.

As such, a broad spectrum of corrective-surgery including reversals, revisions and conversions has become necessary, but they are technically more challenging and are accompanied with a higher morbidity and mortality.

In order to improve the knowledge and skills to deal with these complex cases, BARIlink was born and officially registered as a foundation in June 2017.

BARIALink consists of two actively connected pillars:

1. BARIALINK ACADEMY

The academy is a monthly virtual classroom led by a body of 25 active centers joined by a growing community of passive participants. Any interested center* or specialist can attend by signing up and logging in to the Adobe-Connect-based online platform.

Each 2-hour session will cover up to 12 complex and interesting case studies, submitted by the community and reviewed in advance by a scientific committee.

- 25 active participating centers worldwide
- Up to 12 case studies each month
- Live, interactive discussion
- Engage with an active and welcoming community of bariatric and metabolic surgeons across the globe

As an active center, you should attend from a hospital in a professional setting. You can contact Petra Tempelaere to implement the virtual classroom provide the necessary hardware to your hospital.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Interested surgeons and other medical specialists can participate by registering on the BARIALink website.
www.barialink.com

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Passive participants can attend via your PC, iPad or phone after you are registered.

2. BARIALINK LIBRARY

All the cases and subjects submitted and discussed at BARIALink Academy are stored online in the BARIALink library.

Each case is fully documented, including X-rays, videos and, uniquely, longitudinal follow-up information regularly added by the submitting center. This information, along with complete recordings of all BARIALink academy sessions, and a comprehensive directory of all participating centers is instantly available through the BARIALink Library, from any device, anywhere in the world.

- Fully documented case studies
- Screencasts of all BARIALink Academy sessions
- Directory of all participating centers
- Details of upcoming BARIALink events
- Instant Access to the combined knowledge of the BARIALink ecosystem



*To be considered as an active center, it is necessary to perform a minimum of 150 primary bariatric procedures per year and a minimum of 15 re-do bariatric procedures per year. Each active center should submit at least one case per year and should participate in a minimum of 5 BARIALink virtual classrooms per year.