



'The Naked Surgeon'

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Summary:

How do we know a good doctor?

For centuries, medicine was little better than witchcraft. This changed when clinical practice became based on scientific evidence. Now that treatment is backed by such evidence, the next step is to evaluate how well such treatment is given or, in other words, find out who is a good doctor and what is a good hospital. This is an exciting new field in which heart surgery has led the way. As a result, there is now total transparency about the practice of surgeons and what they achieve in terms of clinical outcomes. This has inevitably left the profession feeling somewhat exposed.

In this talk, Samer Nashef traces these developments, how they came about and their massive impact on patient safety, dealing with the power of transparency and how to avoid its pitfalls.

Biography:

Samer Nashef is a heart surgeon at Royal Papworth Hospital with a major interest in risk assessment, quality control and human factors in medicine. He has over 250 scientific publications and has written two books dealing with the issues addressed in this lecture (*The Naked Surgeon* and *The Angina Monologues*). He also compiles cryptic crosswords for the *Guardian* and the *Financial Times*.