With the rapid advances being made in areas such as minimally invasive surgery, robot-assisted surgery, genetics, regenerative medicine, AI, VR, 3D printing and other developments that may alter the choice of surgery as the preferred therapeutic intervention, or even make surgery redundant, will surgeons still be needed? What will they do?

In the UK, the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) has launched an independent commission to explore the future of surgery and make recommendations to the nation (https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/.../about-the-commission-on-the-fut.../).

"The Commission on the Future of Surgery aims to set out a compelling and credible vision of the future advances in medicine and technology, and how those developments will affect the delivery of surgical care. The Commission will gaze 20 years into the future to explore the innovations that will most likely affect surgical treatment, evaluate their possible relevance and value, and their implications for patients, surgical training, and clinical outcomes."

During the upcoming AAHCI-MENA meeting in Beirut (<a href="http://www.aubmc.org.lb/aahcimeeting">http://www.aubmc.org.lb/aahcimeeting</a>), the Chair of the Commission, Richard Kerr BSc MBBS MS FRC (<a href="http://www.aubmc.org.lb/educat.../.../speakers/Richard-Kerr.aspx">http://www.aubmc.org.lb/educat.../.../speakers/Richard-Kerr.aspx</a>), will report on its findings and its recommendations. His special report, which will be delivered on Saturday, September 29, will be a unique opportunity for surgeons, physicians and lay people, to hear the conclusions of this prestigious commission on this momentous issue.

## Don't miss it!

