

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026 | 1:30p-5:30 p
SOCIETY OF ROBOTIC SURGERY

Hospital Administration Forum

The Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida

Course Chairs: D. Harcombe, KJ Palmer, MD

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

KJ Palmer and D. Harcombe

Session 1: Why This Conversation Has Changed

- Why telesurgery is no longer just a technology discussion
- What global progress has already demonstrated
- Lessons from the Angola experience
- Why hospital and health system leaders now need a clear point of view

Session 2: What Would Make a Hospital Say Yes?

- Defining institutional readiness
- The internal approval pathway within a health system
- Clinical, operational, and technical requirements for a responsible first-use model
- The threshold for leadership approval

Session 3: Barriers to Adoption and Scale

- Licensure, credentialing, and privileging
- Legal exposure, accountability, and reputational risk
- Role of state medical boards and regulatory bodies
- Bedside-site readiness, staffing, and failure-response expectations
- Network architecture, redundancy, uptime, and cybersecurity
- What hospitals, regulators, and industry still need to solve to move beyond isolated success

Session 4: The Elephant in the Room

- Reimbursement and economic reality
- Who pays, who gets paid
- What evidence will be required by payers
- How payer engagement will shape adoption

Summary and Recap

D. Harcombe

