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Mahmoud Ismail is a graduate of the Charles University Prague, faculty of medicine in Plzen. After finishing his medical studies he spent 19 months in the department of experimental surgery at the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin where he performed basic research on angiogenesis. He received his specialization in general and in thoracic surgery at the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. He is actually the coordinator of the Department of Thoracic Surgery at the Charité. And from April 2018 will be the head of department of thoracic surgery at the academic hospital of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Klinikum Ernst von Bergmann in Potsdam.

Mahmoud Ismail started his minimally invasive surgical experience with robotic surgery in 2003. Since that he published several articles about robotic surgery mainly about his experience with robotic thymectomy. He became a reviewer and editor of several cited journals. He played a major role in organizing the Thoracic Master Class Hands Session at the ISMICS Berlin 2010 as well as Organization and performing Live Uniportal VATS and robotic thymectomy at the ISMICS Berlin 2015.

He was the first thoracic surgeon performing Uniportal VATS lobectomies in Germany since 2012. He published his first experience with uniportal VATS in 2014. After that he played a major role in spreading this technique in Germany. He was the director of the “2nd, 3rd and 4th International Uniportal VATS Course - Live Surgery and Wetlab” 2015, 2016, and 2017 in Berlin, Germany. He is also the director of the thoracic course “Uniportal versus Multiportal VATS – Lectures and Live Surgery” which is performed for the head of departments of thoracic surgery which is held several times per year in Germany. He is one of the minimally invasive thoracic surgery group at the German Association for Thoracic Surgery and the responsible for Uniportal VATS.