

# Irish/US trial of Laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair to be launched

**IRISH and American specialists in the field of endoscopic surgery will soon launch a clinical trial on laparoscopic hiatal hernia repairs with colleagues from Harvard University**

The trial follows new advances in the procedure in Ireland, including a new modification of the laparoscopic technique for repairing hiatal hernias.

The modification, which involves the use of a nylon-derived prosthesis instead of traditional suturing material, allows the patient to return to work within 24 hours of the surgery, according to consultant surgeon Mr. Patrick Leahy, an expert in the field.



perform a number of laparoscopic techniques at its meeting later this month in Cairo.

"I think that is an indication of the impact Ireland has made in the field of laparoscopic surgery," he said.

Mr. Leahy added that international acknowledgement of the laparoscopic surgery advances in Ireland has led the International Association of Surgeons to invite him to lecture and