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Jacques Himpens, MD, PhD, born in Belgium on February 15, 1953 is an associate professor of surgery at the European School of Laparoscopic Surgery (director: GB Cadière) and chief of bariatric surgery at the CHIREC hospital, Brussels, and the St Blasius general hospital, Dendermonde, Belgium. He performed the first laparoscopic nephrectomy in Belgium, 1994.

On March 3, 1997 he performed the world's first "robotic" laparoscopic cholecystectomy with the Intuitive Surgery "Mona" prototype.

He performed the first laparoscopic gastric bypass in Belgium in 1999 and the first laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, and the first biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch in 2001. He has performed over 15000 laparoscopic bariatric-metabolic procedures, many of them revisional. He promoted to the doctor's degree with a thesis " Adjustable Gastric Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y gastric bypass by laparoscopy: long term outcomes and strategies in case of failure". He has published over 150 articles in peer reviewed medical journals, authored a substantial number of chapters in surgical and bariatric books and co-edited four books on bariatric surgery. He is co-editor for the "Obesity Surgery" journal and member of the editorial board of "SOARD". He is president (2017-2018) of IFSO and received an honorary fellowship from ASMBS in 2015.