

**AUGS/SGS Subgroup  
Fellow's Pelvic Research Network (FPRN)<sup>®</sup> Newsletter  
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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of the FPRN<sup>®</sup> is to enable fellows to work together cooperatively and conduct multi-center pelvic floor research projects. The goal of the FPRN<sup>®</sup> is to imbue fellows with greater confidence, ability and efficiency in becoming accomplished researchers. Within the FPRN<sup>®</sup> fellows will work and collaborate both with peers and leaders in the field of urogynecology. The network also provides the opportunity to form ties with colleagues throughout the United States and Canada that will continue long after fellowship. Participation in the FPRN<sup>®</sup> should help members become more effective researchers.

**MESSAGE**

**Welcome to our AUGS/SGS FPRN Newsletter!**

**We are now accepting proposals for the SGS FPRN<sup>®</sup> Bi-Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX on **March 27th**.**

- **Deadline for proposals is **March 3rd**. Please submit proposal as soon as possible and we will assist you in the development of your idea.**
- **Click on link below and select “**New Research Proposal Form**”**

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**FPRN<sup>®</sup> News**

**This newsletter is an update of current projects and a summary of the most recent meeting. Please contact any of the PIs below to recruit for an FPRN<sup>®</sup> project....**

**MOST RECENT FPRN MEETING:**

**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Denver Convention Center during the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) in Denver, CO.**

**What was discussed:**

1. Total FPRN<sup>®</sup> Publications (2008-2016):
  - 31 since initiation.
  - 2 abstract presentations at SGS 2016 and 1 at AUGS 2016.
2. Projects that completed site recruitment during 2015-2016:
  - Patient's knowledge of and attitude toward robotic surgery for pelvic organ prolapse, PI: Dr. Christine Chu, University of Pennsylvania, abstract presented at AUGS 2016.

-Efficacy of repeat midurethral slings for persistent or recurrent stress urinary incontinence, PI: Dr. Katelyn Smithling, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Submitted to SGS 2017.

3. **Five** new projects were proposed:

- a. Dr. Neha Talreja - A Retrospective Study of The Prevalence of Urinary Incontinence Among Women Undergoing Total Hip Arthroplasty.
- b. Dr. Allison Polland - StOMP: Sexual function with Overactive Bladder Medication versus PTNS.
- a. Dr. May Sanaee - Medium-Term Complications following Sacral Hysteropexy.
- b. Dr. Kristin Jacobs - Intravesicular Lidocaine Instillation versus Pyridium for Office Botox Analgesia.
- c. Dr. Emily Davidson - Reported Surgical Volume Trends in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Fellowships (Ongoing MIGS study – New to FPRN).

4. We are excited to announce that the following proposals will be the newest FPRN® research projects. Please email the respected Fellow if you are interested in becoming involved:

- a. Dr. Allison Polland – StOMP: Sexual function with Overactive Bladder Medication versus PTNS.**  
**Allison.polland@gmail.com**
- b. Dr. Kristin Jacobs- Intravesicular Lidocaine Instillation versus Pyridium for Office Botox Analgesia.**  
**KJacobs@wihri.org**

6. Guest Speakers: Thank you our panelists, Dr. Cecile Unger, Dr. Amanda Pulliam, and Dr. Krista Reagan who gave a great talk on “**Navigating the Job Search**” to the FPRN® members!

**PRESENTATIONS AT AUGS 2016**

Chu CM, Agrawal A, Mazloomdoost D, Barenberg BJ, Dune T, Pilkinton M, Weber LeBrun EE, Arya LA, Harvie HS. **Patients’ Knowledge of and Attitude Towards Robotic Surgery for Pelvic Organ Prolapse: A Fellows’ Pelvic Research Network Multicenter Study.** Poster Presentation at SGS 2016.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

*A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial Of nitrofurantoin prophylaxis during short-term catheterization for acute urinary retention following Pelvic reconstructive surgery*  
**PI:** Erin Lavelle, UPMC.  
**Mentors:** Donna Mazloomdoost, Gary Sutkin.  
**Sites:** UPittEmory, Washington University, University of Iowa, UT Southwestern, Georgetown/Medstar  
**Open for recruitment:** Yes  
**Description:** As per title.  
**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data Collection  
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*Perioperative course of patients with hereditary disorders of connective tissue.*  
**PI:** Pakeeza Alam, MedStar  
**Mentors:** Robert Gutman  
**Sites:** Medstar, UTSW, CCF, Northwestern, UPMC, Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Harvard  
**Open for recruitment:** Yes  
**Description:** Retrospective cohort study determining outcomes of patients with hereditary connective tissue disorders.  
**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data Collection  
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*Project: Infection of sacral neuromodulation requiring explantation: incidence and risk factors*

**PI:** Emily Myer, Johns Hopkins

**Mentors:** Tola Fashokun, Ladin Yurteri-Kaplan

**Sites:** Johns Hopkins, Pittsburgh, Albert Einstein, Mt. Auburn, Scott and White, Vanderbilt Univ. Rochester, UPMC, Univ. of Louisville, Case Western.

**Open for recruitment:** Yes

**Description:** Case-Control study evaluating risk factors for infectious etiology of interstim explantation.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/data collection

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*Patient knowledge and preferences regarding hysterectomy route*

**PI:** Kristin M. Jacobs

**Mentors:** Vivian Sung, Nicole Korbly

**Sites:** Brown, CCF, Loyola, Case Western, UTSW, NSLIJ, Banner, Mayo, UCLA, UCSD

**Open for recruitment:** Yes

**Description:** Cross sectional survey study to estimate the effect of health literacy on the knowledge of hysterectomy route in the United States

**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data collection.

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*Return to baseline function status in elderly women undergoing pelvic organ prolapse surgery.*

**PI:** Daniel Lee, University of Pennsylvania

**Mentors:** Lily Ayra, Joy Greer

**Sites:** U Penn, Mayo AZ, Johns Hopkins, U of Louisville, Northshore, USF

**Description:** Prospective cohort study to determine the rate of return to baseline functional status for older women undergoing pelvic organ prolapse surgery.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data Collection

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*HIV in the Setting of Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery*

**PI:** Andrey Petrikovets

**Mentors:** Emily Weber Lebrun, Catrina Crisp

**Sites:** Case Western, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, UTSW, Albert Einstein, Emory.

**Open for recruitment:** Yes

**Description:** Retrospective cohort with 3:1 match evaluating composite perioperative surgical complications in HIV patients undergoing FPMRS surgery to those without HIV

**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data Collection

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*Laparoscopic/robotic sacrocolpopexy VS vaginal uterosacral ligament suspension: a comparative study of symptomatic and anatomic outcomes at 1 year*

**PI:** Nabila Noor

**Mentors:** Emily von Bargaen

**Sites:** Mt Auburn Hospitals, Northshore, Emory University

**Open for recruitment:** Yes

**Description:** Multi-center, retrospective cohort comparing composite score of symptomatic and anatomic failure at 1 year after LSCP/RSCP compared with vaginal USLS

**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRB approvals.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Get involved in an AUGS/SGS FPRN project. Our goal is for every FPRN® member to be involved in at least one project by their second year of fellowship!
- Please contact one of the FPMRS Fellows above to enroll as an ancillary study site now!
- If you or your colleagues have not yet joined FPRN® – go to [www.sgsonline.org](http://www.sgsonline.org) and click on the FPRN® link from the menu
- A requirement for membership to FPRN® is a current Associate Member status with SGS. For 2016, the annual Associate Member Fee of \$50.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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