MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the AUGS-SGS Group of the FPRN® is to enable fellows to work together cooperatively and conduct multi-center pelvic floor research projects. The goal of the FPRN® is to imbue fellows with greater confidence, ability and efficiency in becoming accomplished researchers. Within the AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® 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® will help members become more effective researchers.

NEWS

This newsletter provides an update of current projects and a summary of the most recent FPRN® meeting. Please contact any of the PIs below for more information regarding an FPRN® project.

MOST RECENT FPRN® MEETING:
Monday, June 28, 2021 at SGS 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting

What was discussed:

- **AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® Publications**
  - 36 Publications since 2007

- Completed Studies in the Last Year
  - Bastawros D, Rabon H, Noor N, Floran-Rodriguez ME, Hobson D, Tarr ME. Satisfaction and Regret Following Uterosacral Ligament Suspension and Sacrocolpopexy: A Prospective


• New AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® Projects Proposed and Reviewed:
  - Dr. Colby Schrum - Indications and referral patterns among women undergoing magnetic resonance defecography for complex pelvic floor disorders.
  - Dr. Lauren Caldwell - Do Vaginal Delivery Consents Include Risk of Postpartum Pelvic Floor Dysfunction? A Nationwide Multicenter Review
    These two proposals generated excellent discussion and all PIs were provided with feedback to improve their study and increase feasibility.

• Ongoing studies that are actively recruiting sites
  - Dr. Polina Sawyer - Symptom Prevalence After Risk-Reducing Oophorectomy in Women (SPARROW)  polina.sawyer@utsouthwestern.edu
  - Dr. Emily Rutledge - Prospective Assessment of Surgical Recovery Using a Rapid Evaluation of Frailty in Elderly Prolapse Patients: REFINE Study  ecrutledge@houstonmethodist.org
  - Dr. Abhishek Sripad - Development of Recurrent Prolapse by Extent of Mesh Excision Procedures: A Multicenter Study  asripad@wirhi.org
  - Dr Julia Shinnick - Race, Ethnicity, Socioeconomic status and Prolapse-rElated decisional ConflicT (RESPECT Study)  jshinnick@wihri.org
### PROJECT UPDATES

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<td>Symptom Prevalence After Risk-Reducing Oophorectomy in Women (SPARROW)</td>
<td>Polina Sawyer, MD</td>
<td>David Rahn, MD</td>
<td>UTSW, Yale, Emory</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Prospective cohort study using validated questionnaires to assess pelvic floor symptoms after risk reducing oophorectomy</td>
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<td>Sacrospinous Fixation and Vaginal Uterosacral Suspension: Evaluation in Uterine Preservation Surgery (SAVE-UP)</td>
<td>Kate Woodburn, MD</td>
<td>Rob Gutman, MD</td>
<td>Medstar, MetroHealth, UCLA, CCF</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Retrospective cohort study comparing short and long-term anatomical failure rates between sacrospinous ligament hysteropexy and vaginal uterosacral ligament hysteropexy</td>
<td>Data analysis</td>
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<td>Prospective Assessment of Surgical Recovery Using a Rapid Evaluation. Of Frailty in Elderly Prolapse Patients (REFINE)</td>
<td>Emily Rutledge, MD</td>
<td>Fiona Lindo, MD; Danielle Antosh, MD</td>
<td>Houston Methodist, UCSF, UCLA, Harbor UCLA, Cooper</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Prospective cohort study to determine whether frailty is associated with a significant decrease in the Activities Assessment Scale score after pelvic organ prolapse surgical intervention</td>
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<td>Development of Recurrent Prolapse by Extent of Synthetic Mesh Excision Procedures - A Multicenter Study</td>
<td>Abhishek Sripad, MD</td>
<td>Charles Rardin, MD</td>
<td>Brown, MGH, UNC, Harbor UCLA, UPMC, UPenn, Iowa, Medstar, Dartmouth</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Retrospective cohort study comparing rates of prolapse recurrence between major vs minor vaginal mesh excisions</td>
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<td>Race, Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Status and Prolapse-related decisional Conflict (RESPECT)</td>
<td>Julia Shinnick, MD</td>
<td>Vivian Sung, MD MPH</td>
<td>Brown, UCI, UAB, USF, UNM, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Emory</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Prospective cohort study comparing prolapse treatment-related decisional conflict reported by under-represented races or ethnicities to non-Hispanic Caucasians</td>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Apply to make your own study an FPRN® multi-center study! Our next deadline is approaching fast: 11:59 pm EST, Tuesday September 7, 2021. Apply in the FPRN® menu on the www.sgsonline.org website.
  o (https://sgs.memberclicks.net/augs-sgs-subgroup-of-fprn)

• Get involved in a FPRN® project. Our goal is for every AUGS-SGS Group of 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 and click on the FPRN® link from the menu

• A requirement for membership to FPRN® is a current Associate Member status with SGS. For 2021 the fellow annual Associate Member Fee is $50.

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