MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose 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 FPRN® fellows will work and collaborate both with peers and leaders in the field of Urogynecology and Minimally Invasive Surgery. 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® should help members become more effective researchers.

MESSAGE

Welcome to our AUGS – SGS FPRN Newsletter. 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 AUGS-SGS FPRN project….

MOST RECENT AUGS-SGS FPRN MEETING:

Monday, April 11th, 2016 at the Indian Wells Renaissance Resort during the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS) meeting in Palm Springs, CA

What was discussed:

1. Updated current projects – see below for updates.

2. FPRN® announced a new relationship with FMIGS in 2015. Development is in process of FMIGS-SGS FPRN with Steering Committee formed of MIGS Fellows. Independent meetings at AAGL, joint meetings at SGS. Opportunity to collaborate with AUGS-SGS FPRN.

3. Election of new steering committee and introduction of new faculty advisory board.

   New Faculty Advisory Board:  New Steering Committee Members:
   David ‘Ike’ Rahn                  Kristin M. Jacobs - Chair
   Tom Gregory                     Jennifer Yeung - Treasurer
   Robert Gutman                   Nabila Noor - Secretary
                                   Andrey Petrikovets – Website Administrator

4. Five new projects were proposed:

   a. Dr. Daniela Carlos - Timing of midurethral sling during concomitant prolapse surgery
   b. Dr. Nina Jacobson - The effect of an additional TVT on OAB symptoms in surgical repair of pelvic organ prolapse
   c. Dr. Andrey Petrikovets - Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery in the Setting of Human Immunodeficiency Virus
   d. Dr. Carolyn Botros – Methanamine Hippurate versus Suppressive Antibiotics in the Prevention of Recurrent UTIs.
   e. Dr. Nabila Noor – Laparoscopic/Robotic Sacrocolpopexy versus Uterosacral Ligament Suspension: A comparative study of symptomatic and anatomic outcomes at 1 year.
5. 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. Nabila Noor – Laparoscopic/Robotic Sacrocolpopexy versus Uterosacral Ligament Suspension: A comparative study of symptomatic and anatomic outcomes at 1 year.
      nnoor1@mah.harvard.edu

   b. Dr. Andrey Petrikovets - Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery in the Setting of Human Immunodeficiency Virus.
      andrey.petrikovets@uhhospitals.org

6. Guest Speaker: Thank you to Matthew Barber MD, Professor of Surgery and Vice-Chair of Clinical Research at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, who gave a great talk on “Statistical Analysis in Clinical Research” to the FPRN members!

**PRESENTATIONS AT SGS April 2006**


**PROJECT UPDATES**

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<td>PI: Erin Lavelle, UPMC. Mentors: Donna Mazloomdoost, Gary Sutkin. Sites: Emory, Washington University, University of Iowa, UT Southwestern, Georgetown/Medstar. Open for recruitment: Yes. Description: As per title. Timeline/next deadline: IRBs. <a href="mailto:seifertee@upmc.edu">seifertee@upmc.edu</a></td>
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<td>Infection of sacral neuromodulation requiring explantation: incidence and risk factors</td>
<td>PI: Emily Myer, Johns Hopkins. Mentors: Tola Fashokun, Grace Chen. Sites: Mt. Auburn, OHSU, 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: IRBs. <a href="mailto:Emyer3@jhmi.edu">Emyer3@jhmi.edu</a></td>
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<td>Patient knowledge and preferences regarding hysterectomy route</td>
<td>PI: Kristin M. Jacobs. Mentors: Vivian Sung, Nicole Korbly. Sites: CCF, Loyola, Mass General, UTSW, NSLIJ. 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: IRBs. <a href="mailto:KJacobs@wihri.org">KJacobs@wihri.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Return to baseline function status in elderly women undergoing pelvic organ prolapse surgery</strong></td>
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<td>Description: Prospective cohort study to determine the rate of return to baseline functional status for older women undergoing pelvic organ prolapse surgery.</td>
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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**


FELLOWS
We currently have 62 fellows involved!!

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