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. 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 BIANNUAL FPRN Newsletter. Through this newsletter, we hope to keep you updated on ongoing and new projects and the latest things the FPRN is working on. In this issue, we will report on the exciting happenings from our meeting at AUGS.

Abstracts accepted to AUGS 2012:

Abstracts accepted to SGS 2013:
- Mama MK, Dunivan G, Rogers RG. Risk factors of ureteral injury at the time of hysterectomy.

If you see something that interests you, contact the PI or one of the Steering Committee members!

We have 2 new project to introduce and 9 ongoing projects!!!

PROJECT UPDATES

**Impact of technologic innovation on hysterectomy route trends and associated implications for post-graduate surgical resident education in the United States.**

PI: Peter Jeppson, Brown University
Mentors: Vivian Sung
Sites: University of New Mexico, Emory, Good Samaritan, Mount Sinai, and Brown.
Description: To describe trends in hysterectomy routes before and after the implementation of robotic technology (abdominal, laparoscopic, robotic, and vaginal routes).

**Change in Male and Female Sexual Function After Midurethral Slings**

PI: Kristie Greene, University of South Florida
Mentors: Lior Lowenstein
Sites: USF, MWHC/Georgetown, Scott&White, Case Western, Mt Auburn, Loma Linda, LSU, University of New Mexico
Description: Multi-centered prospective trial investigating the affects of MUS on sexual function of male-female couples before and after surgery.
Timeline/next deadline: Currently recruiting sites. Sites are
Timeline/next deadline: Recruitment closed. 5 sites. Planned submission SGS 2014.

Presently applying for IRB. Please contact Kristie Greene (kgreene2@health.usf.edu) if you are interested in participating in this study.

Prospective study on the effect of interstim on bowel function in patients with refractory overactive bladder

**PI:** Monica Richardson  
**Mentors:** Andy Vu, Leslie Rickey  
**Sites:** Standford, UCLA, UC Irvine, U Mass, Cleveland Clinic Florida, Mt Sinai, U. of Chicago

**Description:** A case series evaluating changes in bowel function in patients who undergo Interstim for OAB using validated questionnaires.

ANCILLARY STUDIES

**Incidence endometrial and ovarian cancer during benign hysterectomy**  
Ancillary to: Impact of technologic innovation on hysterectomy route trends and associated implications for post-graduate surgical resident education in the United States  
**PI:** Leda Gattoc, Emory

**Evaluation of Male and Female Goals for Midurethral Sling**  
Ancillary to: Change in Male and Female Sexual Function After Midurethral Slings  
**PI:** Ladin Yurteri-Kaplan, Medstar Washington Hospital Center / Georgetown

**Intraoperative and postoperative complications by route of hystectomy**  
Ancillary to: Impact of technologic innovation on hysterectomy route trends and associated implications for post-graduate surgical resident education in the United States  
**PI:** Salma Rahimi, Mount Sinai

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Get involved in a FPRN project. Our goal is for every FPRN member to be involved in at least one project.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS


NEXT MEETING

**SGS 2013 FPRN Meeting:**  
**Tuesday April 9th 2:30-6:30pm**  
**Charleston Marriott Hotel, Room TBA**

FPRN will be accepting new project proposals for SGS. Please send us your proposal by 3/15/2013.

FELLOWS

We currently have 89 fellows from 51 fellowship programs involved!!

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