

SGS NEWS

Society of Gynecologic Surgeons

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Message from the President



As the President of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons, I am excited to welcome you to the [46th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Jacksonville, Florida from March 29 – April 1. The [Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront](#) is located in the heart of the city, and in addition to a superb program, the [area offers unlimited activities and world-class restaurants](#). Dr. Patrick Culligan and the Scientific Program Committee have put together an [outstanding program](#), with exceptional [keynote speakers, unique panel discussions](#), and a combination of podium presentation and videos that cover a variety of timely and interesting topics in gynecologic surgery. In addition, the many collegial [social events](#) for which SGS is well known round out an exciting program. The theme of this year's meeting is "20/20 Vision: Embracing Innovation that Builds on Past Success."

We are offering [five superb postgraduate courses](#), three of which will take place in the morning of March 29th. Dr. Cara King will be leading "Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy: Pushing the Envelope," Dr. Mikio Nihira is the chair of "Enhanced Recovery after Surgery: Overcoming Barriers to Implementation," and Dr. Charles Hanes will be heading up "It's All About the Apex: The Key to Successful POP Surgery." We have an additional two postgraduate courses that afternoon. Dr. Vince Lucente will chair "Transvaginal Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery using Graft Augmentation post FDA," and Dr. Christine Vaccaro will be leading "Coaching for Surgical Greatness through Feedback, Debriefing and Deliberate Practice." The afternoon also offers a hands-on dry lab and our annual workshop presented by the SGS Social Media Committee.

I am thrilled to tell you about our superb keynote speakers. This year marks the inaugural [Mark D. Walters Lectureship](#), and its namesake, Dr. Walters, Professor of Surgery in the Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health Institute at the Cleveland Clinic will be giving a lecture entitled, "Insights on Surgical Education: How Can I Help You Get Better." We will also hear from [Marc Beer](#), serial entrepreneur and the co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Renovia, Inc., whose talk is entitled "A Primer on Medical Device Innovation – How to Avoid Common Pitfalls while Realizing your Vision." This year's TeLinde Lecture, entitled "Artificial Intelligence in Surgery" will be delivered by [Dr. Vicente Gracias](#), a professor of surgery at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Our program chair, Dr. Culligan, will moderate two unique panel discussions that everyone is sure to enjoy – "Work-Life Balance & Gynecologic Surgery," which will feature various perspectives from Drs. Kristie Green, Sally Huber, Catherine Matthews and Charley Rardin. The second panel discussion is entitled "Understanding, Managing and Benefiting from your E-presence," and will include Heather Schueppert, Chief Marketing Officer at Unified Physician Management, Burt Kann, Chief Marketing Officer at Healthgrades, and Dr. Peter Lotze.

Let's not forget all the social events that make our meeting so enjoyable, including two evening receptions and the Tuesday afternoon social activities, where participants can choose between the annual golf tournament, yoga, a Jacksonville bike tour, or a city bridge and boat tour.

I know you will agree with me that this program offers all attendees not only an exceptional educational experience, but also an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and make new friends. That mixture has always been the "special sauce" of our society, and what makes SGS such a unique and special organization. I look forward to hosting all of you in Jacksonville!

Sincerely,

Peter L. Rosenblatt, MD
SGS President

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CoRPS

SGS is pleased to announce that the [Collaborative Research in Pelvic Surgery Consortium \(CoRPS\)](#) is now under the direction of SGS and accepting new members! Members of this Research Consortium work together to develop and conduct multi-center research studies, and members have the opportunity to participate in all the studies of the Consortium. Members can be from academic, community, or private hospital centers, and can be from any clinical practice that involved gynecologic surgery. The inaugural live meeting at SGS will take place on Monday, March 30 at 4 pm at the SGS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL.



If you are an attending who was a former member of the Fellows' Pelvic Research Network (FPRN®), this is considered the natural extension of multi-center research collaboration for fellows after graduation. If you were not a former member of the FPRN®, please consider this great opportunity to participate in a research network as an attending physician. If you are interested in opportunities to participate in multi center research and/or submitting research proposals, this Collaborative is the place for you. Please contact Nancy Frankel at nancy@sgsonline.org if you want more information, or come in person to the live meeting in Jacksonville, FL.

The new CoRPS Fund honoring Drs. Cheryl Iglesia, Kim Kenton, and Holly Richter has been established to support this new research group. Click [HERE](#) to donate to this new fund.

PG Course at SGS 2020 Highlights ERAS



Course 2: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery: Overcoming Barriers to Implementation **March 29, 2020 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Course Chair: Mikio Nihira, MD

Course Faculty: Anoushka Afonso, MD, Rajiv Gala, MD and Adam Steinberg, DO

In spite of the well-known benefits of enhanced recovery after surgery programs (EP) such as hastened patient recovery, reduced institutional costs and increased patient satisfaction, implementation of these programs has been inconsistent. [\[Read More\]](#)

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Apply Now to Become an APGO Surgical Education Scholar

The APGO Surgical Education Scholars (SES) Program Class of 2022 is accepting applications. The deadline for applications is April 8, 2020.

The goal of the APGO Surgical Education Scholars program is to provide a mechanism, on a national level, that develops confident, professional ob-gyn surgical educators who are able to implement surgical curricula at teaching institutions across the United States and Canada. SES graduates will be prepared to fulfill major surgical educational responsibilities and positions within their medical centers as they will be knowledgeable in:

- Conducting needs assessments
- Assessment of learner performance/ knowledge
- Small team and 1-on-1 clinical instruction in low- and high-fidelity surgical settings
- Small team and one-on-one management and leadership skills
- Implementing patient safety techniques while teaching
- Conducting surgical education research projects
- Employing surgical checklists
- Giving constructive feedback to learners

[Application Deadline:](#) April 8, 2020

Apply Now

SGS Got Talent

Back by popular demand the SGS' Got Talent Show will continue in 2020. Entertain your colleagues with a solo or group talent. Peer reviewers will return. The winner of the talent show gets bragging rights for one year. Can you sing, lip sync, dance, juggle, or tell jokes? [Click here](#) to sign up yourself or your group. Donations for best performance for SGS' Got Talent support the SGS Education Fund.

Sign Up

Tickets purchased in advance are \$75. A portion of each ticket sold to this event will go towards the SGS Mission to Advance Research and Education.

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- John O. L. DeLancey Fund supports the Pelvic Anatomy Group (nomenclature, 3D imaging and digital library)
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