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 FPRN® Newsletter. This newsletter is an update of current projects and a summary of the most recent meeting of the AUGS-SGS FPRN Subgroup. Please contact any of the PIs below to recruit for an FPRN® project.

MOST RECENT AUGS-SGS FPRN SUBGROUP MEETING:
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Washington Convention Center during the PFD Week/AUGS meeting in Seattle, WA.

92 individuals were in attendance!

What we discussed:

1. Updated current projects – see below for updates

2. Nancy Frankel, Executive Director of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons discussed SGS associate membership and its benefits.

   ** All FPRN® members are required to be associate SGS members. **

3. New projects were proposed:
   a. Dr. Pakeeza Alam - Perioperative course of patients with connective tissue disorders
   b. Dr. Daniela Carlos - Timing of midurethral sling during concomitant prolapse surgery
   c. Dr. Erin Lavelle - A randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial of Nitrofurantoin prophylaxis in women undergoing catheterization for acute postoperative urinary retention after surgery for urinary incontinence and/or pelvic organ prolapse
   d. Dr. Emily Myer - Infection requiring explantation of sacral neuromodulation: incidence and risk factors
   e. Dr. Kristin Jacobs - Patient knowledge, attitudes and preferences regarding hysterectomy route
   f. Dr. Nina Jacobson - The effect of an additional TVT on OAB symptoms in surgical repair of pelvic organ prolapse
   g. Dr. Andrey Petrikovets - Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery in the Setting of Human Immunodeficiency Virus
   h. Dr. Veneesha Vallabh-Patel - To compare patient satisfaction between the traditional Foley catheter versus valved female (VF) urinary catheter in patients who have failed an initial voiding trial
4. We are excited to announce that the following proposals will be the newest AUGS-SGS FPRN subgroup research projects. Please email the respected Fellow if you are interested in becoming involved:

   a. Dr. Erin Lavelle - A randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial of Nitrofurantoin prophylaxis in women undergoing catheterization for acute postoperative urinary retention after surgery for urinary incontinence and/or pelvic organ prolapse
      seifertee@upmc.edu

   b. Dr. Emily Myer - Infection requiring explantation of sacral neuromodulation: incidence and risk factors
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   c. Dr. Pakeeza Alam - Perioperative course of patients with connective tissue disorders
      pakeeza.alam@gmail.com

   d. Dr. Kristin Jacobs - Patient knowledge, attitudes and preferences regarding hysterectomy route
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5. We would also like to congratulate and welcome Dr. Emily Weber Lebrun as our newest Senior Advisory Board member! Dr. Weber Lebrun was a dedicated FPRN® member as a fellow and has been a part of two publications as a Junior Advisor. We thank her for all her hard work and look forward to working with her as a Senior Advisory Board member.

### PRESENTATION AT AUGS/PFD Week 2015


### PROJECT UPDATES

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<td><strong>Description:</strong> A cross-sectional study to determine women’s use of social networking to seek information about pelvic floor disorders.</td>
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<td><strong>Timeline/next deadline:</strong> To be presented at SGS meeting 2016</td>
<td><strong>Description:</strong> 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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<td><strong>Description:</strong> A cross-sectional study to determine the knowledge of and preference of robotic surgery in women with pelvic organ prolapse.</td>
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**Cystometric bladder capacity and other predictors of failed postoperative voiding trial following a midurethral sling**

**PI:** Christopher Ripperda, UT Southwestern

**Mentors:** David Rahn, Nazinan Ehsani

**Sites:** U Iowa, Stanford, UCLA, Emory, Mount Auburn

**Description:** A case-control study of patients who fail their voiding trials versus those who pass after isolated slings to determine risk factors for short term voiding dysfunction.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Oral poster at SGS 2016

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Get involved in an 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

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**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**


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**FELLOWS**

We currently have 62 fellows involved!!

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