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.

NEWS

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

MOST RECENT FPRN® MEETING:

Monday, March 12th at the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS) 44th Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

What was discussed:

1. Interesting and educational lecture by Dr. Donna Mazloomdoost entitled “Research Beyond Fellowship”

   - 30 in peer-reviewed indexed journals

3. Presentations at SGS 2018:
   - Dr. Emily Myer – Infection of sacral neuromodulation requiring explantation: incidence and risk factors
   - Dr. Kristin Jacobs – Patient knowledge and preferences regarding hysterectomy route. (1st Prize Paper – Fellow/Resident)
   - Dr. Nabila Noor – Laparoscopic/robotic sacrocolpopexy vs. vaginal uterosacral ligament suspension: a comparative study of symptomatic and anatomic outcomes at 1 year

4. We completed our first Randomized Controlled Trial!
   - Congratulations to Dr. Erin Lavelle and her team
   - 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
5. New AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® projects were proposed:
   - Dr. Rachel High. Outcomes in Sacral Neuromodulation for urinary Retention: Effect of Age and Comorbidities
   - Michael Ting (on behalf of Dr. Jessica Ting). Route of hysterectomy and mesh attachment at the time of sacrocolpopexy: a retrospective cohort study
   - Dr. Sarah Napoe. Effectiveness of Bilateral PTNS Compared to Unilateral PTNS for the Treatment of Overactive Bladder/Urge Incontinence (BUTTON)
   - Dr. Shweta Pai. Patient Perceptions on Pelvic Floor Disorders: Evaluation of racial and Ethnic Factors

6. We are excited to announce that the following proposals will be the newest FPRN® research projects moving forward with recruitment. Please email the respective Fellows if you are interested in becoming involved:
   - Dr. Rachel High. Outcomes in Sacral Neuromodulation for urinary Retention: Effect of Age and Comorbidities. highr077@gmail.com
   - Jessica Ton. Route of hysterectomy and mesh attachment at the time of sacrocolpopexy: a retrospective cohort study. Jessica.b.ton@gmail.com
   - Dr. Shweta Pai. Patient Perceptions on Pelvic Floor Disorders: Evaluation of Racial and Ethnic Factors. shweta.ajith.pai@gmail.com

7. Welcome the new AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® Steering Committee!
   - Sarah Napoe (Chair) – Brown
   - Alexander Berger (Vice Chair) – UC San Diego/Kaiser San Diego
   - Toya Pratt (Secretary) – UC San Francisco
   - Tanya Hoke (Website Administrator) – University of Alabama at Birmingham

PUBLICATIONS IN 2018


PROJECT UPDATES

| STOMP: Sexual Function Trial of Overactive Bladder: Medication versus PTNS |
| PI: Allison Polland |
| Mentors: Robert Gutman |
| Sites: MedStar, Indiana University, UTSW, Oklahoma University, Louisville |
| Open for recruitment: Yes |
| Description: Comparison of sexual function in patients taking OAB meds compared to PTNS |
| Timeline/next deadline: Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data collection. |
| Allison.polland@gmail.com |

| Risk Factors for De Novo and Persistent SUI after Urethral Diverticulectomy. |
| PI: Sarah Bradley |
| Mentors: Robert Gutman |
| Sites: MedStar, UTSW, Wash U, UPMC, Cleveland Clinic, Emory, Cooper, Ohio State |
| Open for recruitment: Yes |
| Description: Retrospective cohort to identify risk factors for persistent and *de novo* SUI after urethral diverticulectomy |
| Timeline/next deadline: Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data collection. |
| sarahbradleymd@gmail.com |
### Success of Concomitant vs. Interval Midurethral Slings
**PI:** Jocelyn Fitzgerald  
**Mentors:** Robert Gutman  
**Sites:** MedStar, Michigan, UAB, Mt. Auburn  
**Open for recruitment:** Yes  
**Description:** retrospective cohort study comparing outcomes of concomitant vs. interval MUS placement at the time of POP surgery.  
**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs/Data collection.  
**Contact:** jocelynfitzgerald@gmail.com

### Patient Preference Responses to Encounters with FPMRS Surgeons (PREFeR Study)
**PI:** Tanya Hoke and Alexander Berger  
**Mentors:** Holly Richter and Emily Lukacz  
**Sites:** UAB, UCSD, Kaiser SD, Mt. Auburn, UTSW, Indiana, Scott and White, USC  
**Open for recruitment:** No  
**Description:** Survey study to characterize patient preferences for FPMRS provider age and gender as well as presence of medial learners in the office.  
**Timeline/next deadline:** Site Recruitment/IRBs, data collection  
**Contact:** tanyahokemd@gmail.com or alexanderbergermd@gmail.com

### ANNOUNCEMENTS
- **FPRN® proposal information for AUGS 2018 will be sent out soon!**
- **Get involved in an 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](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 2018, the annual Associate Member Fee is $50.** Besides eligibility to participate in FPRN®, Associate Members also have a limited availability to participate in SGS Committees and full access to the SGS Video Library.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS


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