

**AUGS-SGS Group of the  
Fellow's Pelvic Research Network (FPRN)<sup>®</sup> Newsletter**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of the FPRN<sup>®</sup> is to enable fellows to work together cooperatively and conduct multi-center pelvic floor research projects. The goal of the FPRN<sup>®</sup> is to imbue fellows with greater confidence, ability and efficiency in becoming accomplished researchers. Within the FPRN<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> should help members become more effective researchers.

**MESSAGE**

**News**

**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 FPRN project....**

**MOST RECENT FPRN<sup>®</sup> MEETING:**

**Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at the American Urogynecology Society (AUGS) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.**

**What was discussed:**

- 1. 10 year anniversary of the FPRN<sup>®</sup>!**
  - Thank you to Lior Lowenstein, Cedric Olivera, Heidi Harvie, Joe Schaffer, and Stephen Young for all your hard work to initiate this highly productive and successful network!
- 2. FPRN<sup>®</sup> Publications (2008-2017):**
  - 31 in peer-reviewed indexed journals.
- 3. Presentations at AUGS 2017:**
  - Dr. Pakeeza Alam, MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Perioperative course of patients with connective tissue disorders.
- 4. AUGS/SGS Group of FPRN<sup>®</sup> Projects that completed site recruitment during 2016-2017:**
  - Dr. Kristin Jacobs. Patient knowledge and preferences regarding hysterectomy route.
  - Dr. Pakeeza Alam. Perioperative course of patients with connective tissue disorders.
  - Dr. Andrey Petrikovets. HIV in the Setting of Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery
  - Dr. Daniel Lee. Return to baseline function status in elderly women undergoing pelvic organ prolapse surgery
  - Dr. Emily Myer. Infection of sacral neuromodulation requiring explanation: incidence and risk factors.

**5. New AUGS/SGS Group of FPRN® projects were proposed:**

- Dr. Tanya P. Hoke/Dr. Alexander A. Berger. Patient Preference Responses to Encounters with FePMRS Surgeons (PREFeR).
- Dr. Shannon Wallace. Patient Press-Ganey Scores in Outpatients Urogynecology and Female Urology
- Dr. Sarah Huber. Transgender post-Reassignment Urogynecologic Measures and Perceptions: a mixed methods study.
- Dr. Jocelyn J. Fitzgerald. Success of concomitant vs. interval midurethral slings for prevention and treatment of bothersome de novo SUI.
- Dr. Purna Raj. SISTIMS Trial- Comparing Single Intradetrusor Site Injection to Multiple Injection Sites of OnabotulinumtoxinA for Management of Idiopathic Urge Urinary Incontinence: A Prospective Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial
- Dr. Eduardo Martinez. A Multicenter Look at the Length of Catheterization and the Bacterial Profile of Organisms Causing UTI after Intravesical Botox Injection

**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. Tanya P. Hoke/Dr. Alexander A. Berger. Patient Preference Responses to Encounters with FePMRS Surgeons (PREFeR).** [tanyahokemd@gmail.com](mailto:tanyahokemd@gmail.com) or [alexanderbergermd@gmail.com](mailto:alexanderbergermd@gmail.com)
- **Dr. Jocelyn J. Fitzgerald. Success of concomitant vs. interval midurethral slings for prevention and treatment of bothersome de novo SUI.**  
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**7. Consider running for the Steering Committee 2018-2019. All four positions will be up for election! Details to follow in future emails.**

**PRESENTATIONS AT AUGS 2017**

P. Alam, E. R. Davidson, J. N. Byrnes, K. Bochenska, M. Florian-Rodriguez, C. M. Carter-Brooks, E. Myer, M. Good, R. E. Gutman. Perioperative Outcomes in Patients with Hereditary Disorders of Connective Tissue: A Retrospective Cohort Study. Oral Poster Presentation.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

*A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial Of nitrofurantoin prophylaxis during short-term catheterization for acute urinary retention following Pelvic reconstructive surgery*

**PI:** Erin Lavelle, UPMC.

**Mentors:** Donna Mazloomdoost, Gary Sutkin.

**Sites:** UPitt, Emory, Washington University, University of Iowa, UT Southwestern, Georgetown/Medstar

Open for recruitment: Yes

**Description:** As per title.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Data collection

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*STOMP: Sexual Function Trial of Overactive Bladder: Medication versus PTNS*

**PI:** Allison Polland

**Mentors:** Robert Gutman

**Sites:** MedStar, Indiana University, UTSW, Oklahoma University

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.

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**Risk Factors for De Novo and Persistent SUI after Urethral Diverticulectomy.**

**PI:** Sarah Bradley

**Mentors:** Robert Gutman

**Sites:** MedStar

**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.

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**Laparoscopic/robotic sacrocolpopexy VS vaginal uterosacral ligament suspension: a comparative study of symptomatic and anatomic outcomes at 1 year**

**PI:** Nabila Noor

**Mentors:** Emily von Bargaen

**Sites:** Mt Auburn Hospitals, Northshore, Emory University, Carolina Center, U of L, Magee, UTSW, Stanford

**Open for recruitment:** Yes

**Description:** Multi-center, retrospective cohort comparing composite score of symptomatic and anatomic failure at 1 year after LSCP/RSCP compared with vaginal USLS

**Timeline/next deadline:** /IRB approvals.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Get involved in a FPRN® project. Our goal is for every member of the AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® to be involved in at least one project by their second year of fellowship!
- Please contact one of the 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 of \$50.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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