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 gynecologic surgery. 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

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® MEETING:

Wednesday, March 27th, 2017 at the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS) 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

What was discussed:

1. 10 year anniversary of the FPRN®!
   - Thank you to Loir Lowenstein and for all your hard work to initiate this highly productive and successful network!

   - 31 in peer-reviewed indexed journals.

3. AUGS/SGS Group of FPRN® Projects that completed site recruitment during 2016-2017:
   - 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.

4. New AUGS/SGS Group of FPRN® projects were proposed:
   - Dr. Sarah Bradley – Risk Factors for De Novo and Persistent SUI after Urethral Diverticulectomy
   - Dr. Annaceci Peacher-Scacer – Comparison of the incidence of de novo stress urinary incontinence after laparoscopic and robotic sacrocolpopexy.
   - Dr. Sara Napoe - Rates of postoperative SUI in women undergoing prolapse surgery with and without mid-urethral sling.
5. We are excited to announce that the following proposals will be the newest FPRN® research projects. Please email the respective Fellow if you are interested in becoming involved:

- Dr. Sarah Bradley – Risk Factors for De Novo and Persistent SUI after Urethral Diverticulectomy. Email: sarahbradleymd@gmail.com

6. Guest Speakers: Thank you Dr. Linda Brubaker for an insightful talk on “Every Day Scholarship” to the FPRN® members!

7. Treasurer Voting: Congratulations to Pakeeza Alam MD from MedStar Washington Hospital Center! She is the new Treasurer of the AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN® for the 2017-2018 calendar year.

PRESENTATIONS AT SGS 2017

PROJECT UPDATES

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<td>A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial Of nitrofurantoin prophylaxis during short-term catheterization for acute urinary retention following Pelvic reconstructive surgery</td>
<td>Erin Lavelle, UPMC.</td>
<td>Donna Mazloomdoost, Gary Sutkin.</td>
<td>UPittEmory, Washington University, University of Iowa, UT Southwestern, Georgetown/Medstar</td>
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<td>Patient knowledge and preferences regarding hysterectomy route</td>
<td>Kristin M. Jacobs</td>
<td>Vivian Sung, Nicole Korby</td>
<td>Brown, CCF, Loyola, Case Western, UTSW, NSLIJ, Banner, Mayo, UCLA, UCSD</td>
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<td>Cross sectional survey study to estimate the effect of health literacy on the knowledge of hysterectomy route in the United States</td>
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<td>Kristin M. Jacobs</td>
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<td>Randomized control trial comparing pain control in intravesicaul lidocaine to pyridium for office botox procedures.</td>
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<td>Laparoscopic/robotic sacrocolpopexy VS vaginal uterosacral ligament suspension: a comparative study of symptomatic and anatomic outcomes at 1 year</td>
<td>Nabila Noor</td>
<td>Emily von Bargen</td>
<td>Mt Auburn Hospitals, Northshore, Emory University, Carolina Center, Indiana University, Magee</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Multi-center, retrospective cohort comparing composite score of symptomatic and anatomic failure at 1 year after LSCP/RSCP compared with vaginal USLS</td>
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<td>STOMP: Sexual Function Trial of Overactive Bladder: Medication versus PTNS</td>
<td>Allison Polland</td>
<td>Robert Gutman</td>
<td>MedStar, Indiana University, Drexel University</td>
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<td>Comparison of sexual function in patients taking OAB meds compared to PTNS</td>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Get involved in an 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 and click on the FPRN link from the menu.
- A requirement for membership to FPRN® is a current Associate Member status with SGS. For 2017, the annual Associate Member Fee of $50.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**


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