**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.

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**MESSAGE**

Welcome to our THIRD BIANNUAL FPRN Newsletter. Through this newsletter, we hope to keep you updated on ongoing and new projects and the latest things the FPRN is working on. In this issue, we will report on the exciting happenings from our meeting at SGS.

*If you see something that excites you, contact the PI or one of the Steering Committee members!*

We have **1 new project** to introduce and **9 ongoing** projects!!

### PROJECT UPDATES

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**Washington Hospital Center**

**Description:** This is a cross-sectional survey study of hospital administration to describe the criteria and variability in granting and renewing surgical privileges to gynecologists and urologists across hospitals in Northern America. And also aim to compare the processes for privileging used in academic medical centers versus community based practices.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Recruiting more sites. Contact Diego (diego.illanes@umassmemorial.org) if you are interested in participating in this study! Will plan to submit abstract for SGS ’12.

**OutLAST-Outcomes of Laparoscopic vs. Abdominal Sacrocolpopexy Trial**

**PI:** Patrick Nosti, Washington Hospital Center, D.C.  
**Mentors:** Robert Gutman, MD, Lior Lowenstein, MD  
**Sites:** Georgetown/WHC, Oklahoma, Yale, Case Western, Cleveland Clinic-OH  

**Description:** This is a multicenter retrospective cross-sectional chart review comparing outcomes and perioperative complications of abdominal, laparoscopic, and robotic sacral colpopexies. Secondary aims include: To compare operative time and hospital stay between abdominal and laparoscopic sacral colpopexy. To compare short-term (6 months) and long-term (>6 month) POP-Q data between abdominal and laparoscopic sacral colpopexy. To determine if there is a difference in the rate of mesh erosion between these approaches. To compare complications associated with LSCP and robotic sacral colpopexy.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Collecting data. Recruiting more sites. Contact Patrick Nosti (patrick.nosti@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in this study! Plan to submit to SGS 2012.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS**

**Incidence and risks for venous thromboembolism in women undergoing pelvic reconstructive surgery**

**PI:** Ignacio Montoya, UT Southwestern  
**Mentors:** David Rahn, MD  

**Description:** Retrospective chart review of all patients undergoing urogynecologic procedures and pelvic reconstructive surgeries to determine the incidence of and risk factors for symptomatic perioperative VTE.

**Timeline/next deadline:** Manual of operations due June 6th.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Get involved in a FPRN project. Our goal is for every FPRN member to be involved in at least one project.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS
A Retrospective Multicenter Study on Outcomes after Midurethral Polypropylene Sling (MUS) Revision for Voiding Dysfunction.

Sacral Neuromodulation for Fecal Incontinence
Shepherd J, Wheeler T, Garris JB.
The Female Patient. Currently in press.

Assessing current trends in postoperative instructions within the realm of urogynecology: Is there a consensus?
Knoepp LR, Bracken JN, Omotosho T, Friedman S, Hoskey KA, Sung VW,
Poster at Society of Gynecologic Surgeons 2011.
Manuscript in process.

NEXT MEETING
AUGS 2011 (day and time TBA)

FELLOWS
We currently have 84 fellows from 44 fellowship programs involved!!

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