Fellow’s Pelvic Research Network (FPRN) Newsletter

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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 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 AUGS.

Abstracts presented at SGS 2012:


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 6 ongoing projects!!!

PROJECT UPDATES

Colpocleisis: A Multi-Center Analysis of Postoperative Regret, Satisfaction, and Body Image.
PI: Catrina C. Crisp Harmon, Good Samaritan Hospital
Mentors: Rachel Pauls, MD and Lior Lowenstein MD
Sites: Good Samaritan, Case Western, Cleveland Clinic FL, Mount auburn Hospital Harvard, Loyola, U of Maryland, Mount Sinai, Riverside in Columbus, U Mass, and Allentown
Description: A prospective cohort study of patients who plan to undergo colpocleisis for correction of their pelvic organ prolapse. The aim of this study is to assess if patients with pelvic organ prolapse who undergo colpocleisis have an improvement in body image following surgery. Secondary aims include to assess regret and satisfaction with colpocleisis and to determine potential risk factors for regret.

Attitudes of women presenting for care for pelvic floor disorders regarding the role of uterine preservation in the treatment of pelvic organ prolapse
PI: Nicole Korbly, Brown
Mentors: Heidi Harvie, MD and Vivian Sung, MD
Sites: Northeast: Brown, Yale, Einstein, St. Lukes
South: UT southwestern, Cleveland Clinic Florida, Emory
West: Stanford Midwest; Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Loyola, Indianapolis, Columbus
Description: A multi-center cross sectional survey study to estimate the effect of geographical region on patient preference for uterine preservation techniques in women with POP, and to describe the attitudes, perceptions, and knowledge of women with POP regarding uterine preservation techniques for POP treatment.
Timeline/next deadline: 225/360 patients currently
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<td><strong>Timeline/next deadline</strong></td>
<td>6 Sites. 78 of 88 pt recruited. Recruiting more sites that perform colpoploysis. Contact Catrina Crisp <a href="mailto:catrina_crisp@trihealth.com">catrina_crisp@trihealth.com</a> if you are interested in participating in this study!</td>
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| **Management of Vesicovaginal Fistulae: A Multicenter Review**       | PI: Susan Oakley, Good Samaritan  
Mentors: Heidi Harvie, Rachel Pauls  
**Description**: To report the variation of management of vesicovaginal fistulas in the U.S. in the areas of type (i.e. expectant versus surgical), timing (i.e. duration of catheter, delay between diagnosis and intervention), and frequency (i.e. how often is each method of intervention used).  
**Timeline/next deadline**: Recruitment closed. Data collection due to primary site in May. Data analysis in June. Plan to submit to SGS. |
| **Impact of technologic innovation on hysterectomy route trends and associated implications for postgraduate surgical resident education in the United States.** | PI: Peter Jeppson, Brown University  
Mentors: Vivian Sung  
**Description**: To describe trends in hysterectomy routes before and after the implementation of robotic technology (abdominal, laparoscopic, robotic, and vaginal routes).  
**Timeline/next deadline**: Recruiting sites. Please contact Peter [peterjeppson@gmail.com](mailto:peterjeppson@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in this study! |
| **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 peri-operative VTE.  
Sites Participating: UTSW, Oklahoma, Yale, UNC, Good Samaritan, UNM  
**Timeline/next deadline**: Recruiting sites who utilize mechanical VTE prophylaxis as standard perioperative protocol. Finishing data collection and starting data analysis soon. Still recruiting additional sites! Please contact Ignacio [teodoro.montoya@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:teodoro.montoya@utsouthwestern.edu) if you are interested in participating in this study! |
| **Risk factors of ureteral injury at the time of hysterectomy**      | PI: Mamta M Kulkarni  
Mentors: Gena Dunivan, M.D., Rebecca G Rogers, M.D.  
**Description**: A case-control study of women undergoing hysterectomy for benign disease that have ureteral injury compared to controls undergoing hysterectomy who did not have ureteral injury.  
**Timeline/next deadline**: Performing data analysis. Plan to submit to SGS 2013. |
| **NEW PROJECT**                                                      | **Change in Male and Female Sexual Function After Midurethral Slings**  
PI: Kristie Greene, University of South Florida  
Mentors: Lior Lowenstein  
**Description**: Multi-centered prospective trial investigating the affects of MUS on sexual function of male-female couples before and after surgery  
**Timeline/next deadline**: Applying for IRB. Recruiting sites. Please contact Kristie Greene [kgreene2@health.usf.edu](mailto:kgreene2@health.usf.edu) if you are interested in participating in this study. |
| **ANNOUNCEMENTS**                                                   | - Get involved in a FPRN project. Our goal is for every FPRN member to be involved in at least one project.  
- We would like to thank Drs. Fenner, Richter & Ehsani for their donation to the FPRN. The funds will be used to establish a travel stipend to facilitate fellow attendance at SGS and AUGS FRPN meetings. |
RECENT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS


NEXT MEETING

AUGS 2012 (date & time TBA)

FELLOWS
We currently have 85 fellows from 47 fellowship programs involved!!

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