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Eleventh Annual

Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy & Surgery on Unembalmed Female Cadavers

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The University of Louisville Louisville, Kentucky

Experience Excellence in Education

Combining lectures from the foremost experts in laparoscopic surgery with 8 hours of mentored dissection limited to three participants for each cadaver, this advanced course will provide you an unparalleled opportunity to advance your skills. All taught and supervised by a distinguished faculty. Questions are encouraged. This year, to accommodate demand, cadaver dissection sessions are open to observation.

Course Overview

This postgraduate workshop has been designed for gynecologists with advanced laparoscopic skills who desire to master retroperitoneal and Space of Retzius anatomy and the various surgeries performed therein, including the performance of TVT/TOT surgery and cystoscopy.

These goals are achieved using unembalmed female cadavers in an extensive two-day course of lectures and hands on laparoscopic experience. No more than four participants are assigned to each cadaver and are closely supervised by experienced faculty instructors, including some of the most outstanding physicians in this field. The faculty members are selected based on surgical experience as well as expertise in teaching in this setting.

During each hour of hands on experience with the cadaver, each participant will operate, assist and observe. With this rotational format, participants learn pelvic anatomy and laparoscopic suturing skills in a meaningful manner. Faculty members will lead participants through procedures such as pelvic sidewall dissection, preparation for laparoscopic hysterectomy, uterosacral coloposuspension, Burch retroperitoneal coloposuspension, and paravaginal defect repairs through the laparoscopic approach.

Breakout sessions will highlight the use of TVT/TOT while a separate group works with instructors in laparoscopic suturing.

Enrollment Limits

This workshop is limited to 27 participants, so we encourage you to register today. This is the 10th annual course held at the University of Louisville and it has been highly acclaimed by attendees from around the world.

Course Objectives

After completion of this two-day course of lectures and hands on dissection of human, fresh frozen cadavers, the participants will:

- Increase their applied knowledge of female pelvic anatomy.
- Improve their surgical skills through hands on dissection of retroperitoneal spaces and pelvic sidewall.
- Improve their anatomic knowledge and laparoscopic skills in performing advanced operative laparoscopic procedures.
- Reinforce their laparoscopic suturing skills and learn new ones.
- Learn how to perform cystoscopy and the TVT/TOT procedure.



Program

Friday

- 8am Introduction and Course overview
- 8:15 Fundamental Laparoscopic Pelvic Anatomy
- 9:00 Pelvic Floor anatomy and reconstruction
- 9:40 Question and Answer
- 9:50 Refreshment Break
- 10:00 Ureter: Anatomy and Laparoscopic Dissection
- 10:40 Dealing with Endometriosis
- 11:20 Energy modalities in Endoscopic Surgery
- 12:00 Working Luncheon
- Questions and Answers/Discussion
- Video: Laparoscopic Dissection and Laparoscopic Suturing
- 1:00pm – 5:00pm Hands-on Cadaver Dissection (three participants per cadaver)
- Review Surface
 - Anatomy of the Pelvis
 - Anatomy and Technique of Performing Uterosacral Ligament Suspension
 - Retroperitoneal spaces, vessels, nerves dissection
 - Dissection of Pelvic Sidewall
 - Basics of Laparoscopic Suturing Tutorial

Saturday

- 8am Pearls of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy
- 8:40 Laparoscopic Treatment of Apical Prolapse
- 9:15 Slings and Things
- 10:00 Complications of Laparoscopy and How to Avoid Them
- 10:45 Question and Answer
- 10:50 Refreshment Break
- 11:00 Hands-on Cadaver Dissection
 - Anatomy and Refined Techniques of Performing Laparoscopic Hysterectomy
 - Dissection of the Space of Retzius
 - Laparoscopic suturing
- 12:45 Luncheon
- 1:30 Continue hands-on Cadaver Dissection
 - Review of Laparoscopic Anatomy
 - Laparoscopic Bowel Injury repair
 - TVT, Trans Obturator Slings, TVT Secure
- 4:30 Complete Evaluation Forms - Adjuorn

Accreditation

The AAGL is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AAGL designates this educational activity for a maximum of **15 Category 1 credits** toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award (AMA/PRA). Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity. Participants must sign in daily to receive CME credits.

Enrollment Information

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