



## **IDENTIFYING GYNECOLOGISTS WHO PRACTICE MINIMALLY INVASIVE GYNECOLOGY (MIG)**

### **Background**

Many minimally invasive gynecologic procedures have been shown to:

- Be equally or more effective than open surgeries.
- Offer an alternative to more complex surgical procedures.
- Shorten or avoid hospitalizations.
- Be less painful for patients.
- Allow patients to return sooner to normal work/life style activities.
- Provide economic benefits to payers over open procedures.

### **Problems in Identifying Quality Gynecologist Interested in MIG –**

- Residency training doesn't necessarily guarantee skills.
- Number of cases a physician has done doesn't necessarily correlate to quality of care.
- Certificate programs such as the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery program show an understanding of the subject and a level of manual skills, but not necessarily the ability to provide appropriate care.

### **What the AAGL Can Offer in Identifying Gynecologist Interested in MIG**

When the AAGL was founded in 1971, it was the first society in the world to provide a forum for promoting and teach laparoscopy. Its focus has since expanded to advancing all minimally invasive gynecologic procedures. Its membership of over 4500 gynecologists is worldwide.

As the premier society interested in MIG, we have long-standing members who have demonstrated interest in providing their patients with state-of-the-art minimally invasive gynecologic procedures.

We can provide you a list of our members in several different ways depending on your preference. In addition to our current membership list (for any locality requested), there are also the following:

- Graduated Fellows in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery. These physicians have had one or two years of post-residency training in MIG.
- Fellowship Directors. These are the Preceptors who are training Fellows in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery. Faculty members of post graduate AAGL training programs.
- Members of the Council of Gynecologic Endoscopy. The over 1000 members of this group have provided case list and supportive operative notes and pathology reports demonstrating the types of procedure they are doing. This is a peer- review process.
- Members specifying their primary areas of interest. These are self-identified descriptions by physicians which indicate their specific areas interest/ practices in MIG.

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