4TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP
on Video Assisted Laparoscopy &
Robotic Hysterectomy with Intensive
Hands-on Laparoscopic Suturing

December 6-7, 2012
The Roosevelt Hotel
New York, NY

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Course Description

This two-day course and hands-on workshop is designed to educate attendees in the art and science of laparoscopic suturing and knot-tying, as well as provide step by step techniques for performing video-assisted laparoscopic and robotic-assisted hysterectomy. The curriculum of this course is a continuum of didactics followed by hands-on training sessions in a repetitive and increased fashion, reaffirming and maximizing technical skill development. The hands-on session will include instruction and performance of extracorporeal knots, intracorporeal knots, slip knots, and the use of barbed sutures. Lectures will be evidence-based and will include extensive surgical videos of video-assisted laparoscopic and robotic-assisted hysterectomy and myomectomy, supracervical hysterectomy, and retroperitoneal dissection from expert faculty. The course will also include interactive live surgeries of mini video laparoscopy and robotic-assisted hysterectomy which will reinforce the knowledge and skills acquired from the earlier didactic sessions. Additional topics will include laparoscopic, robotic and hysteroscopic myomectomy, endometrial ablation, treatment of endometriosis, pelvic reconstruction, normal and abnormal anatomy and complications.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the clinician will be able to:

- Assess the treatment options for patients presenting for minimally invasive approach for hysterectomy;
- Distinguish between video-assisted laparoscopic and robotic-assisted hysterectomy;
- Describe effective room set-up for video-assisted laparoscopy and robotic platform;
- Describe patient positioning and trocar-placement for video-assisted laparoscopic and robotic-assisted hysterectomy;
- Identify different docking and selection of proper instrumentation for robotic platform;
- Apply the skills necessary to perform video-assisted laparoscopic and robotic-assisted hysterectomy, myomectomy and pelvic reconstructive surgery while minimizing conversions;
- Identify proper intra-operative techniques for performing video-assisted laparoscopic and robotic-assisted hysterectomy for complex pathologies;
- Predict, manage and prevent complications, including ureter, bladder and bowel injuries in laparoscopic and robotic-assisted surgery;
- Compare minimally invasive alternatives to hysterectomy, including endometrial ablation and myomectomy;
- Describe step by step approach to a straightforward and difficult vaginal hysterectomy;
- Evaluate new indications and techniques of the new energy sources—their actions and their complications;
- Estimate and manage anesthetic implications of steep trendelenberg and pneumoperitoneum;
- Determine the fundamental techniques in laparoscopic suturing;
- Identify applications of interrupted and continuous laparoscopic suturing;
- Demonstrate optimal bite placement and knot tying technique during laparoscopic tissue approximation; and
- Apply a surgeon’s knot using laparoscopic needle holders

Target Audience

Educational activities are developed to meet the needs of surgical gynecologists in practice and in training, as well as, other allied healthcare professionals in the field of gynecology.
Location
This workshop will be held at the following location:

December 6-7, 2012
Roosevelt Hotel
New York, NY

Registration Fees

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Annual member dues are $275 for practicing physicians and $115 for Physicians in Training (Residents & Fellows). If you are not a member of the AAGL, you may pay the non-member fee and indicate by completing the online membership registration at https://www.aagl.org/membership_application.php that you would like to be an AAGL member this year at no additional charge.

All registrations must be made through the AAGL office:
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*Resident registration MUST be accompanied by a letter from your department chair indicating that you are a Resident or Fellow in training and must be emailed to Gerardo Galindo at ggalindo@aagl.org or faxed to 714.503.6201 within five days of your online registration confirmation.

Please go to registration.aagl.org to register online for this workshop.

Accreditation
AAGL is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The AAGL designates this live activity for a maximum of 19.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
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All the recommendations involving clinical medicine in the program are based on evidence that is accepted within the field of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients. All scientific research referred to, reported or used in the program in support or justification of a patient care recommendation conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.

Cancellation Policy
Cancellations received prior to May 2, 2012 will be refunded minus $125 for administrative fees. No refunds will be made after May 2, 2012. In the event that this course is canceled for any reason, attendees will be notified of course cancellation no later than two weeks prior to scheduled dates and a full refund will be issued. Attendee will be responsible for canceling their own hotel and airline reservations.

Lodging
The Roosevelt Hotel
Madison Ave @ 45th Street
New York, NY 10017
Phone: (212) 661-9600
Hotel Reservations: (888) 833-3969

Room Rate: $349 Single/double occupancy Superior Room Rates are subject to 14.75% New York City taxes plus $3.50 occupancy tax per room/per night. *$40 per person/per night additional charge for third or fourth person in the room.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

SESSION I
Session Chair: C.R. Nezhat
7:45 Why and How to Use Different Sutures, Including Barbed Sutures, for Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery. Trocar Placement and Set-up for Video-Laparoscopy and Robotic Platform: The Secret to Success
F.R. Nezhat
• Vaginal Cuff Repair
• Myomectomy
• Bladder
• Bowel
• Ureter
Suturing will be demonstrated using both technologies: Robotic-assisted and Video-assisted Laparoscopy

SESSION II
Session Chair: C.H. Nezhat
11:00 Video-assisted and Robotic-assisted Laparoscopic Hysterectomy for Endometriosis, Adhesions, and Patients with Previous C-sections
C.R. Nezhat
11:25 Supracervical Hysterectomy: Different Tricks to Avoid Injuring Ureter and the Bladder During Robotic-assisted vs Video-assisted Laparoscopy
R.K. Zurawin

SESSION III
Session Chair: T.A. Seckin
1:00 Robotic-assisted, Supracervical Hysterectomy and Sacrocolposuspension
P.S. Finamore
1:20 Robotic-assisted vs Video-assisted Laparoscopy for Retroperitoneal Dissection and Lymphadenectomy
M.M. Leitao
1:40 Perils and Pitfalls of Morcellation: Myomectomy and Hysterectomy – How to Shrink a Large Uterus Intraoperatively
C.H. Nezhat
2:00 Question & Answers

SESSION IV
Session Chair: R. Syed
4:00 Alternative to Hysterectomy – Myomectomy: Robotic-assisted and Video-assisted Laparoscopy
S.F. Palter
4:20 Step by Step Approach to the Straight-Forward and Difficult Vaginal Hysterectomy
P.S. Finamore
4:40 How to Restore Normal Anatomy as You Face Total Confusion During Completely Abnormal and/or Rare Anatomy
C.R. Nezhat
5:00 Question & Answers

Lab Session will be open until midnight
(CME credit will not be available from 7:00 p.m. until midnight)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

SESSION V
Session Chair: L. Chuang

8:00  Tips and Tricks for Approaching Retroperitoneal Structures  F.R. Nezhat
8:20  Adhesions – What Can Be Done?          T. Tulandi
8:40  Minimally Invasive Alternatives to Hysterectomy:
     Endometrial Ablation and Myomectomy, Uterine
     Fibroid Embolization, HIFU, and Myolysis    R.K. Zurawi
9:00  Question & Answers
9:15  Break; Exhibit Hall Visit
9:30  LAB SESSION IV:  Pelvic Trainers / Suture Lab /
     Robot Lab / Simulation Lab with Preceptors
     (Maximum 3 participants per trainer)

Faculty

SESSION VI
Session Chair: P.F. Vetere

10:50 Safe and Effective Use of Power Sources in Minimally Invasive Surgery  J.L. Moritz
11:10 Bladder and Ureter Injury, Prevention and Management: How to Perform Cystoscopy and Place Ureteral Catheter  A. Wattiez
11:30 DEBATE – Resolved: Vaporization and Excision is Superior to en Bloc Excision
     PRO: G.M. Janik  CON: A. Wattiez
11:55 Question & Answers
12:00 Lunch; Exhibit Hall Visit
     Video Live Surgery from Newark, New Jersey:
     Robotic-assisted Hysterectomy  M.C. Pitter

SESSION VII
Session Chair: F.R. Nezhat

1:00  Keynote Address: Evidence-based Medicine vs Real-life Evidence in OBGYN  A.M. Vintzileos
1:30  Laparoscopic Management of Vascular Injury:
     Clip Application, Suturing Repair and Hemostatic Agents  C.H. Nezhat
1:50  Prevention and Management of Bowel Injuries  G.M. Janik
2:10  Question & Answers
2:25  Break; Exhibit Hall Visit
2:40  LAB SESSION V:  Pelvic Trainers / Suture Lab /
     Robot Lab / Simulation Lab with Preceptors
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SESSION VIII
Session Chair: C.R. Nezhat

4:30  Anesthesia for Operative and Robotic Surgery:
     How to Convince an Anesthesiologist to Place Obese or Non-obese Patient in Steep Trendelenburg S. Littwin
4:50  SURGICAL VIDEO: Tips For Avoiding Complications  F.R. Nezhat
5:10  Question & Answers
5:25  LAB SESSION VI:  Pelvic Trainers / Suture Lab /
     Robot Lab / Simulation Lab with Preceptors
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7:00  Adjourn
Education Calendar

The following educational meetings are sponsored by or endorsed by the AAGL.

Educational Workshops

September 22, 2012
Adding Office Hysteroscopy to Your Practice
Scientific Program Chair: Keith B. Isaacson
Newton-Wellesley Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

December 6-7, 2012
4th Annual Intensive Workshop on Video-Assisted Laparoscopy & Robotic Hysterectomy with Comprehensive Hands-on Laparoscopic Suturing
General Chair: Farr R. Nezhat
Roosevelt Hotel
New York, New York

AAGL Annual Meetings

November 5-9, 2012
41st AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Scientific Program Chair: Javier F. Magrina
Caesars Palace
Las Vegas, Nevada

November 10-14, 2013
42nd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Scientific Program Chair: Ceana H. Nezhat
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center on the Potomac
Washington, D.C.

November 17-21, 2014
43rd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia

AAGL International Meetings

April 9-13, 2013
9th AAGL International Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology in partnership with the South African Society of Reproductive Medicine and Gynaecological Endoscopy
Scientific Program Chair: Professor Thinus Kruger
Cape Town, South Africa

June 4-7, 2014
10th AAGL International Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology in partnership with the Spanish Gynaecological and Obstetrics Society (Gynaecological Endoscopy Section)
Scientific Program Chair: Francisco Carmona Herrera
Barcelona, Spain