20th Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy & Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Pelvic Floor Reconstruction

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University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

The AAGL’s longest running cadaver workshop
General Information

**Target Audience**
This activity meets the needs of surgical gynecologists in practice and in training, as well as other healthcare professionals in the field of gynecology.

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

The AAGL designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Conflict of Interest**
It is the policy of the AAGL to ensure balance, independence, objective, and scientific rigor in all sponsored educational programs. All faculty participating in continuing medical education activities are required to complete a conflict of interest disclosure form. This information will be printed in the syllabus, which will be distributed prior to the workshop. In addition, all participating faculty are required to disclose to the audience any real or apparent conflict of interest related to the content of their presentations and must also disclose any discussions of unlabeled/unapproved uses of drugs or devices.

**ACCEME Content Validation Statement**
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.

**Location**
The workshop will be held at:
**University of Louisville Health Sciences Center**
Building B
500 S. Preston Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

**Lodging**
AAGL has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate for attendees of the workshop.

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Louisville Downtown**
100 East Jefferson
Louisville, KY 40202
Reservations: 1-877-545-0352

**Room Rate**
For a special rate of $135.00 Single/Double occupancy, plus state/local taxes and hotel fees, reservations must be received on or before Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Please note, if you wish to take advantage of the special rate you may call 1-877-545-0352. Be sure to mention “AAGL.” You may also use the online reservation link: [http://www.aagl.org/fairfield/](http://www.aagl.org/fairfield/)

**Transportation to the Workshop**
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**Hands-on Labs**
The AAGL wishes to thank those individuals who donated their bodies and tissue for the advancement of education and research.

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Register online at [www.aagl.org/louisville2017](http://www.aagl.org/louisville2017)

Annual AAGL Member Dues are $325 for practicing physicians. If you are not a current member of the AAGL, by attending this workshop and paying the non-member fee, you are eligible for a 1-year membership to the AAGL and a 10% discount off your first year of Member Dues. To accept this offer, simply check the membership option during your online registration. You will not be charged an additional fee – your Member Dues are built into your non-member registration fee.

**Membership Benefits Include**
The AAGL is dedicated to the advancement of minimally invasive gynecology. Our aim is to provide you with professional development services that help to expand your surgical armamentarium and advance your career. We focus on providing you with the greatest value possible with your membership dues. Please visit [www.aagl.org](http://www.aagl.org) to review the complete Guide to AAGL Member Benefits.

**Cancellation**
Cancellations received prior to May 5, 2017 will be refunded minus $125 for administrative fees. No refunds will be made after May 5, 2017. In the event that this course is cancelled 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. Attendees are responsible for canceling their own hotel and airline reservations.

**Airline Reservations**
Star & Shield Travel Services has been appointed as the official travel agent for this workshop. Attendees are able to make reservations on any airline through this agency and their representatives will assist you in obtaining the lowest fare possible for your travel preference and schedule.

Star & Shield Travel Services
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No more than three participants are assigned to each cadaver and are closely supervised by experienced faculty instructors. Each participant will have the opportunity to operate, assist and observe in a rotational format to optimize his or her learning experience and suturing technique. The course will focus on demonstration of pelvic sidewall dissection, preparation for laparoscopic hysterectomy, uterosacral colposuspension, Burch retropubic colposuspension and paravaginal defect repairs through the laparoscopic approach. There will be suturing stations available for participants to practice laparoscopic suturing.

Pelvic floor reconstructive procedures will be highlighted during breakout sessions to accommodate those with a particular interest in furthering their skills in these procedures.

**Course Objectives**

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

1. Appraise skills learned to relevant pelvic anatomy and apply them for surgery including laparoscopic hysterectomy and pelvic floor surgery;
2. Apply skills learned to pelvic side wall dissection and illustrate retroperitoneal structures;
3. Explain the ergonomics, theory and rationale for reproducible laparoscopic suturing;
4. Demonstrate measurable improvement in laparoscopic suturing skills; apply principles of laparoscopic suturing to fresh tissue cadaver; and
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