Welcome

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your membership in AAGL, the first and largest organization in the world dedicated to minimally invasive gynecology! As minimally invasive surgeons, we set ourselves apart from our non-minimally invasive colleagues through a commitment to mastering the latest, most innovative techniques available to get our patients back to their daily routines as quickly as possible. We are innovators, thinkers, and game changers, creating a world where recovery from surgery is measured in days, not weeks, and where maximizing value for our patients and hospitals is of the utmost importance.

The lifeblood of the mission of AAGL is our members. Members drive change and growth towards meeting the organization’s goal of improving patient care in gynecologic medicine. To help you on your journey of lifelong learning so you can offer the best care for your patients, AAGL continues to work tirelessly to develop educational products and activities for its members.

Your membership in AAGL provides you with a wide range of services that are designed to help you grow as a medical professional. You will learn about each of these membership benefits as you explore this booklet.

Once again, thank you for your membership in AAGL and your continued support of the mission to elevating gynecologic surgery worldwide. If you would like to contact any Board member, please do so at theboard@aagl.org.

Jon I. Einarsson, M.D., Ph.D., MPH
President

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AAGL Mission Statement

PURPOSE
Focused on the ultimate goal of improving patient care in gynecologic medicine, AAGL recognizes that surgical gynecologists and other clinicians require lifelong learning. Accordingly, the AAGL provides a variety of educational activities to ensure the learners achieve this goal.

History

AAGL was founded to help organize the research and development that led to the first minimally invasive gynecologic procedures.

Founded in 1971 by a small group of 10 charter members in the US, led by Dr. Jordan M. Phillips.

Dr. Harry Reich performed the first total laparoscopic hysterectomy in 1988 in Pennsylvania.

*The Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (JMIG), formerly the JAAGL, was first published in 1993. Today, JMIG is published in 7 annual issues, conducts a monthly journal club via Twitter, and enjoys increasing impact fact year after year.*

In 2009, AAGL acquired the SurgeryU platform, housing the largest on-demand, peer-reviewed video library of content related to minimally invasive gynecology. SurgeryU has produced and webcast more than 60 live surgical broadcasts to an audience spanning every continent except Antarctica, offering online CME for selected videos.

Our membership now extends to over 110 countries with over 7,500 members worldwide.
Membership Benefits

Your annual AAGL membership of $325* provides you with valuable benefits worth more than 7x the investment!

* Practicing physician

Here is a breakdown of the membership services that we provide:

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<th>MEMBER SERVICE</th>
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<td>Access to Hands-on AAGL CME Courses and Labs</td>
<td>up to $1,300/year</td>
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<td>Annual Subscription to JMIG &amp; JMIG App</td>
<td>$382/year</td>
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<td>Access to SurgeryU Live and On-Demand Events</td>
<td>$150/year</td>
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<td>NewsScope (newsletter)</td>
<td>$50/year</td>
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<td>EndoExchange™ (LISTSERV*)</td>
<td>up to 1,000 posts/year</td>
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<td>Online CME Course Access</td>
<td>up to $500/year</td>
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<td>AAGL Physician Finder Listing</td>
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<td>Observerships</td>
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<td>Research Grants</td>
<td>up to $10,000</td>
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<td>Total Value</td>
<td>up to $12,582/year</td>
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Learn more about your membership benefits today at:

aagl.org/membershipservices

2016 AAGL Membership

7500+ Members

53% U.S. Members

47% International Members

4320 Physicians Educated at AAGL CME Events in 2016 (in-person and online)

AAGL Worldwide Representation
Countries Represented

110+
Summary of Member Benefits

Reduced pricing for CME education courses and labs
Receive reduced pricing for all scientific meetings, including the annual AAGL Global Congress. The AAGL is approved by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

JMIG & JMIG App
The Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (JMIG) is the official peer-reviewed journal of the AAGL, and a respected source for all the latest research and advancement in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS). Receive your copy in print or through our JMIG app, and join the monthly JMIG Journal Club on Twitter at @aagljmig #jmigjc.

NewsScope
AAGL’s quarterly membership magazine keeps you in the know with the latest news and updates regarding AAGL’s initiatives and activities, educational offerings, and advocacy endeavors in the field of minimally invasive gynecology.

SurgeryU
SurgeryU is the largest available collection of surgical videos on minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Live webcasts are available worldwide in high-definition offering the opportunity to interact with the featured gynecologic surgeon.

Online CME
AAGL provides free* online CME courses, including comprehensive webinars, instructional curriculum series, and "AAGL Expert Talks" by one of our distinguished faculty members. These courses deliver lectures on general and specialty topics in the field of MIGS.
*Free to members in good standing; $40/course for non-members

EndoExchange™ (LISTSERV®)
Real-time advice discussed with gynecologic surgeons with real-life experience, the EndoExchange™ is a lively LISTSERV® email forum posting questions and answers with fellow AAGL members. Last year over 800 posts were submitted covering all aspects of minimally invasive gynecology.

Physician Finder
AAGL members receive a personalized profile page, which includes a bio, affiliations, location, and a photo to assist members and patients in locating physicians. Patients have access to over 7,500 physicians through the AAGL Physician finder.

Research Grants
Members in good standing can apply for research grants. The AAGL and Foundation of the AAGL are committed to furthering research efforts in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.

Observership Program
AAGL members who wish to visit and observe the clinical practice and operative care of recognized leaders in gynecologic surgery and minimally invasive gynecologic care are invited to apply for this opportunity. For more information visit: www.aagl.org/observership

Membership Certificates
Your yearly Membership Certificate is available online for you to download and print.
How to Get Involved in AAGL

Join a Committee
AAGL’s core mission is to promote the use of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery worldwide. With this in mind, we have several standing committees that are focused on a different facet of our overall mission. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact us at: sspirrison@aagl.org

Committees include:
- Accelerated Technology Program
- Coding
- Essentials in MIG (EMIG)
- General Grants for MIGS Research
- Membership
- PCOR Patient Centered Outcomes Research
- Practice
- Publications...plus many more

Join a Special Interest Group (SIGS)
Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are focused on specific subspecialties within minimally invasive gynecology. For more information on how you can get connected with other AAGL members with a similar interest please contact us at www.aagl.org

SIGS include:
- Urogynecology
- Robotics
- Oncology
- Endometriosis/Reproductive Surgery
- Pelvic Pain
- Vaginal Surgery
- Hysteroscopy (new)

Participate in online discussions through Endo Exchange
Join the conversation! Your experience can help a colleague from anywhere in the world — so share your expertise by being an active participant on the EndoExchange. Or post your questions or situations that have you stumped and let the community of experts help you! It’s like your own personal phone-a-friend lifeline, and it’s fueled by you.

Publish in JMIG
We encourage all members to submit their papers for consideration for publication in The Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (JMIG), published 7 times a year, with all articles available online ahead of print. Our editors are committed to swift first-round decisions and publication within 4 months of acceptance. Videos are also accepted.

Submit an abstract for presentation at the AAGL Global Congress
The AAGL Global Congress provides a platform for our members to share their research and innovations with thousands of colleagues. AAGL accepts abstracts between March 1 and April 30 each year for consideration for presentation at that year’s Annual Global Congress.

Make a donation to the Foundation of the AAGL or participate in a fundraising event
Your donations help support a variety of programs, including scholarships, teaching grants, funding research, and more. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donate online at www.aagl.org/donate.
The Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (FMIGS) sponsors 2-year fellowships in advanced gynecologic endoscopy. The FMIGS program was developed to address the concern that most graduating residents in obstetrics and gynecology were not fully trained in modern endoscopic surgery.

The Fellowship offers in-depth experience using state-of-the-art techniques. Educational objectives focus on evidence-based medicine, anatomical principles, instrumentation, operative laparoscopy, operative hysteroscopy, and robotics.

The overall goal of the training is for the graduate to serve as an independent specialist and consultant in the surgical management and techniques of minimally invasive gynecology, surpassing competence expected at the end of a categorical residency. We invite graduating gynecologic residents who are considering fellowship programs, to submit an application to the FMIGS program. Equally important is the inclusion of new program sites. If you’re an experienced endoscopic surgeon looking to be a Program Director in a fellowship, we invite you to submit a New Site Application today!

For more information or applications, contact:
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Program Manager
6757 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630
Phone: (800) 554-2245 or (714) 503-6200, Ext. 224
Fax: (714) 503-6201 or (714) 503-6202
E-mail: fmigs@aagl.org

For more information, visit www.fmigs.org
Established in 1993, the Foundation of the AAGL raises financial support for the development and application of emerging technologies that benefit women’s healthcare. The use of these technologies consistently results in improved diagnostic precision, and surgical safety.

Funds raised by the AAGL and Foundation provide:
- Research grants (3 grants up to $10,000 each)
- Grants for “Excellence in Clinical Research Seminar” (5 grants up to $5,000 each)
- Educational courses and workshops
- Scholarships
- Teaching grants
- Awards for scientific accomplishments

Your contribution will help our continued progress in the field of minimally invasive gynecology. Each contributor will be acknowledged on the AAGL website.

We are grateful to the many generous individuals and corporations who believe in the work of the Foundation and have supported our mission.

For more information, visit www.aagl.org/donate

To make your contribution to any of the following endowments or funds, please visit www.aagl.org/foundation

- Dr. Jordan M. Phillips Endowment
- Dr. Jay M. Cooper Endowment
- Dr. Jerome J. Hoffman Endowment
- Dr. Robert B. Hunt Endowment
- Dr. Jaroslav F. Hulka Memorial Scholar Fund
- Dr. Harrith M. Hasson Endowment
- Dr. Daniel F. Kott Fund
- Professor Kurt Semm Fund
- John F. Steege Mentorship Award
- Fund For The Future
- Resident’s Circle
Premier gynecologists will meet at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Greater Washington, D.C.

**November 12-16, 2017**
Sawsan As-Sanie, Scientific Program Chair

**Excellent education will be offered, including:**
- 5 Live Telesurgeries
- 6 Surgical Tutorials (3 will include live cadaveric demos)
- 8 Plenary Sessions
- 25 Postgraduate Courses including:
  - Didactic courses covering all aspects of MIGS
  - Hands-on Cadaver Labs
  - Hands-on Suturing Simulation Labs
  - Hands-on Hysteroscopy lab
- 80+ Exhibitors Displaying the Latest Technology
- Industry Sponsored Symposia
- 1,800+ of Your Peers
- Over 33 available CME Credits

For more information or to register visit [www.aagl.org](http://www.aagl.org)
Online CME Opportunities on SurgeryU

AAGL provides online CME courses to its members as an additional membership benefit. Content includes webinars, instructional curriculum series, general and specialty surgical videos, “AAGL Expert Talks,” and much more. Members of the AAGL can watch these videos on AAGL.org and then earn CME credit by taking a short quiz after each video.

Benefits of Online CME
• Cost-effective – it is included in your annual membership fee
• Convenience to earn credit anytime – at home or office

Learn more about online CME opportunities at www.aagl.org/service/surgeryu