2016 GUIDE TO AAGL MEMBER BENEFITS
Dedicated to Improving Patient Care in Gynecologic Medicine
Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your membership in the AAGL! For the past 45 years, the AAGL has worked to advance the adoption and acceptance of minimally invasive gynecology worldwide. We have come a long way since the society was founded in 1971 by a small group of surgeons in the US and Europe. These physicians began to explore surgical options for women that would allow them to experience less pain and blood loss during surgery, allowing them to return to their daily routines more quickly. Minimally invasive surgery is now a well-accepted standard that is used in the majority of gynecologic cases.

Your membership in the 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 the AAGL and your continued support of the mission to advance minimally invasive gynecology worldwide. If you would like to contact any Board member, please do so at aaglboard@aagl.org.

Arnold P. Advincula, M.D.  
President

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Vice President
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.

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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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<td>Access to hands-on AAGL CME courses and labs</td>
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**TOTAL VALUE**

UP TO $2,582/YEAR

Learn more about your membership benefits today at: aagl.org/membershipservices

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2015 AAGL MEMBERSHIP

- U.S. Members 51%
- International Members 49%

7606

AAGL WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATION

AS OF 12/31/2015

102 Countries Represented

PHYSICIANS EDUCATED AT AAGL CME EVENTS IN 2015

2549
Receive reduced pricing for all scientific meetings and online CME. The AAGL is approved by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

This journal is published seven times a year providing information on the latest research and advancement in the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS). Receive your copy in print or through our new JMIG App.

Get the latest news and updates regarding the Association’s initiatives, educational offerings and advocacy activities in the field of minimally invasive gynecology. This newsletter is distributed quarterly to all members.

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.

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Members can apply for research grants. The AAGL and Foundation of the AAGL are committed to furthering research efforts in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.
EXCELLENT EDUCATION WILL BE OFFERED INCLUDING:

• Telesurgeries
• Surgical Tutorials
• Panel Sessions
• Postgraduate Courses Including:
  • Hands-on Cadaver Labs
  • Hands-on Suturing Simulation Labs
• Hysterectomy and Transvaginal Ultrasound Simulation Lab
• 80+ Exhibitors Displaying the Latest Technology
• Industry Sponsored Symposia
• 2,000+ of Your Peers
• Continuing Medical Education Credits

IMPORTANT DATES
March 1  Call for Abstracts Opens
April 15  Deadline to Submit Abstract Without Charge
April 16-30  Deadline to Submit Abstract With Payment
May 15  Registration Opens
August 1  Abstract Acceptance Emails Sent
November 14  Last Day to Pre-register for the Meeting (Additional $50 Fee Applies After this Date)
November 14-18  45th AAGL Global Congress on MIGS

For more information or to register visit aagl.org
Hands-On Educational Courses

APRIL 15-17, 2016
Global Hysterectomy Summit: Expanding the Surgical Armamentarium & Optimizing Outcomes in a Value-Based Medical World
Arnold P. Advincula, Scientific Program Co-Chair
Jon I. Einarsson, Scientific Program Co-Chair
Charles H. Koh, Honorary Chair
MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
As technology and surgical experience have evolved, so have the options available to women undergoing a hysterectomy. Recently, despite the predominance of endoscopic techniques, there has been a renewed interest in the vaginal approach with an emphasis on value-based medical decision making. This 2-day summit will provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of all currently available minimally invasive routes of hysterectomy for both benign and malignant conditions. Integrated into the discussions will be financial implications, efficiency models, training paradigms and the prevention/management of complications. Unique presentations by world-class faculty will emphasize advanced techniques and principles through live cadaveric demonstrations and televised cases that will be applicable to all facets of gynecologic surgery. Global perspectives will be incorporated as each surgical route is addressed. Focused scientific sessions will highlight cutting-edge oral and video abstract presentations. Lastly, an optional third day cadaveric-based skills laboratory will allow for a limited number of interested attendees to participate in hands-on surgical instruction on various hysterectomy techniques.

JUNE 2-5, 2016
12th AAGL International Congress on MIGS in Partnership with the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopy
Prakash Trivedi, Scientific Program Chair
Jon Einarsson, General Chair
Rajendra Sankpal, IAGE President
RENAISSANCE CONVENTION CENTER & HOTEL
MUMBAI, INDIA
The Scientific Program Committee has assembled an incredible panel of invited faculty experts from throughout India and the world who will cover a wide range of topics including laparoscopic, hysteroscopic, robotic, vaginal and urogynecologic surgery, as well as sonography, color doppler and imaging. Woven throughout the program are various hands-on workshops, scientific sessions, panel discussions and debates on hot button topics. A crowning jewel to this year’s program is the live surgeries which will be broadcast from 13 operative theaters throughout Mumbia, which will be relayed to 4 adjoining auditoriums at the conference venue. This represents the largest live telesurgery undertaking at an AAGL International Congress to date.
After learning some new gynecologic tips and tricks, don’t forget to set aside some time to experience the culture and see the wonderful sites of India.

JUNE 17-18, 2016
AAGL 18th Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy & Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Pelvic Floor Reconstruction
Resad P. Pasic, Scientific Program Chair
Shan M. Biscette, Lab Director
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
This course is designed for gynecologists with advanced laparoscopic skills who wish to expand their knowledge of retroperitoneal and Space of Retzius anatomy and the various surgeries performed therein. This extensive 2-day course will expose the participants to the knowledge and expertise of world-renowned laparoscopic surgeons who will guide them through didactics and hands-on cadaveric sessions utilizing unembalmed female cadavers. 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 their learning experience and suturing technique. The course will focus on demonstration of pelvic sidewall dissection, preparation for laparoscopic hysterectomy, uterosacral colposuspension, Burch retro pubic colposuspension and paravaginal defect repairs through the laparoscopic approach.
Pelvic floor reconstructive procedures will be highlighted during breakout sessions to accommodate those with a particular interest in furthering their skills in these procedures.

For more information or to register visit aagl.org
JULY 22-24, 2016
FMIGS/SREI Fellows and Residents Surgical Boot Camp
Matthew Siedhoff, Scientific Program Chair

The 2016 FMIGS Surgical Fellows Boot Camp will be held at the Florida Hospital Nicholson Center and the Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort in Celebration, FL.

The format of this CME accredited 3-day course will be a combination of didactic and hands-on laboratory instruction (cadaveric & inanimate). Both low- and high-fidelity simulators will be incorporated, along with an interactive live surgical demonstration. The purpose of this three-day course will be to provide the foundation and surgical principles necessary for a successful fellowship experience in reproductive and minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Faculty will be comprised of top professional educators in REI as well as in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery from around the country.

Various Modules will be covered on a rotational basis: Laparoscopic Anatomy (cadavers), Hysteroscopy, Energy, Suturing, Multi- & Single-Port Conventional Laparoscopy, Tissue Extraction, Robotics.

AUGUST 5-6, 2016
VI World Robotics Gynecology Congress
Arnold P. Advincula, Scientific Program Co-Chair
Michael Pitter, Scientific Program Co-Chair

GRAND HYATT AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

This congress represents an evolution in surgical instruments, techniques, outcomes, and experiences from some of the most experienced robotic surgeons in the world. As adoption has grown, so has the introduction of new surgical platforms.

This year’s congress is designed for non-robotic surgeons, training and practicing robotic surgeons, allied health professionals, as well as healthcare executives and administrators who are interested in advancing their knowledge in the role of robotics in pelvic surgery. Unique to this year’s congress will be an emphasis on advanced techniques and principles through live cadaveric demonstrations, including two live broadcasted cases that will be applicable to all facets of gynecologic surgery regardless of sub-specialization.

Additionally, a special plenary session will be dedicated to the introduction of the new single-site robotics platform. New areas of controversy will be addressed throughout the congress including tissue extraction, the costs of robotics as well as credentialing and privileging. Seven specific plenary sessions will target topics such as complex surgical scenarios, reproductive surgery, and urogynecology.

DECEMBER 9-10, 2016
Workshop on Surgical Anatomy of the Pelvis and Procedures in Patients with Chronic Pelvic Pain
Michael Hibner, Scientific Program Chair
Nita Desai, Co-Chair

ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

This 2-day course is designed for gynecologists seeking to advance their knowledge of pelvic anatomy and chronic pelvic pain. Following morning didactics, the afternoon lab will include: dissection of pelvic anatomy, using unembalmed cadavers, with an emphasis on the retroperitoneal space, including pararectal/paravesical spaces, the ureters, and branches of the iliac arteries and associated pelvic nerves.

Instruction on the treatment of pelvic neuropathies will include: diagnosis and treatment for abdominal wall and pelvic floor, specifically ilioinguinal, genitofemoral, pudendal and obturator nerves, by employing ultrasound-guided nerve blocks. Surgical access to these areas will be highlighted. Additionally, we will explore complications, particularly those related to mesh and other traditional gynecologic procedures.

A world-renowned physical therapist will explain how to employ pelvic models to gain a more thorough understanding of the pelvic musculature and its impact on the diagnosis and treatment of pelvic pain.

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AAGL Publications

The Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (JMIG)

- Stay up-to-date on the latest research and advancements in the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS).
- Learn about new surgical techniques and devices that are being developed by other medical professionals.
- Read important position statements and practice guidelines that are periodically released by the AAGL through JMIG.
- Choose to read JMIG either in print (7 issues per year by mail), or through our new JMIG app (available for Apple, Android™, and Amazon devices).

10 REASONS TO PUBLISH IN JMIG

1. It’s the official peer-reviewed Journal of the AAGL.
2. JMIG’s impact factor continues to increase.
3. Our editors are committed to swift first-round decision and publication within four months of acceptance.
4. JMIG accepts videos to be published as non-print work; citable and Pub Med indexed.
5. We encourage the submission of video clips to supplement articles.
6. All articles are published online ahead of print (Articles in Press).
7. It’s an authoritative source for the latest, cutting-edge developments in this important field.
8. Abstracts of original articles will be translated into Mandarin and Spanish to increase readership.
9. Dialogue is made available to readers through an online discussion forum accessed quickly through QR codes printed with each article.
10. The JMIG app is now available to AAGL members free on Apple, Android, and Kindle Devices.

Go Digital with the JMIG App

www.aagl.org/jmigapp
Available now on iOS/Android/Kindle Devices

NewsScope

- Get the latest news and updates regarding the Association’s initiatives, educational offerings and advocacy activities in the field of minimally invasive gynecology.
- AAGL’s online and print newsletter, distributed quarterly to all members.
- View current and back issues of NewsScope online at aagl.org.
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.

**BENEFITS OF SURGERYU**

- On demand surgical videos as well as live streamed surgical video demonstrations.
- Access to high-definition videos, the largest available collection of surgical videos specifically on Minimally Invasive Surgery.
- Live webcasts available worldwide in high-definition offering the opportunity to interact with the gynecologic surgeon.
- Topics include: Laparoscopic hysterectomy, vaginal hysterectomy, robotic surgery, suturing techniques, endometriosis, oncology, surgical anatomy, and more.
- Webcasts originate from ORs around the world.

Learn more about SurgeryU at aagl.org/surgeryu
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**BENEFITS OF ONLINE CME**

- Cost-effective because it is included in your annual membership fee
- Convenience to earn credit anytime – at home or office

**TOPICS FOR THIS YEAR’S AAGL ONLINE EXPERT TALKS INCLUDE:**

- Tissue Extraction and Retrieval
- Complicated Endometriosis
- Anatomy with Nerve Sparing
- Surgical Challenges and Techniques in Robotics
- Management of Vaginal Cuff Closure, Dehiscence and Apical Support
- Surgical Management of Fibroids
- Unfreeze the Frozen Pelvis
- Hysterectomy for Severe Endometriosis with Obliteration of Cul-de-Sac
- Troubleshooting Approaches for Challenging, Peritoneal Access: Obesity and Abdominal Wall Adhesions, Mesh
- Ureter Techniques in Identification, Dissection and Ureterolysis
- Location Is Everything – The Challenges of Broad Ligament and Cervical Fibroid

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- Affiliations
- Location
- Photo

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ARTICLES on minimally invasive surgery (MIS) options
INFORMATION & VIDEOS explaining procedures

Update your information and photo by logging in to aagl.org
Do you have an excellent surgical demonstration recorded from one of your surgeries that you’d like to share with your fellow surgeons? Upload your video to AAGL/SurgeryU to be considered for inclusion in our permanent video library.

The Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology is the respected source for all of the latest research in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. We encourage all of our members to submit their papers for consideration for publication in the Journal.

AAGL’s core mission is to promote the use of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery worldwide. As such, 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

The AAGL Global Congress provides a platform for our members to share their research and innovations with thousands of colleagues. AAGL is accepting abstracts between March 1 and April 30, 2016 to be considered for presentation at the 45th Annual Global Congress.

COMMITTEES INCLUDE:
- Accelerated Technology Program
- Coding
- Essentials in MIGS (EMIGS)
- PCOR Patient Centered Outcomes Research
- Practice
- Publications

SIGS INCLUDE
- Urogynecology
- Robotics
- Oncology
- Endo/Reproductive Surgery
- Pelvic Pain
- Vaginal Surgery

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 aagl.org

PARTICIPATE in ONLINE discussions through Endo Exchange
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Make a donation to the AAGL Foundation
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.

PARTICIPATE in the Observership program
This program is for 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. For more information visit aagl.org
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**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](http://www.aagl.org/donate)

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**YOUR SUPPORT CONTRIBUTES TO OUR SUCCESS**

To make your contribution to any of the following endowments or funds, please visit [www.aagl.org/foundation](http://www.aagl.org/foundation)

- Dr. Jordan M. Phillips Endowment
- Dr. Jay M. Cooper Endowment
- Dr. Jerome J. Hoffman Endowment
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- 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
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 and is offered through more than 40 hospital sites. 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.

2-Year Fellowship July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019
For more information or an application contact:

FELLOWSHIP OFFICE
E-mail: fmigs@aagl.org
Phone: (714) 503-6200, Ext. 224

IMPORTANT DATES OF THE FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM START DATE:
July 1, 2017
APPLICATIONS OPEN:
January 1 – July 1, 2016
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION:
July 1, 2016

For more information, visit www.fmigs.org
We would like to thank our 2015 Industry Sponsors

For over 44 years the AAGL’s commitment to education has been paramount to our mission of serving women by advancing the safest and most effective treatments for gynecologic conditions. We gratefully acknowledge the generous support from the following corporations who partner with us in achieving this mission.

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- Hologic
- Medtronic

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- ConMed
- Ethicon
- da Vinci.Surgery

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- Boston Scientific
- Coloplast
- Smith & Nephew
- Stryker
- Teleflex
- Richard Wolf

### Bronze

- Applied Medical
- Baxter
- blue endo
- LiNA
- Minerva Surgical
- OmniGuide Surgical

As of August 2015