

FMIGS UPDATE



A Communication from the Board to the Programs

July 2016

Welcome Class of 2018!

On July 1, 35 new fellows joined our ranks. This class draws from residencies all across North America, from LA to Boston, Ontario, Canada to Texas. In Addition to being great docs and fabulous surgeons, this class includes a professional dancer, prior middle school teacher, a British Special Forces agent, and an IT “app” queen! Their hobbies include mastery of the violin and piano, proficiency in Mandarin, Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese, and someone who has built his own boat! (Hi Richard!) Let's not forget a fitness fanatic and bow tie lover! They have served their fellow mankind in remote areas, including Morocco, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Tanzania, Jordan, and from within our own United States Air Force. Additionally, they have participated in bettering their own health communities through service in the areas of Autism Research, Family Planning clinics, Student Physical Fitness, and Women's Health Rights. We are very excited for these remarkable individuals to join FMIGS, and we anticipate great things from this class!

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This is an exciting time for the Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery as we prepare for the summer and fall educational activities. In July, the fellow bootcamp will take place at the Nicholson Center, Celebration, Florida, bringing together trainees and content experts for both didactic and experiential learning. This course was well received last year and provides an excellent scaffold for post-residency education. At the AAGL Annual Clinical Meeting, the fellows will meet again as will the Fellowship Directors for both a Town Hall and Fellowship Director retreat to review current requirements, NRMP policies and provide updates on new initiatives associated with milestones and evaluations. Additionally, we will be gathering to explore the opportunity to expand FMIGS beyond North America. This international initiative may of great service to some potential fellowships as they develop their curriculum, assessment tools and case requirements. I feel privileged to serve the Fellowship.



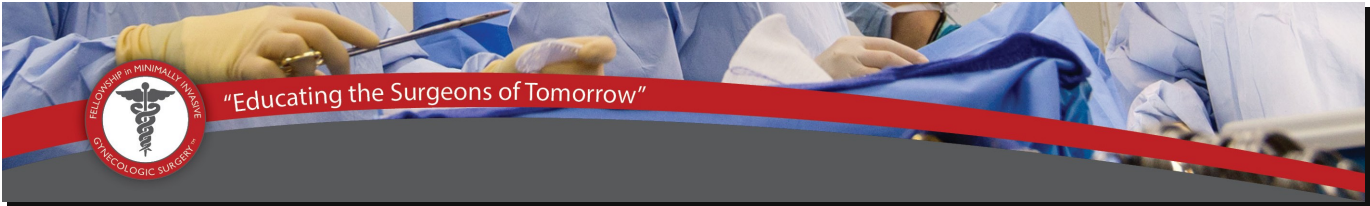
Where Are They Now



Coming Soon!

Alumni Directory

To date more than 315 Fellows have successfully graduated from the FMIGS program. Wondering where they have all ended up? Looking for a way to network without having to wait for the Global Congress each year? Have you tried Google searching only to end up with old contact information? Well we have the solution for you. Coming soon we will be putting out an FMIGS Alumni Directory. So make sure you have all of your contact information up to date with Arcy Dominguez. We need your current job location, title, phone and email contact. Send it in soon, or you might just miss getting your pin on the map!



Alumni Spotlight



Nadia Gomez, MD

After completing my AAGL Minimally Invasive Gynecology Surgery (MIGS) Fellowship in Florida in 2014, I was recruited to the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) to help develop their MIGS Division. The surgical skills and knowledge acquired through fellowship gave me the credibility needed to become Director of a new Faculty office and Robotic Gynecology Division. Over the last year, I have developed a patient base referral and learned the intricacies of business in medicine. These roles have also motivated me to pursue my Executive MBA, which I am in the process of completing.

Words cannot express my gratitude towards my mentors*. They have shaped my development by investing their time to guide me, advise me, and at times, challenge me. Now, as a mentor myself, I look for opportunities where my mentees can thrive and help them work towards their goals. Since my recruitment, our residents have been more involved with AAGL. In fact, we presented our first surgical video at the 2015 AAGL Conference in Las Vegas. It is our program's goal to continue to submit presentations to future AAGL Conferences.

One accomplishment this past year was joining the Robotic Committee at University Medical Center (UMC) as the first female benign robotic gynecologist. This opportunity led me to collaborate with other robotic surgeons in different divisions. Our joint effort led UNSOM to be 1 of 5 institutions awarded an Intuitive Surgical Grant out of over 50 national submissions. As a result, I am currently working on a robotic research project that involves resident education. We are also planning the First UMC Robotic Symposium to raise community awareness to our primary care physicians of the minimally invasive techniques we are providing our patients.

Reflecting back on my post-fellowship year, if I had to give advice, I would say to know your strengths and areas of improvement. When you are just starting, it may be intimidating at first, especially if you are the only GYN laparoscopists with formal AAGL MIGS Fellowship training in your institution and most of your referrals are challenging surgeries. But remember, this is the reason you are there and the reason you underwent additional training. Trust what you have learned and provide the best services you can to your patients. Always remain safe and stay true to what you feel is right for the patient.

Personally, I wanted to branch out of general OB/GYN and impact my community with the skills and knowledge I acquired through the AAGL MIGS Fellowship. Now, I am privileged to do so by providing care to the women of Las Vegas and surrounding communities.

Dr. Gomez completed her Fellowship through Florida Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Florida, AAGL Graduating Class 2014. /*Florida Hospital: Dr. Jessica Feranec, Dr. Frederick Hoover, Dr. Georgine Lamvu. Cleveland Clinic Florida: Dr. Michael Sprague and Dr. Stephen Zimberg.

<http://medicine.nevada.edu/directory/nadia-gomez>

Current FPRN Projects Looking for Sites

Looking for a research project to join? Check out these sites currently recruiting.

1. Occult abdominal pathology in breast cancer patients undergoing bilateral oophorectomy for treatment of premenopausal breast cancer

Principal Investigator (Fellow): Lara F. B. Harvey, MD, MPH

Principal Investigator Email: lara.harvey@vanderbilt.edu

Program Director: Amanda C. Yunker, DO

Institution: Vanderbilt University Medical Center

FPRN/FMIGS Senior Advisors: Hye-Chun Hur, MD and Amanda C. Yunker, DO

2. Reported Surgical Volume Trends in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Fellowships

Principal Investigator (Fellow): Ma. Victoria Vargas, MD

Principal Investigator Email: vickyvar55@gmail.com

Program Director: Cherie Q. Marfori, MD

Institution: George Washington University Medical Center

FPRN/FMIGS Senior Advisors: Rosanne M. Kho, MD and Matthew T. Siedhoff, MD

Class of 2017 Facebook Poll Results



Q 1. What position are you seeking after graduation?

69% Academic

19% Private Practice

12% Undecided

Q 2. Do you plan to perform UroGyn procedures after graduation?

31% Yes

69% No

Q 3. Do you plan to incorporate robotics as part of your surgical practice?

75% Yes

25% No

Q 4. How many babies do you deliver per month as a Fellow?

56 % 0 babies

38% < 5 babies

6% < 10 babies

0% < 20 babies

0% >=20 babies

HELPFUL LINKS

FPRN Home page: <http://www.sgsonline.org/fprn>

FMIGS Reading list: <http://www.aagl.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-FMIGS-Core-Reading-List.pdf>

Educational Objectives: <http://www.aagl.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/EducationalObjectives3.22.16.pdf>

Case Log Entry: <http://caselog.aagl.org/login.php>

April 2016 Newsletter <http://www.aagl.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/FMIGS-Newsletter-April-2016.pdf>



From The Board

Fellows Case Log Update

If you have logged into the fellow's case log recently you may have noticed some changes!! After 6 months of piloting our new web based app, it finally went live to all fellowships on July 1st. There are more changes to come within the next 1-2 months, but current upgrades include a mobile friendly interface and new procedure categories. We are hoping the new layout will assist with immediate case entry on your smart phone or iPad, and provide a more user friendly procedure list when logging specific cases. Additional upgrades that will be surfacing over the next month include route specific procedure options to make the procedure list more manageable, a color coded personal experience bar that will be updated in real time in relation to required case minimums, and procedure definitions to ensure proper logging. We hope you are as pumped as we are about these improvements. We will keep you updated as additional features become available .

Fellow Evaluations: MyTIPreport Update

Procedure-focused feedback is pivotal in enhancing surgical skills and promoting advancement in surgical efficiency and safety. Based on feedback from our Fellows town hall meeting, the board has been working to create a platform to enhance this consistent dialogue. MyTIPreport is an online evaluation tool that allows real-time, on-site feedback between fellows and teachers. A demo site has now been created that focuses on 6 common MIS procedures including laparoscopic hysterectomy, salpingo-oophorectomy, ovarian cystectomy, myomectomy (both laparoscopic and hysteroscopic), and excision of endometriosis. We are now entering the next phase of our layout plan which includes piloting this live program at various fellowship sites. This will allow further critiquing of both our procedures and key steps to allow the most useful and beneficial final product. Our goal is to have this ready for all fellowship sites by November 2016. Stay tuned!!!

Nominations For Fellow Board Position

Calling all Fellow nominees! Be on the look-out for a call for nominations in the next few weeks from the FMIGS Board. We are looking for candidates for the Fellow Board position. You can nominate your peers or yourself! This is a great opportunity to learn the "behind the scenes" of the Fellowship Board process and to network with some great mentors!

MIGS Job Openings

Site: Banner University Medical Center,
Phoenix, AZ

Contact: Tiffany Lewis, 602-747-4578

Site: Wright State University, Dayton, OH

Contact: <https://jobs.wright.edu>

Site: Rutgers NJ Medical School, Newark, NJ

Contact: Peter Sahu,
sahupr@njms.rutgers.edu

Site: Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital,
Tucson, AZ

Contact: www.simplyhired.com

Site: Gynecologic and Laparoscopic
Surgeons, Raleigh, NC

Contact: glsofficemanager@gmail.com

Site: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Contact: <https://jobs.virginia.edu>

Site: MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital,
Tacoma, WA

Email: candidateexperienceteam@multicare.org

Site: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Contact: Sarah J. Kilpatrick,
academic.recruiting@cshs.org

Important Dates

July 1: FMIGS Application Deadline

July 22-24: AAGL Fellowship Bootcamp

July 29-September 9: FMIGS Interviews

September 21: Rank Order List Deadline

October 5: Match Day

November 14-18: 45th Annual AAGL Global
Congress

March 26-29: SGS 43rd Annual Scientific
Meeting



Registration is now open for the 45th AAGL Global Congress. The Congress will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL, November 14-18, 2016. This year's theme is *Advancing Minimally Invasive Gynecology Through Mentorship and Emerging Technology*. As noted by the Scientific Program Chair, Kevin J.E. Stepp, MD, "The Congress is packed full of opportunities with more postgraduate courses, surgical tutorials, and general session panel discussions than ever before. These formats will offer an extended discussion for important or controversial subjects including avoiding complications, tissue extraction, cosmetogynecology, and a multi-disciplinary approach to endometriosis. Last year's fellows course opened the congress and it was a huge success. Recognizing this we are inviting all of the subspecialty fellows to this year's course entitled, 'Growing Up and Moving On from Fellowship.'"

To register online go to: <https://congress.aagl.org/index.php>

If you have any questions, please contact Gerardo Galindo at 714.503.6200 ext. 230 or ggalindo@aagl.org. Please note that on-site registration will cost an additional \$50, so we encourage you to register online before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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