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AAGL Receives *ACCME Accreditation with Commendation* as a Provider of Continuing Medical Education

CYPRESS, CA— DECEMBER 5, 2017— Linda Michels, Executive Director of AAGL, is pleased to announce that the AAGL, based in Cypress, CA, has received *accreditation with commendation* as a provider of continuing medical education by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). ACCME accreditation with commendation, or Level 3 as it is called, means that AAGL has received a six-year accreditation (the maximum possible) and is among the top 25% of providers of continuing medical education in the United States., This places AAGL in the top tier of all CME providers, including some of the nation’s most prestigious medical schools. ACCME-accredited providers certify educational activities for category 1 credit of the American Medical Association’s Physician’s Recognition Award (“AMA PRA”). The AMA PRA is utilized by state licensing boards and boards of medical specialties to re-license physicians and re-certify them in their areas of specialty.

According to national continuing medical education advisor, Steve Passin, President of Steve Passin & Associates, “the AAGL’s inclusion into the vaulted ranks of Level 3-accredited organizations in the United States places them among those medical educators in the country that have demonstrated the highest levels of educational acumen based on quality and patient safety parameters consistent with identified needs of the physician.”

ACCME accreditation seeks to assure both physicians and the public that continuing medical education activities provided by the AAGL meet the high standards of the Criteria for Accreditation and the *Standards for Commercial Support* of the ACCME. The ACCME rigorously evaluates the overall CME programs of institutions according to standards adopted by all seven sponsoring organizations of the ACCME: the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Federation of State Medical Boards. AAGL is pleased to be part of a group of organizations in the United States, including major medical schools, national medical associations, hospitals and other medical education organizations that have been awarded this special accreditation status.

In announcing this achievement to the AAGL leadership and staff, Ms. Michels said, "This acknowledgement of AAGL's performance-in-practice further empowers our core educational mission that is *"dedicated to the research and advancement of minimally invasive gynecologic procedures."*

The AAGL was cited for achievement in two important criteria that were determinants of their commendation status: (1) CME that served to generate improvements in the professional practice of its physicians; and (2) CME that was fundamentally planned to improve quality of care and patient safety.

The AAGL's exemplary educational programs ultimately serve the patients of the minimally invasive gynecologic surgeons worldwide who avail themselves of the educational curriculum offered by AAGL. For more information about AAGL's award-winning CME program, please contact Jocelyne Fletcher at (714) 503-6200.

About the AAGL

The AAGL (www.aagl.org) is the first and one of the largest organizations in the world dedicated to gynecologic endoscopic surgery. Founded in 1971, AAGL works to advance the safest and most efficacious diagnostic and therapeutic techniques that afford less invasive treatments for gynecologic conditions through the integration of clinical practice, research, and innovation. For the past 46 years, the organization has educated the world's finest surgeons while improving the lives of women everywhere.

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