Letter from the President

Exciting times for FMIGS! In his last Letter from the President, Dr. Matt Siedhoff pointed out that we have reorganized into a professional interest partner (PIP) of AAGL. While previously the membership in the FMIGS organization consisted entirely of the Board of Directors, we are expanding the membership to include all program directors and associate program directors, and perhaps even more. Not only does this create greater opportunity for input into the integrity and growth of our corner of the surgical world, it creates a greater pool from which the members of our governance team can be elected. You will hear more on this in the next newsletter.

Part of our joining AAGL as a PIP allows for greater collaboration of talent and innovation between the groups. To this end, a lot of attention and effort has been directed to our educational offerings. The upcoming Fellows Boot Camp has been totally redesigned to offer a more standardized curriculum and offer many of the lectures as online webinars. The inaugural webinar on “Myomectomy Morcellation Tips & Tricks” was offered by Dr. Matt Siedhoff on March 6th. Be sure to watch for the upcoming “Approach to Advanced Endometriosis” By Dr. Ted Lee April 3rd. These interactive sessions provide great opportunity to learn from the masters of our field.

Perhaps the most exciting news is the upcoming announcement the ABMS/ABOG has approved the creation of a “Focused Practice in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery” designation. This is a function of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program of ABOG and can only be awarded to those who have achieved general Board certification by ABOG. It is designed to allow you to focus your continuing education for MOC on those publications that are most relevant to your practice. The FMIGS Liaison committee,
now chaired by Dr. Magdy Milad, has been working with ABOG and our sister organizations for several years to create a designation that gives identity and recognition to our members. We look forward to working with ABOG to define membership qualifying criteria. Stay tuned as this wonderful landmark in the evolution of MIGS unfolds.

As an update, the Nominations committee just completed a special election for a Secretary-Treasurer. Please join me in welcoming, Dr. James K. Robinson as the Secretary-Treasurer. With this addition, Dr. Mandy Yunker moves up to President, Dr. Sangeeta Senapati moves to Vice President and Dr. Matt Siedhoff to Immediate Past President.

Finally, I end with bittersweet news. Being a part of the AAGL and FMIGS leadership teams over the years has been the source of some of the most fulfilling moments of my career. I am going on record as having been FMIGS President for the shortest time on record as I step down this month. So this will be my only newsletter address (doesn’t qualify as a collector’s item)! This is to avoid both timing and ideologic conflicts with my role as President of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists. I look forward to continued collaboration and coordinated educational efforts between these two organizations. More importantly, I am excited to hand the FMIGS reigns to Dr. Mandy Yunker as I slip into a more background supportive role in FMIGS. Further, I am so excited to see an enthusiastic and creative cadre of leaders rise to carry us into our next generation. Continued forward progress!

Ted L. Anderson, MD, PhD
Fellows’ Corner

Dear Fellows,

Congratulations as you continue throughout the year! I know the 2nd year fellows are finalizing prospects, future jobs, and hopefully some well deserved travel plans for this upcoming summer. For those in the midst of their job searches or just starting, keep an eye on the Facebook group where we will continue to post job listings.

I’m happy to say that we’ve made progress in many areas moving forward, and there’s still much to do. The FMIGS board and AAGL have made changes and improvements to several didactic and logistical issues, directly as a result of many of your great comments, feedback, and help. It does work! Our case logging will convert over to a standardized ACGME logging system, hopefully ready for implementation by this July. The Fellow’s Bootcamp (August 9-11, 2019) is back in Phoenix again this year. To maximize our time, we’ve moved the focus more heavily to hands-on surgical didactics at the Bootcamp to make this the primary goal. Our most-requested bootcamp lecture didactics fortunately have not gone away, and are now revamped and presented through webinar in incremental doses throughout the year. As you probably saw, the first was just completed last week with Dr Matt Siedhoff on March 6th “Myomectomy Morcellation Tips and Tricks.” Keep a lookout for the next webinar "Approach to Advanced Endometriosis" with Dr Ted Lee on April 3rd. The surgical video curriculum is also undergoing an upgrade to help provide a fully comprehensive, curated video list covering every topic required for expertise in MIGS fellowship as a reference base for you.

As always, please bring me any questions, suggestions, improvements, or thoughts. I am always available to talk, help troubleshoot issues, and provide support. I hope spring comes soon and look forward to seeing everyone at the Fellow’s Bootcamp and AAGL (November 9-13, 2019) in Vancouver, if not sooner.

Best,
Jim Casey

jncasey1@carilionclinic.org

NEXT Webinar: April 3rd
"Approach to Advanced Endometriosis"
Dr. Ted Lee.
Dear Program Directors,

2019 has already been a busy year for our Fellowship, and thanks to all who attended our February PD meeting. Lots of you have reached out and been actively engaged as we grow and change – thanks for your energy!

We are excited to welcome Dr. Jim Robinson, recently elected to the FMIGS Board as our next Secretary Treasurer. Congratulations Jim! We would also like to welcome our newest fellowship, at Tecnológico de Monterrey – TecSalud, Mexico, and Drs. Garcia Rodríguez and Leal Gonzalez to our PD group.

In follow up regarding MyTipReport, the new evaluation tool we are using to record fellow progress, please note the cost annually to programs is $195 and is included in our fellowship dues. Utilization of this program is a requirement for all programs as of July 1, 2019, so we are actively trying to get all programs up and running. Dr. Cara King will be in touch as she schedules a webinar for PDs AND Fellows so we can all be educated on the program as needed.

Some great insight/interest from PDs at our last meeting included a question of protected time for our Program Directors, which is a requirement in other ACGME-accredited fellowships. Drs. Nadia Gomez and Stephanie Morris have volunteered to pursue this issue, starting first with some research into current practice and interest. We look forward to their updates.

As the Scientific Program for 2019 is finalized, I promise to update everyone on dates and times of FMIGS meetings. Until then, stay engaged, do some MyTipReport evaluations, and I look forward to our next meeting!

Gretchen Makai
FMIGS YOUNG ALUMNI NETWORK

Presents:
“MIGS Surgery Experiences in the Developing World”

Lara F. Harvey, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Tuesday April 2, 2019
5:30-6:30 pm in Arizona Ballroom Salons 8-9
Facebook Live and Webstream Simulcast Available Online

SGS 45th Annual Scientific Meeting
JW Starr Pass - Tucson, Arizona

Endorsed by the AAGL, Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
Young Alumni Network Update

The FMIGS Young Alumni Network recently completed its 2nd FMIGS Mentor/Mentee match. An additional 41 current FMIGS fellows were matched with YAN members. We look forward to continuing to grow this opportunity for fellowship, shared learning, and collaboration.

We are looking forward to our next event, which will be held during the SGS Annual Scientific Meeting. On Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00PM YAN member Lara Harvey (FMIGS 2016) will be talking about the role of MIGS in the Global Health setting.
Not attending SGS? Not a problem! We will stream her talk live on the FMIGS Facebook page. Be sure to tune in!

I am also very excited to report a YAN focused post-graduate course will be held during AAGL 2019 Global Congress! The course will focus on providing insight and practical strategies regarding patient care, education, research and personal/professional fulfillment. Stay tuned for a full course outline and opportunity to register.

Get your passport ready and see you in Vancouver!

Megan N. Wasson, DO and Adeoti Oshinowo, MD
Co-Chairs FMIGS YAN Committee
Fellows’ Pelvic Research Network Update

The FMIGS/SGS subgroup of the Fellows’ Pelvic Research Network (FPRN)® is making progress! There are currently five ongoing FPRN studies with two well underway with patient enrollment. Dr. Carolyn Piszczech is leading a study evaluating the use of social media in women with pelvic pain and Dr. Jessica Sisto is assessing sexual function and satisfaction after hysterectomy in women who have sex with women. Dr. Nisse Clark is investigating outcomes of Essure removal for the treatment of device-attributed symptoms and Dr. Cynthia Arvizo is evaluating treatment outcomes after uterine artery embolization for management of uterine arteriovenous malformation. Dr. Patricia Mattingly is examining the impact of FMIGS training on myomectomy route and outcomes.

All studies are recruiting fellows to serve as a participating site and coauthor. Please check out our FMIGS-SGS-FPRN website (http://www.sgsonline.org/fprn) where you can find more information on our studies along with the contact information for the principle investigators. If you’re not a FMIGS fellow but you’re interested in serving as participating site and coauthor, you may be eligible.

We have sent out a call for proposals for presentation at the upcoming SGS Annual Scientific Meeting in Tucson, Arizona March 31-April 3rd 2019. Proposals are due March 8th! Ideal projects are those that would benefit from multisite participation and can be completed in one to two years.

We want to thank all of you for making this chapter a success! The FPRN would not be possible without the mentorship from our senior advisory board and the support and funding provided by SGS and AAGL.

Chair: Leigh Rosen MD
Secretary: Chetna Arora MD
Treasurer: Jessica K Shields DO
Webmaster: Cynthia Arvizo MD
Get involved with JMIG!

Host a JMIG Twitter Journal Club in 4 easy steps: #JMIGjc

1) Email the JMIG Social Media Editor: Dr. Mireille Truong jmigsocialmedia@gmail.com
2) Send your top 3 preferred months to host
3) Select an article
4) Post thoughts/questions the 3rd Wed and Thurs of the month selected

Apply to be a JMIG Social Media (SoMe) Scholar!

Who? Program is for FMIGs fellows who have an interest in social media

Why?
- Get involved in Social Media professionally
- Improve social media skills
- Opportunity to work with JMIG Editorial Board
- Help promote JMIG and evidence-based medicine

What? JMIG SoMe Scholars will work with JMIG Social Media Editor in developing and implementing JMIG social media strategy. Scholars will be members of the JMIG Social Media Committee and will be expected to complete an approved social media project/initiative during their term.

Requirements:
- 1 year term
- Have basic social media knowledge on at least one social media platform.
- Able to participate in social media initiatives during 48th AAGL Global Congress

How? Send your CV and a letter of intent (<500 words) to Dr. Mireille Truong at jmigsocialmedia@gmail.com. Please include social media platforms that you currently use with your social media handle.

When? Deadline April 15th

Have questions? Email Dr. Mireille Truong jmigsocialmedia@gmail.com
MIGS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Christiana Care Health System and the Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) in the Department OB/GYN is looking to hire for a **full time BC/BE fellowship-trained MIGS surgeon** to join our growing, employed outpatient faculty practice. Join a fully supported employed team comprised of three surgeons, an advanced GYN physician, a Nurse Practitioner and experienced office staff.

The successful candidate should excel at robotic procedures as well as laparoscopy and hysteroscopy, and have interest in pelvic pain specifically. As part of the faculty, you will have educational opportunities including training of fellows, residents, and medical students. Research opportunities include intramural work as well as participation in industry-sponsored investigation.

**Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

- Provide gynecological-only medical and surgical services, with gynecologic on-call responsibilities. **No obstetrical duty requirements**
- Precept fellows, residents, students and specified health care professionals, as appropriate, and contribute to the educational program for trainees in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Assist in practice management supporting the Medical Director & Clinical Leader of MIGS and Practice Manager.

**Position Qualifications**

- Post-graduate degree from an accredited medical institution Completion of accredited OB/GYN-residency.
- Successful completion of a Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) fellowship.

Interested candidates please click on the link to apply:

MIGS job opportunity in NYC:
NYC Health and Hospital Queens, affiliated with Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, is seeking for a full time MIGS trained surgeon to join the teaching faculty associated with Mount Sinai (Jamaica) residency program at Queens Hospital Center. The position is available as soon as possible.

For more detailed information please contact:
Dr. Aleksandr Fuks. Email: fuksal.nychnhc.org
Director of Department of OBGYN
Queens Hospital Center

The University of Tennessee and Ascension St. Thomas Health are seeking a gynecologist skilled in advanced operative laparoscopy to join the teaching faculty associated with a new residency program at our Nashville campus. The position is available July 1, 2019 due to the recent relocation of a current faculty member and gynecologic surgeon.

The program is in its third year and has established quality resident experiences in obstetrics, maternal-fetal medicine, gynecologic oncology, REI and robotic surgery. We currently have a core faculty of six general OB/GYN physicians with the support of subspecialists. We train three residents at each level. The position is a full time salaried faculty position, non-tenure track. Salary and faculty rank are determined by experience and are independent of each other. Compensation is not based on clinical productivity. Some scholarly activity is required.

Program Website: http://comnashville.uthsc.edu/

For further information regarding the program please contact or send your curriculum vitae and letter of interest to:

Douglas H Brown MD, Program Director at douglas.brown@ascension.org.