Welcome

Dear Colleague,

Congratulations on joining the first and largest organization in the world dedicated to minimally invasive gynecology! AAGL members 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. We set ourselves apart with our commitment to mastering the latest, most innovative techniques to get our patients back to their daily lives as quickly as possible.

Members are the lifeblood of the mission of AAGL. It is the members who drive change and growth toward meeting the organization’s goal of improving patient care in gynecologic medicine. As an organization, we work continuously to identify and develop educational products and activities to guide members on our journey of lifelong learning, so we can offer the very best care for our patients.

Membership in AAGL gives you access to a wide range of services designed to help you grow as a medical professional. I encourage you to take a little time to explore this booklet and learn about each of these membership benefits.

Thank you for your membership in AAGL and your continued support of the mission to elevate gynecologic surgery worldwide. If you would like to contact me or any member of the AAGL Board, we welcome you to do so at theboard@aagl.org.

Jubilee Brown, MD
President, AAGL

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AAGL Membership

Your annual AAGL membership of $375* puts you in excellent company and comes with many invaluable benefits!

Just a few of the services included in your membership:

- AAGL CME Courses and Labs
- Access to SurgeryU Live and On-Demand Events
- Annual Subscription to JMIG, including the JMIG App
- EndoExchange™ (Listserv)
- Member Certificate
- NewsScope Newsletter
- Observerships
- Online CME Course Access
- Physician Finder Listing

*AAGL membership fees include an optional donation to the Foundation of the AAGL

2018 AAGL Membership

- 59% U.S. Members
- 41% International Members
- 7,000+ MEMBERS
- 107+ Countries
- 2,640+ Physicians Educated at AAGL CME Events in 2018 (in-person & online)

AAGL Global Representation
Member Benefits Overview

**Online CME**
AAGL offers complimentary online CME courses on general and specialty topics in the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery via webinars, instructional curriculum series, and “AAGL Expert Talks.”

**JMIG**
The Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology (JMIG) is the official journal of the AAGL and a respected source for the latest peer-reviewed research and advancements in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Receive your copy in print or via the JMIG app and join the JMIG Journal Club on Twitter @aagljmig.

**NewsScope**
Our electronic membership magazine keeps you in the know with the latest news and updates on AAGL’s initiatives, activities, education, and advocacy in the field of minimally invasive gynecology.

**SurgeryU**
SurgeryU is the largest online collection of surgical videos on minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Interact with featured gynecologic surgeons during live webcasts, available worldwide.

**EndoExchange™** (Listserv®)
Real-time advice discussed with gynecologic surgeons with real-life experience, the EndoExchange™ is a lively email forum with questions and answers posted by fellow AAGL members. Last year nearly 1,000 posts were submitted covering all aspects of minimally invasive gynecology.

**Physician Finder**
Each AAGL member has a profile page which can be personalized with the member’s biography, affiliations, location, and photo to aid patients and other members in locating and contacting physicians.

**Observership Program**
AAGL members have a unique opportunity to observe the clinical practice and operative care of recognized leaders in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. For details and to apply, visit www.aagl.org/observership

**Membership Certificate**
Proudly display your badge of membership in our excellent organization! Annual Membership Certificates are electronically available to download and print.

**Discounted Registration at AAGL and International Affiliated Society Meetings:**
Enjoy reduced pricing for all scientific meetings, including the annual AAGL Global Congress and international affiliated meetings.

AAGL is approved by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.
How to Get Involved in AAGL

Join a Committee
At the heart of AAGL is the worldwide advancement of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. We have several standing committees that are each focused on a different facet of this pursuit. For more information on committees and how you can serve, contact us at sspirrison@aagl.org

AAGL Committees Include:
- Coding
- General Grants for MIGS Research
- Membership
- Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR)
- Practice
- Publications

Join a Special Interest Group
Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are focused on specific subspecialties within minimally invasive gynecology. For more information on how you can get connected with AAGL members with similar interests, contact us at sspirrison@aagl.org

AAGL SIGs Include:
- Urogynecology & Vaginal Surgery
- Robotics
- Oncology
- Endometriosis & Reproductive Surgery
- Pelvic Pain
- Hysteroscopy

Join the conversation on EndoExchange™!
Your experience can help a colleague from anywhere in the world—share your expertise on our very own listserv, the EndoExchange™. You can even post your own questions about situations that have you stumped and let the community of experts help you! Think of it as the AAGL “phone-a-friend” lifeline, and it’s fueled by you.

Submit an abstract for presentation at the AAGL Global Congress
The 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.

AAGL Global Congress on MIGS
November 12-16, 2017
Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland (Washington, DC)

Scientific Program Chair:
Sawsan As-Sanie, MD, MPH

President:
Jon I. Einarsson, MD, PhD, MPH

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

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Donate 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. Make your tax-deductible donation online at www.aagl.org/donate.
The Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (FMIGS) sponsors two-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 become 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 apply to the FMIGS program.

Of equal importance is the need for new program sites. If you’re an experienced endoscopic surgeon with knowledge to share and an interest in becoming a Fellowship Program Director, we encourage you to submit a New Site Application today!

For more information or to apply, contact Arcy Dominguez, FMIGS Program Manager today by phone at (714) 503-6200, ext. 224 or by email at fmigs@aagl.org.

For more information, visit www.fmigs.org
Established in 1993, the Foundation of the AAGL was created to fund the development and application of emerging technologies to the benefit of gynecologic health care for women. The use of these technologies consistently results in improved diagnostic precision, surgical safety, and minimal corporeal invasion. The Foundation supports continued progress in our field by providing scholarships, teaching grants, financial support to worthy research, and awards for scientific accomplishments.

Your contribution will help our continued progress. The Foundation is grateful to the many generous individuals and corporations who believe in the worldwide advancement of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.

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Funds raised by the Foundation provide:

- Research grants
- Grants for the “Exxcellence in Clinical Research Seminar”
- Educational courses and workshops
- Scholarships
- Teaching grants
- Awards for scientific accomplishments

Your Support Contributes To Our Success

To make your contribution to any of the following endowments or funds, 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
It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, November 4-8 in Denver (Aurora), Colorado. This year’s meeting is sure to offer the best in scientific programming, surgical tutorials, panels and presentations that will help you reach the peak of your surgical performance.

ALL ARE INVITED!

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TED T.M. LEE, MD
CHAIR, 2020 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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THEME

Overcoming ‘barriers’ enables us to reach our highest potential as physicians and surgeons. This year's theme, “Breaking Barriers: Reach the Peak of Your Surgical Performance” will deliver education you and your healthcare teams need to provide the best in minimally invasive treatment options for women.

COURSES

Postgraduate courses, panels, and surgical tutorials will be led by content experts who specialize in women-focused patient care and research with an emphasis on minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (i.e., hysteroscopic, laparoscopic, robotic and vaginal surgery).

LOCATION

On the edge of the front range, surrounded by the majestic Rocky Mountains, this year’s Congress takes place at the brand new Gaylord Rockies Hotel and Convention Center, where rustic alpine charm and well-appointed rooms, await you!