



# FMIGS UPDATE

## COVID-19 EDITION

### Letter from the President

Hello FMIGS Family. When I originally wrote this piece a few weeks ago – we were living in a very different world than we are today. I know there are a lot of concerns about what the halt in elective procedures means for our fellows. Our primary concern is that our fellows are supported through this uncertain time. We recognize that each program will have different suggested guidelines in terms of what the fellows are expected to do – some are joining coverage pools with their mentors, while others are focusing on telehealth visits and some are getting pulled off clinical duties for periods of time and using the time to focus on research related activities.

It is important for us to think about alternative ways that we can continue to meet our educational objectives during this time including reviewing the reading list, or fellow's video curriculum on SurgeryU. We encourage participation in remote journal clubs or didactic sessions with platforms such as Zoom, GoToMeeting, or Skype. Fellows can also utilize this type of platform to provide educational sessions for the residents where feasible and schedules permitting. This is obviously an evolving situation and we will continue to provide updates and guidance as we are able.



Dr. Sangeeta Senapati  
FMIGS President

#### Other updates:

After expanding our membership to include all of the FMIGS program directors and assistant program directors, we completed our first round of elections that included our new membership. So please join me in welcoming the new members of the board – Dr. Nita Desai as Secretary Treasurer, Dr. Jamal Mourad as our Program Director Representative, and Drs. Tim Deimling and Karen Wang as our new Directors at Large.

By this point all of the program directors should have received notification from ACGME to sign their fellows up to participate in the case log system. The system mirrors that which our residents and other fellowship programs use to track and log their cases. Kudos to Drs. Hye-Chun Hur and Cara King for spearheading the initiative to move our case logging to the ACGME system. It was a huge effort to make this happen! Many thanks also to AAGL for the help with facilitation and all those (especially the Magee fellows) who helped with the pilot to try and work out most of the kinks in advance of the general rollout. As we make this transition, we of course anticipate a few bumps in the road so we look forward to hearing your feedback over the next few months.

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The Quality and Improvement and Patient Safety committee, chaired by Dr. Susan Khalil had a productive inaugural year. Their goal is to help facilitate QI based initiatives and provide mentored project assistance. They

developed the QI & Patient Safety Project Toolkit which can be found on the FMIGS website (under the resources heading) [https://www.aagl.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/PSQI\\_2019-Toolkit.pdf](https://www.aagl.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/PSQI_2019-Toolkit.pdf) for those fellows (or faculty) interested in starting QI project.

In our continued effort to standardize the curriculum across the fellowships, we have successfully completed over one year of our two-year cycle of the online webinar lecture series that was designed to supplement the annual fellows boot camp. These have been incredibly well attended by the fellows, program directors and other members of our community. If you happen to miss one – remember that they can be found housed in SurgeryU.

I'm excited about the forward progress our fellowship has been making on multiple fronts as I take over the reins from the inspiring leadership of Dr. Yunker and I am looking forward to an amazing year! As we all navigate the next few weeks and months it is our sincere hope that you and your families, friends and colleagues stay safe and healthy through this trying time. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

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## Fellows Corner

Dear Fellows,

We know that things have significantly changed in the past few weeks. You will see lots of updated messaging from colleagues mentioning the same. I would urge each of you to make sure you do not neglect your own self care during this stressful time. I am always happy to sit and talk by phone. It is a trying time, and also one where we are simultaneously very busy and yet also temporarily without so much of the medical care and surgeries that define MIGS.

For the first year fellows, please continue to advance your research projects, and hopefully you already have a project in development for presentation at AAGL. As always, we have several new updates for the MIGS fellowship for the coming year. The new ACGME-based case logging system is up and running, though I am sure it is only being lightly used at this exact time. Given the temporary pause, please let us know if you have run into any issues, and we will continue to work out this new system. Thanks to Drs. Cara King, Hye-Chun Hur, and others for all of their help with this. Thanks to the fellows for working diligently and giving feedback on the system thus far.

The MIGS focused practice designation continues to move forward as well through committees since we received ABOG approval. While it will not be implemented this calendar year, keep an eye out for specific updates as the process moves forward. If you have a chance to participate in EMIG testing at a conference or a site visit in the future, please do and help us build support for these testing tools.

Looking ahead to this new year, many aspects have changed while many others remain the same. FMIGS is continually on the forefront of surgical OBGYN education. If you have an idea for the fellowship, ways to improve an aspect of education, or if you run into an issue and ever say "I don't know who to direct this to," I am here as a resource. We all hope for safety for our patients, friends, and family. I hope the return of nice weather in the coming months will be a harbinger of good MIGS times again.

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James Casey, MD  
Fellows Representative

## Program Director's Corner

Greetings to all from my FMIGS HOME office in Arizona.

Let me start by saying that "These are unusual times" is the understatement of the millennium... The current COVID19 crisis has completely changed our way of living, doctoring, teaching, and communicating, but it has not changed our passion and commitment to our fellowship programs and our most valuable assets, our fellows!!!

Every program has had the ability to adapt their clinical and academic schedules to the best of their abilities and according to local government and hospital administration guidelines to help protect all fellows, residents, students, faculty and staff from unnecessary exposure and to preserve so needed protective equipment.

For sure there is a lot of uncertainty and fear as 7.4 billion people are threatened by this... First and foremost, our true responsibility during this time of crisis is to ensure safety of all members of our departments. We also need to maximize learning opportunities for our fellows, be creative, be flexible, but do not be cavalier. Here are a few things we have done in AZ to accomplish this:

1. Cancel all non-essential in person visits (well woman visits, well post-ops)
2. Cancel all elective surgical procedures.
3. Initiate all non urgent consults, follow-up visits, post-ops via Telehealth guidelines (phone or video based). This can be done from home or from the office.
4. All didactic sessions kept on schedule but accessed remotely via Skype or Zoom meetings.
5. Weekly FMIGS journal club and surgical video review (Remote)
6. Access to online Statistics and Research courses
7. Fellows permitted to participate only in urgent surgical procedures
8. Reassure our fellows that this to shall pass and we will all be ok

Although we don't know how much longer this will take, I am hopeful that we will be keeping the Bootcamp scheduled as is. More news to follow from AAGL.

For now, stay healthy, keep social distancing, if it's not urgent cancel it, wash your hands frequently, alcohol gel when water and soap not available.

Next PD meeting will be in the first week of April. Looking forward to "seeing" everyone!



Jamal Mourad, DO  
Program Directors Representative

## Young Alumni Network

Happy New Year! I am happy to serve as your new chair of the FMIGS Young Alumni Network (YAN). With the help of the new YAN Leadership (Amanda Ecker, Megan Wasson, Jim Casey, Erica Fletcher-Robinson, Vicky Vargas, Michelle Pacis, Tracy Ito, Sadikah Behbehani, Noah Rindos, Amanda Yunker and Sangeeta Senapati), we hope to make this year full of opportunities for our members.

We will start off with the continuation of our annual YAN lecture series at SGS. Join us as Drs. Chris Destephano, Ambereen Jan, and Mireille Truong talk to us about "Propelling Surgical Education Through Technology and Innovation" on July 6-9, 2020 at 5:00 pm in room City Terrace 12 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront. The talk will be streamed live on Facebook and Zoom for those who are not able to attend the meeting.

Thanks to the hard work of Immediate Past Chair, Megan Wasson and Noah Rindos, this summer, there will now be a YAN course at the FMIGS Boot Camp. This will allow for YAN members to participate as faculty in addition to participating in a course that provides CME and further mentorship. The 40 YAN faculty spots are currently filled, but there is a waitlist. So, if you are interested please let us know by responding to the email that was sent out.

Finally, we have heard your feedback, and though FMIGS Connect did facilitate some lasting mentor/mentee relationships, there were some of you who wanted more face time. Therefore, we will not have an official match this year and we will be planning networking events and encouraging meet-ups at major conferences. For those of you who already have mentors or mentees, reach out to them to see if they are going to SGS, APGO/CREOG, ACOG, IPPS, or AAGL and grab a drink! We are working on having our first networking event at the boot camp.

Stay tuned for updates in the next newsletter about the YAN Podcast, YAN Postgraduate Course, Global Congress, and more!



Adeoti Oshinowo, MD  
Chair, YAN

## Introducing the MIGS FLIPS Program!

**What it is:** The Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Fellows Lead Improvement in Patient Safety (MIGS FLIPS) support and mentorship service to fellows in the AAGL minimally invasive gynecologic surgery training programs, to facilitate quality improvement (QI) and patient safety projects and initiatives.

**How it works:** Complete the google form regarding your interest and needs in developing, supporting, or query in quality improvement to the FMIGS Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEAI5SjPbnf-fD8vq54Mlox0mqq2C3crBM7JVyOmI\\_LjfFzw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEAI5SjPbnf-fD8vq54Mlox0mqq2C3crBM7JVyOmI_LjfFzw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Time frame:** After receipt of your request, you should expect a response within one week to set up a call or email contact in supporting your QI project needs.

**What kind of help is offered?**

- Quality improvement project development
- Review and support of your project
- Assistance with defining metrics and quality improvement methodology
- Mentorship support and review

## A Tribute to Arcy Dominguez

In 2015, the FMIGS Board took on a multitude of initiatives to revamp completely the fellowship curriculum. This effort required the formation of at least ten new Task Committees that convened late in the evenings after working hours on a regular basis to meet ambitious deadlines. Surprisingly, we accomplished the majority of our projects and Arcy Dominguez was the key. Arcy was and remains a vital cornerstone of the fellowship.

Arcy is an incredible worker, one who toils hard behind the scenes, paying close attention to every detail. She keeps busy surgeons with difficult schedules on track. She attends and takes notes at every meeting, then follows up on all action items. Despite the enormous job responsibilities, Arcy remains calm, affable and accessible. For so many of the fellows and program directors, Arcy is our go-to person.

Thank you, Arcy, for your steadfast dedication and your tireless commitment to the fellowship. With you in our corner, FMIGS continues to advance its causes. With you on board, we just can't fail!

Rosanne M. Kho, M.D.





<b>Monthly JMIG Happenings!</b>		
JMIG Twitter Journal Club #JMIGjc	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed & Thurs	
JMIG Podcast with Peter Movilla #JMIGPodcasts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	
Editor’s Pick Visual Abstracts #JMIGVisualAbstracts	1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays	

**Want to join the JMIG Social Media Team?  
Apply to be a JMIG Social Media Scholar!**

**DEADLINE MARCH 15th 2020 11:59pm EST**

Term: 2 years (May 2020-May 2022)

- Attend monthly JMIG Social Media Phone Conference Meeting
- Attend Annual AAGL congress
- Serve as JMIG Social Media Scholar representative at Annual AAGL Congress
- Participate in at least 1 JMIG social media project in 1st year
- Serve as project lead for 1 JMIG project in 2nd year
- Host 1 JMIG journal club on Twitter

For more details and to APPLY:  
[JMIG Social Media Scholar Application](#)



**Host a JMIG Twitter Journal Club!**  
**#JMIGjc**

- 1) Email the JMIG Social Media Editor: Dr. Mireille Truong  
[jmigsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto: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

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**ASK A MIGS EXPERT SERIES**

***“As a MIGS educator, which simulation do you consider a “must do” for resident or fellow trainees and why”.***

I think laparoscopic suturing with knot-tying is probably the most important skill to practice in simulation. Besides gaining the skill of suturing itself, learning to do it trains you translate a two-dimensional endoscopic view into three-dimensional space and to move both of your hands in a coordinated fashion.

- Matthew Siedhoff, MD MSCR

As a sim educator, we often say “we sim to debrief.” In other words, regardless of the type of simulation undertaken, an equal and often greater emphasis must be placed on the debriefing which is where the learning impact is felt. This is something that all resident or fellow trainees must appreciate when participating in a simulation activity.

-Arnold P. Advincula, MD, FCOG, FACS

Welcome to FMIGS-I Program  
Hospital BP—A Beneficencia Portuguesa de Sao Paulo, Brazil



## Division of Advanced Pelvic Surgery, University of California San Francisco

The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at the University of California San Francisco seeks an AAGL fellowship-trained minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon for a full time position.

### Responsibilities:

Primary clinical responsibilities include providing high quality minimally invasive surgical treatment for women with complex gynecologic disorders and participation in the UCSF Comprehensive Fibroid Center and UCSF Endometriosis Center. Candidates should be interested in working in a multi-disciplinary setting and leading clinical research projects. Clinical responsibilities will include a consultative office practice in gynecology, office-based procedures, gynecologic surgery and gynecologic on-call responsibilities.

New graduates and experienced physicians committed to an academic career in minimally invasive surgery are encouraged to apply. The candidate should be comfortable in providing complex surgical care and is expected to serve as a resource for other gynecologic surgeons within the department. The successful applicant will demonstrate an aptitude for and dedication to medical education including direct teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows. Candidates must have demonstrated capability and experience in providing evidence-based and patient-centered ObGyn care and in collaborating and coordinating care in clinical teams that enhance the patient experience with a commitment to excellence in clinical care, patient safety, and patient satisfaction.

### Qualifications:

- MD or equivalent
- Board certified or board eligible Obstetrician Gynecologist
- Formal AAGL fellowship training in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (or in process of obtaining)
- Licensed or eligible to practice medicine in California

### Additional Qualifications

- The CA medical license needs to be in hand at the time of hire.
- Demonstrated cultural competence in working with culturally diverse trainee and patient populations.
- Knowledge or experience in the provision of minimally invasive gynecology services in an acute hospital setting.

Salary and academic rank commensurate with experience and achievements.

Please apply online at: <https://aprecruit.ucsf.edu/JPF02758> and submit a curriculum vitae, cover letter, statement of research, statement of teaching, statement of contributions to diversity and contact information for three references.

UC San Francisco seeks candidates whose experience, teaching, research, or community service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status.

Please apply online at <https://aprecruit.ucsf.edu/JPF02758>

# Centura Health

Centura Health Physicians Group is the largest multi-specialty provider network in Colorado. As a physician-facing organization, Centura Health Physicians Group (CHPG) is passionate about high-value, top quality care made accessible to the community we serve. We are looking for a fellowship trained Minimally Invasive Gynecologist to join our practice at CHPG Women's Care at Porter in Denver, Colorado. We are an established gynecology-only practice providing the spectrum of advanced gynecologic care with a focus on minimally invasive surgery. Our practice is looking for a positive, compassionate, dedicated physician with excellent communication skills. No obstetrics or in-house call. Competitive salary and benefits. Our office offers ultrasound services as well as in-office procedure including hysteroscopy and endometrial ablation with anesthesia services when needed.

If interested please send your CV or email any inquiries to: [mandi.beman@gmail.com](mailto:mandi.beman@gmail.com)



## Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery - Baylor College of Medicine

Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is seeking to add one board certified/board eligible assistant professors or above to our Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) division at the Texas Children's Hospital Pavilion for Women (PFW). The PFW is a new state of the art full-service hospital with a busy gynecologic OR with a new dedicated Xi robotic system. We have a fully accredited Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Fellowship and a competitive residency program.

The ideal candidate should be energetic, motivated, possess excellent robotic surgical skills, and be committed to outstanding patient care and education. Minimally Invasive Fellowship graduation with robotic surgical experience is required. As an academic department, the MIGS faculty are integral to the education of fellow, resident, and student learners. MIGS surgeons are encouraged to pursue research interests and participate in robust patient safety and quality initiatives.

Baylor College of Medicine is located in the heart of the world-renowned Texas Medical Center. Houston is a vibrant city that offers a myriad of culinary options, cultural and recreational activities, and professional sports. Competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with academic rank, experience, and available positions.

Baylor College of Medicine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Equal Access Employer.

For employment opportunities please visit [www.bcm.edu/careers](http://www.bcm.edu/careers) and search for vacancy # 834.

Qualified and interested individuals may also submit CV to:

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**EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE****EMORY UNIVERSITY**  
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**Department of Gynecology  
and Obstetrics**

The Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Division of Gynecologic Specialties is seeking a Division Director, who will lead the clinical, administrative, educational, and research goals of the specialist division. The position will also hold either a tenure-track or non-tenure-track faculty rank of Associate Professor or Professor, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The faculty is highly involved in resident and medical student education in the Department and at Emory University School of Medicine. The ideal candidate will bring expertise in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) to the division and spearhead efforts to improve opportunities for training for MIGS including possible development of a MIGS fellowship in the future.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- In partnership with the Chair of the Department, develop a comprehensive strategy and plan for the growth and development of the division's clinical, educational, and research activities.
- In partnership with the Chair of the Department and Director of Administrative Operations, manage the Administrative, Finance, Research, and Clinical operations for the division.
- Develop the division's faculty with emphasis on quality, effectiveness and efficiency.
- Participate in the clinical services initiatives of the Emory Healthcare system and Grady Health System.
- Provide a broad spectrum of obstetric and gynecologic care to medically complex patients.
- Perform advanced gynecologic surgery with an emphasis on minimally invasive techniques.
- Participate in the direct supervision and training of faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students.

**Qualifications:**

Qualified candidates must have a terminal degree (MD or DO), successfully completed a 4- year ACGME-accredited obstetrics and gynecology residency program and be Board Certified in obstetrics and gynecology. Training in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS) is preferred. Minimum of five years of leadership experience as well as a minimum of ten years academic medical center experience. Licensure by the Georgia Composite Medical Board will be required prior to commencement of employment. Demonstrated leadership skills necessary to complement and expand the existing clinical and academic programs.

Review of applications will begin immediately. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply on the Emory Careers website at <https://faculty-emory.icims.com/jobs/44831/job>.

## **Full-Time Faculty Academic Gynecologic Specialist,**

Prisma Health-USC Medical Group, Department of OB/GYN is seeking one Board Eligible/Certified OB/GYN physician with minimally invasive surgical skill and experience to join our Academic Gynecologic Specialists Group to meet the needs of our expanding programs with USC OB/GYN in Columbia, SC.

Our innovative academic specialists practice provides primary and referral level care for the women of the Midlands of South Carolina. We are looking for an academic focused physician dedicated to providing excellent patient care and cutting edge resident level teaching. Our practice highly values clinical teamwork and evidenced based care. Specifically, we are looking for a provider with excellent surgical skills and a deep interest in providing top notch minimally invasive gynecologic care to the women of the Midlands. Experience providing minimally invasive care to patients with endometriosis, fibroids, or pelvic pain is expected. Ability to guide resident exposure to the DaVinci Robot is a plus. The provider should be interested in supervising and teaching residents and medical students in addition to managing their own private clinic. Candidates who are fellowship trained in minimally-invasive gynecology are strongly encouraged to apply. Surgical Leadership opportunities in the Midlands abound for the prepared candidate. Physician responsibilities supporting group obstetrical care either through coverage of L&D or Resident OB clinics is negotiable and will depend upon physician experience and interests.

The selected physician will have responsibilities in supporting the clinical education of medical students, PA students, and residents. The clinical inpatient practice is supported by laborists who cover evening gynecologic and labor and delivery calls. Physicians have a great work life balance with the support of laborists at Prisma Health Richland Hospital. Presently call coverage includes OB coverage and is minimal with one night of coverage every 4-8 weeks but can vary based upon group needs.

The selected physician will be able to expect the support of other specialists within the group covering the specialties of urogynecology, maternal fetal medicine, pediatric and adolescent gynecology, vulvar disorders clinic, and genetic counseling. The group has close relationships with specialists in gynecologic oncology, urology, and general surgery for supporting all aspects of patient care. Provided care will be centered at the Prisma Health Richland Hospital campus.

This opportunity offers a Competitive Base Salary, Sign-on Bonus, an Academic Title, Relocation, and Malpractice Insurance with Tail Coverage.

Prisma Health Richland Hospital is a tertiary care and referral center for obstetric, gynecologic, neonatal, and pediatric services in the Midlands region. The region's only Level I Trauma Center has a fully staffed Level III NICU, 16 active labor rooms, and three operating rooms in the labor and delivery suite. The main operating room has 28 operating rooms including a DaVinci robotic surgical suite with a teaching console. Our inpatient facility at Prisma Health Richland serves as the primary clinical site for the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and OB/GYN Residency program. Besides the hospital, Prisma Health Children's Hospital has a Neonatal ECMO Center with around-the-clock transport services. Columbia, the capital, is nestled in the center of the state and is home to the University of South Carolina. It is only an hour and a half from Charlotte and two hours from Charleston, the beach or the mountains. Spend time locally at the 50,000 acre Lake Murray with its shoreline extending over 500 miles or at one of three rivers. Watch collegiate or minor league sports. Shop or dine at any of the great restaurants year round.

Interested candidates, email questions or a cover letter and Curriculum Vitae to our physician recruiter, [Ayanna.Harris@prismahealth.org](mailto:Ayanna.Harris@prismahealth.org)