Greetings to the FMIGS community,

It was just 3 months ago that I wrote a piece in this newsletter, but so much has happened since then. We have all been required to be more creative in our approach to many things – in clinical medicine with telehealth visits and a new appreciation for resource allocation, and in education with innovative virtual educational platforms to accommodate for social distancing.

In the wake of all the recent traumatic events occurring around us, I applaud the initiatives that have been launched by our team. Among their many activities, The Young Alumni Network under the leadership of Dr. Oshinowo, is hosting a virtual gathering to provide a safe space for their colleagues to listen, learn, and discuss the challenges they might be facing. The group is also hosting a session for our current fellows to provide a similar opportunity. This is just one of the many projects our committees are working on and I thank them for all of their hard work.

As we approach the heart of summer, our interview season is fast approaching. The Board decided to extend the application deadline to July 1 to give candidates additional time to collect materials due to the challenges the current pandemic may pose. We look forward to hearing all the new and innovative ways programs choose to approach this virtual interview season.

As you all know we have opted to postpone the in-person fellows boot camp given the continued concerns about travel and safety. Dr. Donnellan, has been working to create a virtual
experience for the fellows in a few 2-3 hour sessions spaced throughout the summer. We will lead off with an interactive program on wellness hosted by Dr. Seidhoff. This will be followed by a virtual research seminar for first year fellows to explore developing a research question. Similarly the second years will have a virtual mentored work in progress discussion. We are also excited to virtually host a half day program director’s course led by Dr. Milad which will be full of useful updates and tips to fly through the site visits with rave reviews – we hope to “see” you there. More to come on these exciting programs as details become available.

Finally, I imagine we have all spent much time reflecting on the events of the recent past in the world around us. As many have suggested, it sometimes may take a year that is stressful, uncomfortable, painful, and scary to force us to grow and change. Inequities are present in all aspects of life – including with MIGS. I think these are times that should challenge all of us to listen, learn, and inspire change. Amidst it all we must still celebrate the positive things that continue to occur including our graduating fellows. Congratulations to the class of 2020!! We wish you all best in your upcoming adventures. And we look forward to meeting all the first year fellows that will join our FMIGS family.

Stay strong and be well,
Sangeeta Senapati, MD

Fellows’ Corner

Dear Fellows,

Welcome to Summer 2020. For many programs, surgeries have thankfully resumed, though in a modified format with additional screening, limited exposures, and altered surgical procedure techniques. Even three months into this pandemic, I still feel that there are new protocols and requirements coming out every week. I hope that you are able to find healthy outlets for this added stress, whether it is leaning on colleagues and friends at work, getting outside to enjoy the warmer weather, or spending time with loved ones. We also hope that real change and advancement will come out of this protest movement, and progress will be made for a better tomorrow for so many unfairly marginalized groups in medicine and everywhere.

As always, we have several new updates for the MIGS fellowship for the coming year. With social distancing, AAGL has produced several excellent webinars regarding COVID as it relates to medical and surgical care and seminars on a variety of topics. I highly recommend joining and if you can’t make it, look out for the talks on SurgeryU. We are all sad that the FMIGS Bootcamp will not
be in person this year. We are currently working through a revamp, understanding the hands-on portions are a primary driver of this weekend. Continue to look out for the monthly Webinar series as well. This series originally launched last year. Apparently we were ahead of our time.

The new ACGME-based case logging system is now several months into routine use. The MIGS focused practice designation continues to move 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 and allow implementation to occur as soon as possible.

For the second year fellows, congratulations on completion of your MIGS fellowship! There continues to be a strong need for high volume gynecologic surgeons and efforts continue with each and every graduate to demonstrate this need. The data and studies support the benefits of this fellowship training and our patients benefit first and foremost.

We all hope for safety for our patients, friends, and family. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions and we will continue to work hard on your behalf.

Best,
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Greetings PD and APD!

Wow, what a ride!!! In the past 3 months we have experienced much uncertainty and fear due to the ongoing pandemic that has paralyzed society across the globe. However, the one sentiment that has brought us all together to forget about this biological threat, is the innate perspective of human decency and solidarity that transcends race, politics, religion, and gender: EQUALITY!!! Black lives matter. As the medical community comes together in solidarity with our African American brothers and sisters, the “White coats for black lives” initiative is a nice gesture, but we need to do more. We need to demand change, make our voices heard and continue to do so until the ultimate goal of equality is reached. We can all make a significant impact by exercising our right to VOTE.

Next PD meeting will take place in the second week of July. More info to follow.

Jamal Mourad, DO
Program Directors Representative
Young Alumni Network Update

The last few months have been trying for some of us for many reasons. In this season, YAN has offered virtual social hours by class, virtual meetings on parenting, and, most recently, virtual safe places for YAN members and fellows to express themselves with regards the state of racism and health care inequalities in the United States. As we continue to navigate the topic of racism, YAN encourages its members to go to the AAGL website read AAGL’s statement on Anti-Racism and fill out the survey offered. As alumni, we believe it is important to help start and continue the conversation.

We are offering a few events where YAN members can engage over the summer. The YAN lecture series at SGS will join the virtual format of the conference. Join us as Drs. Chris Destephano, Ambereen Jan, and Mireille Truong talk to us about "Propelling Surgical Education Through Technology and Innovation" on Thursday, July 9th at 9:00pm EST. The talk will be streamed live on Facebook and Zoom.

We have launched our newly rebranded podcast “MIGS on the Mic.” The podcast is dedicated to addressing topics to help recently graduated MIGS surgeons succeed in life as an attending. Our most recent episode features Jessica Shephard, MD, MBA. Listen as she offers her advice on how to Incorporate social media into your practice. Link to podcast: https://open.spotify.com/episode/5Ty0oqHaJiD9ku5lwuV Aie?si=Duuomn5YT2eNt2v6TvSJNQ

Finally, we know that you get many Doodle polls and Zoom invites during this time but keep an eye out for information on our first YAN “Office Hours” event which will be a Zoom session on Surgical Education. Next newsletter we’ll give you updates on the YAN Postgraduate Course, Global Congress, and more.

Stay strong!

Adeoti Oshinowo, MD, MPH
Chair, FMIGS Young Alumni Network Committee
Tribute to Dr. David L. Olive

AAGL and FMIGS would like to acknowledge the passing of Dr. David Olive.

David Olive, MD, Minimally Invasive Surgeon, Reproductive Endocrinologist, health care innovator, and philanthropist died peacefully on May 22, 2020 with his wife Dr. Elizabeth Pritts at his side. He was 66 years old. He was loved and respected by his colleagues, friends and family for a life filled with vision, integrity and compassion.

Dr. Olive’s medical career reflected a relentless effort to improve healthcare for women whether for one patient or for a population. Specifically, his dedication to women and children’s health in Haiti since the 2010 earthquake through Family Health Ministries is credited with improving PAP smear screening, obstetrical care, primary education, and orphanage care for thousands of at-risk Haitian women and children. He also helped create the first IVF clinic in Haiti. Over the decades Dr. Olive was a staunch advocate for academic rigor and evidence-based medicine. He made landmark contributions to medical education, clinical care, and the literature. In 1979, David completed his medical school at Baylor and matriculated to Northwestern for residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He completed fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology at Duke University.

Dr. Olive served on the faculty of the University of Arkansas and the University of Texas, as professor and chief of reproductive endocrinology at Yale University, and as professor and chief of reproductive endocrinology/vice chair of academic development at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to his academic appointments, Dr. Olive was past president of AAGL. He authored more than 300 articles for scientific journals and the popular press and served as an editor or reviewer for more than 20 professional journals. He served in various capacities to FMIGS, initially as the first president of the FMIGS Board and on many committees.

On a personal note, David was a kind and gentle soul, the consummate educator, a fierce athletic competitor, and a voice of moderation. He was highly respected, a role model for those that knew him, and a mentor to many.

- Magdy Milad, MD, and Jim Robinson, MD.
Ask the Experts...

What advice do you have for our newest FMIGS graduates?

Congratulations, FMIGS graduate! Never stop learning. Success comes in breaking the mold of being a heroic lone healer to become the true team-building LEADER. Godspeed!
- Rosanne Kho, Head Medical Gynecology & MIGS, Fellowship Program Director, MIGS

Congratulations FMIGS Graduates! Your voice is more important now than ever before. Use it to provide the truth. Stay authentic. Keep patients at the center of all you do. We are stronger together.
- Cara King, Director of Benign Gynecologic Surgery, Associate PD of MIGS Fellowship

FMIGS Class of 2020. As you reach the finish line of your academic journey, I commend you all for having chosen MIGS as your career path and specialty. As you enter this next phase of your careers, keep the passion and excitement going. Always do what you love and love what you do!!! Continue to learn and teach, as this will keep you always in the forefront of medicine. Best of luck to all of you and CONGRATULATIONS!!!
- Jamal Mourad, Fellowship Program Director, MIGS

Case selection is key! You have the surgical skills and judgment but choosing cases wisely especially in your first year can get you farther as you establish yourself. Congratulations on all of your achievements!
- Jin Hee Kim, Fellowship Program Director, MIGS

Dear FMIGS 2020 Graduates, Congratulations on reaching an amazing milestone in your career. YOU are now considered the ‘Expert’ in Minimally-Invasive Gynecologic Surgery despite your modest experience thus far. Many successes and mistakes lie ahead; you will own them like never before. Stay humble, seek mentorship, and remain hungry for mastery.
- Cherie Marfori, Fellowship Program Director, MIGS
The JMIG Editorial Board and Social Media Committee would like to welcome our newest JMIG Social Media Scholars! Together they represent the best in our field and the future of our social media committee! We are excited for them to continue with our projects including the monthly Twitter Journal Clubs, Visual Abstracts, and MIGS Front Page Podcast, and thrilled to watch them initiate their own amazing ideas that will further promote the field of gynecologic surgery. Without further ado, please give a big FMIGS welcome to Drs. Sadikah Behbehani, Ritchie Delara, and Jake Lauer!

Sincerely,
The JMIG Social Media Committee

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Mireille Truong, MD

JMIG Social Media Scholars
Emad Mikhail, MD
Peter Movilla, MD
Cristóbal Rodríguez Valero, MD
Alyssa Small, MD

Check out our NEW JMIG Social Media webpage:
www.jmig.org/socialmedia

Don’t forget about our monthly events!
First Fridays #JMIGVisualAbstracts
2nd Sunday #JMIGPodcasts
3rd Wed & Thurs #JMIGGcTwitter Journal Club

Coming soon!
#TakeHomeTuesdays (featuring quick summaries of articles)
Instagram stories and author spotlights!
MIGS Job Postings

MINIMALLY INVASIVE GYNECOLOGIC SURGERY SPECIALIST

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine seeks a full-time non-tenure-eligible Clinician-Educator at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Position responsibilities include the clinical care of outpatients and inpatient consultation; involvement in medical student, resident, and fellow education; and participation in research. Teaching responsibilities will include involvement in student, resident, and fellow education. An interest in clinical research or another pathway for academic career advancement is encouraged. Applicants must be board-certified or board-eligible. Salary and academic appointment will be commensurate with achievements and experience. The start date is negotiable and the position will remain open until filled.

Application URL: https://facultyrecruiting.northwestern.edu/apply/ODA0

Questions:
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
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Full-time Gynecologist

Greensboro Gynecology Associates has been serving the women of the Triad for over 50 years with a team of two full-time physicians and one nurse practitioner is now in search of a full-time Gynecologist. As the senior physician retires after 30 years from this established and profitable practice assuming care for his patients along with having a consistent new patient population with an average of 8-10% growth per month, is providing you the opportunity to practice along side an experienced physician partner who joined our practice in 2018, after being in the area for 20 years.

Our physicians provide all routine gynecological services to include colposcopy, LEEP, urodynamics and endometrial ablation. They are skilled at advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgeries performed at a newly renovated outpatient surgical center a short distance from the office. Our office, with a stable and dedicated staff, is fully trained and accredited through the AIUM for ultrasound and the ISCD for bone density, also includes on-site lab services. The physicians have a current shared call group of five physicians.

As a hospital owned P&L practice, we receive excellent benefits with a production-based compensation. Within our health organization, the office benefits from higher payor contracting rates along with corporate vendor pricing that allows for a lower office overhead. Multi medical specialties within our organization allows patients to be referred to us for their gynecological needs as well as us coordinating care as needed within those specialties.

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Gynecologic Surgeon

Busy South Tampa Practice is looking for a hardworking, highly motivated, Gyn physician to join their team. This practice has been a leader in the community for the past 10 years focusing on Invasive Pelvic Surgery.

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- 2 office locations
- Will cover 1st assist
- Surgery performed at 2 hospitals
- Ownership opportunities
- Excellent compensation

The community of South Tampa is in the heart of Tampa Bay, centrally located and minutes away from Tampa International Airport, Downtown, MacDill Air Force Base and a short drive from St. Petersburg. Featuring historic neighborhoods, an active business community, award winning dining, diverse local arts and entertainment, and sun shine year round, South Tampa offers a small town feel with big city amenities making this an ideal place to live, work and play!

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Gynecology Physician - D.C. Suburb
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- Our physicians are committed to providing the highest level of expertise in the full scope of gynecologic care, including in-office procedures and various minimally invasive surgeries. No OB.
- Office-based position, with 2-3 days/mo in the O/R at Inova Fairfax Hospital.
- Exceptional work/life balance with a 4.5 day work week and clinic hours ending before 4:00 PM.
- Competitive compensation and complete benefits, including paid time off, CME allowance, 401(k) retirement savings, health insurance, and license reimbursement.
- Must comply with HIPAA rules and regulations.

Located in Fairfax, VA:

- Offering an ideal mix of urban and suburban living, Fairfax is just 10 miles from downtown Washington, D.C. and conveniently situated between three major airports.
- The Washington metropolitan area is home to numerous government institutions and cultural attractions, including festivals, museums, theaters, year-round markets, outdoor recreation, and five professional sports teams.
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Our practice is a proud member of Privia Medical Group, a national physician organization with more than 2,400 providers in multiple states. Through high-performance physician groups, accountable care organizations, and population health management programs, Privia works in partnership with health plans, health systems and employers to better align reimbursements to quality and outcomes.
Plateau Regional Medical Center, located in Oak Hill, West Virginia is seeking a Board Certified Gynecologist to join a multi-specialty group.

*Plateau Medical Center in Oak Hill, West Virginia, is a Critical Access Hospital and provides an unique experience for patients due to its quaint 25-bed acute care facility serving the local and tourist population of the New River Gorge area, located 50 miles outside Charleston, the state capital. Plateau Medical Center will complete an $18,000,000 OR and endosuite expansion project in March 2020 that will double its current OR and endosuite capacity.*

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Plateau Medical offers 24-hour emergency care, intensive care, critical care unites, CT, Nuclear Medicine, women's services, physical therapy, and orthopedics to the Fayette County community of 47,000. Plateau Medical Center has four (4) OR rooms and two (2) endoscopy rooms, as well as a XI robot.

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