Summer has now come and gone. While some aspects of our lives are restricted by our efforts to maintain social distancing, AAGL and FMIGS continue to plug along and provide high quality programming for its constituents – even in the face of this ongoing pandemic. Kudos to the many speakers that have participated in the FMIGS webinar series which has been wildly successful. And a huge thank you to our team in the office who have supported all of the novel programming. Once again Dr. Milad spearheaded an outstanding virtual course for program directors and assistant program directors covering a wide range of topics that we hope will enrich the fellowship programs. In addition, highlights were provided to upcoming changes in the program requirements including a provision for protected time and salary support for the program directors – a change that was also recently proposed for all the ACGME accredited fellowship programs. The updated program requirements will be posted shortly on the website for all to review. Please take a moment to read them as the changes will go into effect for the upcoming academic year starting in July 2021.

I would like to highlight the tremendous work done by the curriculum standardization committee, which is chaired by Dr. Erin Carey. After many hours of work, the committee has vetted and updated the reading list which is now available on the FMIGS website. Similarly, the members of the video curriculum committee, chaired by Dr. Michelle Louie, have compiled a comprehensive list of videos which align with the FMIGS core educational themes. This can be found housed in SurgeryU. I encourage all of you to access these outstanding resources.
Many of you may have received the announcement from ABOG regarding the Focus Practice Designation for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery. Exam applications are now open and we anticipate that the exam will be administered between May 3-7, 2021. This designation aims to recognize some of the unique expertise that we provide our patients. It is rewarding to see the work of Drs. Anderson, Milad and the rest of the Liaison committee come to fruition. Very exciting times!

Finally, I know everyone is busy preparing for November. The new format will allow for access to far more stimulating and innovative content than we usually get to experience at the annual meeting. There will be many featured presentations from our fellows and colleagues which I encourage all of you to tune into. And don’t forget to join me at the graduation ceremony as we honor and congratulate the new fellowship trained members of our AAGL family!

“See” you all in a few months at the virtual annual meeting!

Sangeeta Senapati, MD
FMIGS President

Fellows’ Corner

Welcome to the new fellows! As always, we have several new updates for the MIGS fellowship for the coming year. The FMIGS video curriculum is available on the SurgeryU.com website and has an excellent series of collated videos for your review. We were all sad that the FMIGS Bootcamp was not able to be in person this year, but thank you to all of the faculty for putting on a great virtual event. It's an excellent framework for the upcoming didactics at the AAGL conference. We look forward to seeing everyone at the virtual conference this year, and taking advantage of seeing exciting research and participating in some fun social events from the comfort of home. Hopefully the 2021 conference in Austin, Texas will be back to seeing everyone again.

The MIGS focused practice designation continues to move forward and is now available for the 2021 ABOG cycle as a focused designation certificate. It does require three years of MIGS-centered practice, so for most fellows, look to sit for the written test after completing your first year of independent practice after MIGS fellowship. It has been a long and winding road to have this come to fruition. Thanks to so many within the MIGS community for helping to formally open these doors and showcase our subspecialty.
As we look to build upon opportunities and expand fellow support, we have also initiated several endeavors aimed at self reflection of our own inclusion, diversity, and support within the MIGS community. We are looking to create a robust survey on racism and unconscious bias, as well as opportunities to continue to assess and increase URM representation at all levels. If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to myself as we work with AAGL and the Young Alumni Network to more formally assess our current position and identify gaps.

There continues to be a strong need for high volume gynecologic surgeons and efforts continue with each and every graduate to demonstrate this need. It has been a difficult recruitment year for everyone with COVID hiring restrictions and temporary freezes. Fortunately the data and studies support the benefits of this fellowship training and show the efforts of everyone's hard work to keep publishing on these needed topics.

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,
Jim Casey
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(804) 380-1844
Greetings PD and APD!

It was so good to “see” you all at the PDs Boot Camp event, a high yield, dynamic and informative curriculum to empower FMIGS programs to excel in fellow training and education. Thank you to all faculty members. Job well done!

Our monthly PD/APD meetings have been informative and busy. We will continue to hold meetings monthly as that seems to be the preference by most. It is very helpful to hear from you in advance if you would like to include items for discussion in the agenda. Send me a note through the FMIGS WhatsApp chat group created for this purpose. If you still haven’t joined, send me a note (swwcjm@mac.com) and I will be glad to include you.

Don’t forget to register for VIRTUAL 2020 AAGL.

Don’t forget to VOTE 11/03/20

Jamal Mourad, DO
Program Directors Representative

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ELECTION 11/03/20
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Interviews
I hope all of you had a positive experience with this year’s virtual interviews. Although we all prefer meeting our candidates in person, I heard from several programs about the many advantages of virtual interviews. There is talk of making this an option even in a “Covidless” world. Perhaps even a hybrid model where you can offer both in-person and virtual spots…

Jamal Mourad, DO | University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix
Young Alumni Network Update

As we enter the fall season, we cannot forget to build on our efforts from over the summer. AAGL put out an anti-racism statement in June and will be highlighting the work being done in this area in an upcoming NewScope article (written by Jubilee Brown, MD). Please keep an eye out for this article to hear all the work being done by the AAGL in this area. We also received feedback from our virtual “Are you ok?” zoom meetings with YAN and FMIGS members, YAN submitted action items to be reviewed by the AAGL board.

For a summary of the letter submitted and response received, please see the following links for the original documents:

- YAN Letter to AAGL Board on Anti-Racism Action Items
- DI Committee Letter to YAN

In summary, we are looking for ideas and volunteers to be part of the following initiatives:

1. The AAGL is looking to possibly publish additional data from a prior survey on sexism and discrimination and/or create a new survey to explore the topic of racism and unconscious bias further. If any members of the YAN are interested in spearheading this effort, please let me know.

2. As the scope of work is considered for the Anti-Racism Task Force, a resource webpage of anti-racism literature related to healthcare on the AAGL homepage will be further explored based on the cost and budget available.

3. If any YAN members are interested in proposing a Post Graduate Course on Unconscious Bias, and how it may impact both treatment of URM patients in surgery/medicine and URM trainees/attendings please submit your suggestions to me and I will send a summary of your suggestions to the AAGL office for consideration by the 2021 SPC Committee.

4. The AAGL Board has asked us to explore ideas for how we can increase recruitment of URM trainees, by providing scholarship/funding for resident rotations at MIGS programs.

5. The AAGL Board has encouraged YAN and current FMIGS Fellows interested in participating on a possible Anti-Racism Task Force to send an email request with CV to Linda Michels, Executive Director (lmichels@aagl.org). The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is currently looking into the structure/governance of possibly forming a new committee and will make recommendations to the AAGL Board by year-end. If a new committee is formed, the AAGL President will review all CVs received and make selections for appointment to this taskforce once recommendations have been submitted and the scope of work is defined.

If interested in any of the above initiatives, email (dr.oshinowo@gmail.com). The goal is to form working groups who will follow through on the above items.
The next YAN podcast “MIGS on the MIC” is coming soon it will be “An Honest Discussion of Racism in Medicine” featuring Drs. Linda Bradley, Khara Simpson, Kayla Nixon and Conrad Duncan. Stay tuned for the link that will be posted on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Finally, get excited! The Global Congress is coming... Don’t forget to sign up for the YAN PG Course (YAN-613) “Climb or Fall? Reaching New Heights while Navigating a Surgical Academic Career” on Thursday, November 12, 3-4pm PST, 6-7pm EST. This course is an opportunity for you to receive pearls of wisdom about how to succeed as a MIGS surgeon in academic medicine.

YAN will also be hosting the “FMIGS on the Rocks” virtual happy (half) hour for the graduates on Saturday, November 14, 2020 5-6pm PST, 8-9 pm EST. Come and make your own Mask-O-Mule, Mask-rita, or Quarantini for the virtual graduation ceremony!

After the Global Congress look out for updates on the virtual YAN Townhall and YAN Elections.

Continue to stay strong!

Adeoti Oshinowo, MD, MPH

Chair, FMIGS Young Alumni Network Committee

Candidates for the 2021 AAGL Board! Click the image to view the CV for each candidate. Voting opens, 10/1, and closes 11/2. Full Members in goodstanding will receive a special voting link via email, so please check your email and cast your votes!
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Authors’ spotlights
#FotoFridays

JMIG would like to thank you for your support and helping us reach some great milestones this year! A special thanks to our #JMIGSoMeScholars, who have put together great social media events. If you are interested in being featured as an author or hosting #JMIGjc, please let us know at jmigsocialmedia@gmail.com!

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FMIGS Webinar Schedule
All lectures recorded and available on SurgeryU.

03/06/19 - Matthew Siedhoff, Success in Laparoscopic Myomectomy
04/03/19 - Ted Lee, Approach to Advanced Endometriosis
05/01/19 - Michael Hibner, Pelvic Pain
06/05/19 - Jim Robinson, Advanced Hysteroscopy
07/10/19 - Magdy Milad, Electrosurgery
01/15/20 - Charles Miller, REI Updates
02/05/20 - Amy Park, Urogynecology
03/04/20 - Kate O’Hanlan, Dissecting the Challenging Parametrium.
04/08/20 - Tommaso Falcone, Endometriosis.
05/13/20 - Samar Nahas, Fibroids.
06/10/20 - Shannon Laughlin-Tomasso, Epidemiology
08/27/20 - Susan Khalil, QI projects

12/2/20 - R. Wendel Naumann - Intraop and Postop GI/GU Complications in GYN Surgery. Link https://aagl.zoom.us/j/91666676960 to join at 5pm PST.

1/13/21 - Frank Tu - Clinical Approach to Chronic Pelvic Pain. Link https://aagl.zoom.us/j/91655807763 to join at 5pm PST.
MIGS Job Postings

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Gynecologic Surgeon

The General Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology seeks an outstanding gynecologic surgeon for a full-time position. This is an exciting opportunity to expand the Department’s gynecologic services in a newly opening multidisciplinary outpatient office with attached surgical center. Ideal candidates are board certified or eligible physicians with fellowship training in minimally invasive surgery or equivalent experience who are interested in resident surgical education and direct patient care in an academic center.

Members of the General Division supervise resident continuity clinics, the gynecology teaching service, and provide in hospital gynecologic consultation. Additionally, they have an active role in medical student education. Current faculty includes two specialists in minimally invasive surgery. Other expertise includes family planning, vulvar disease, menopause, pediatric and adolescent gynecology, and breastfeeding.

Requirements include: M.D. or D.O. degree; successful completion of accredited residency training program required; current licensure or interim permit to practice medicine from the State of Ohio Medical Board; current registration with DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration); board certification or eligibility by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University is a tertiary care center with planned opening of a new hospital facility in 2025. The Ohio State University College of Medicine graduates 200 medical students per year. The Ob/Gyn residency program is integrated with the Mount Carmel Medical System and trains 11 residents per year. The metropolitan area is a growing community that houses the State Capital. Additional information regarding the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology can be found at: https://medicine.osu.edu/orgs/obgyn/Pages/index.aspx, the College of Medicine faculty at: https://medicine.osu.edu/faculty and about the city at: https://jacque www.experiencecolumbus.com/travel-tools/

Interested candidates should send a cover letter expressing their academic interests and a copy of their curriculum vitae to:

Tiffany Bauman, Faculty & Physician Recruitment
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Lisa Keder, MD, Vice-Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
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FULL TIME OB/GYN MIGS FACULTY OPPORTUNITY
IN PORTLAND, OREGON

The OHSU Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology - Division of General Obstetrics and Gynecology seeks a full-time, qualified academic gynecologist with subspecialty training in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) to join their full scope practice in the Portland, Oregon metro area. Faculty rank and compensation will be commensurate with experience. The anticipated start date is July, 2021.

This position is intended to grow our clinical Gynecology practice focused on minimally-invasive surgery and treatment of pelvic pain and will not involve any obstetric call. Applicants should have exceptional clinical and surgical skills and enjoy training medical students, OB-GYN residents and fellows in the clinic and operating room.

Applicants must be an MD eligible for licensure with the Oregon Medical Board; applicants must have completed an ACGME approved 4-year residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as a 2-year Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS). Must be Board Certified or Board Eligible in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

To apply: Please visit the OHSU Jobs site and submit an application and CV.

Oregon Health & Science University values a diverse and culturally competent workforce. We are proud of our commitment to being an equal opportunity, affirmative action organization that does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of any protected class status, including disability status and protected veteran status. Individuals with diverse backgrounds and those who promote diversity and a culture of inclusion are encouraged to apply.