An Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy & Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Laparoscopic Hysterectomy and Pelvic Floor Reconstruction

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This course is designed for gynecologists with advanced laparoscopic skills who wish to expand their knowledge of retroperitoneal and Space of Retzius anatomy and the various surgeries performed therein. This extensive two-day course will expose the participants to the knowledge and expertise of world-renowned laparoscopic surgeons who will guide them through didactics and hands on cadaveric sessions utilizing unembalmed female cadavers.

No more than three participants are assigned to each cadaver and are closely supervised by experienced faculty instructors. Each participant will have the opportunity to operate, assist and observe in a rotational format to optimize their learning experience and suturing technique. The course will focus on demonstration of pelvic sidewall dissection, preparation for laparoscopic hysterectomy, uterosacral colposuspension, Burch retro pubic colposuspension and paravaginal defect repairs through the laparoscopic approach.

Pelvic floor reconstructive procedures will be highlighted during breakout sessions to accommodate those with a particular interest in furthering their skills in these procedures.

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:
1) Appraise skills learned to relevant pelvic anatomy and apply them for surgery including laparoscopic hysterectomy and pelvic floor surgery; 2) apply skills learned to pelvic side wall dissection and illustrate retroperitoneal structures; 3) explain the ergonomics, theory and rationale for reproducible laparoscopic suturing; 4) demonstrate measurable improvement in laparoscopic suturing skills; apply principles of laparoscopic suturing to fresh tissue cadaver; and 5) identify risk factors for laparoscopic complications and manage treatment of such.
Friday, Aug 25, 2017

07:45 Welcome, Introduction and Course Overview • R. Pasic / O. Sanchez
08:00 Fundamentals of Electro Surgery • A. Brill
08:40 Pelvic Sidewall Dissection, Retroperitoneal Anatomy • C. H. Nezhat
09:20 Questions and Answers • All Faculty
09:30 Refreshment Break
09:40 Pearls of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy • A. Brill
10:20 Fundamentals of laparoscopic techniques for Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis • C. H. Nezhat
11:00 Laparoscopic Suturing • R. Pasic
11:40 Questions and Answers • All Faculty
12:00 Working Lunch – Video: Laparoscopic Dissection
01:00 Hands-On Cadaver Dissection (3 participants per cadaver)
  • Review Surface Anatomy of the Pelvis
  • Anatomy and Technique of Performing Uterosacral Ligament Suspension
  • Retroperitoneal Spaces, Vessels, Nerves Dissection
  • Dissection of Pelvic Sidewall
05:00 Adjourn
07:00 Dinner with faculty and course participants
Saturday, Aug 26, 2017

08:00  Laparoscopic Myomectomy  •  S.M. Biscette
08:40  The Retropubic Space: Dangers and Distractions  •  K. Meriwether
09:20  Questions and Answers  •  All Faculty
09:30  Refreshment Break
09:45  Laparoscopic Treatment of Pelvic Floor and Apical Prolapse  •  S.L. Francis
10:20  Difficult Laparoscopic Hysterectomy  •  T. Ito
11:00  Complications of Laparoscopy and How to Avoid Them  •  R.P. Pasic
11:45  Questions and Answers  •  All Faculty
12:00  Lunch
01:00  Hands-On Cadaver Dissection
•  Anatomy and Refined Techniques of Performing Laparoscopic Hysterectomy
•  Dissection of the Space of Retzius
•  Laparoscopic Suturing
•  Laparoscopic Repair of Bowel, Bladder and Ureteral Injury, Laparoscopic Sacrocolpopexy
•  Review of Laparoscopic Anatomy
•  Vaginal Pelvic Floor Reconstruction using TVT, Trans Obturator Slings
05:00  Adjourn
TARGET AUDIENCE
This activity meets the needs of surgical gynecologists in practice and in training, as well as other healthcare professionals in the field of gynecology.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The University of Louisville School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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LOCATION
The workshop will be held at:
University of Louisville
Health Sciences Center
Building B
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

LODGING
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Louisville Downtown
100 East Jefferson
Louisville, KY 40202
Reservations: 1-877-545-0352
A block of rooms has been reserved at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott in Louisville Downtown

DESIGNATION STATEMENT

The University of Louisville Office of Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

REGISTRATION FEE
Lectures/Hands-on Workshop
Physician in Practice: .............................................................$2200
Lectures/Lab Observation Only .............................................$1000

Register online at http://bit.ly/obgyn17
CANCELLATION
Cancellations received prior to August 1, 2017 will be refunded minus $125 for administrative fees. No refunds will be made after August 1, 2017. In the event that this course is cancelled for any reason, attendees will be notified of course cancellation no later than two weeks prior to scheduled dates and a full refund will be issued. Attendees are responsible for canceling their own hotel and airline reservations.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS
All major airlines fly to Louisville and attendees should make their own reservations.

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