18th Annual
Comprehensive Workshop on
Minimally Invasive Gynecology for Residents and Fellows

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Hyatt Regency O’Hare
Chicago, Illinois
Workshop Description

This course is designed for residents and fellows interested in advancing their skills and knowledge in the fundamentals of laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery. Rather than focusing on specific endoscopic procedures, the curriculum focuses on fundamental skills and knowledge that are essential to laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgical procedures. Both didactic and hands-on laboratory sessions are used to teach different methodologies for tissue manipulation and dissection, the safe use of electrosurgery and ultrasonic energy, laparoscopic suturing, techniques for tissue removal and morcellation, and both diagnostic and operative hysteroscopic procedures. A full spectrum of operative laparoscopic and hysteroscopic procedures including associated complications will be critically reviewed using an interactive case-study format. Also the new spectrum of robotics in minimally invasive gynecology will be discussed and demonstrated. The course emphasizes basic surgical principles emphasizing risk reduction and strategic thinking to insure risk reduction and optimal patient care.

Objectives

Following this workshop, the participant should be able to:

- Analyze patient preparation for endoscopic surgery
- Apply methods to safely enter the peritoneal cavity
- Describe fundamental laparoscopic and hysteroscopic anatomy
- Effectively utilize electrosurgery and ultrasonic energy
- Differentiate methods for hemostasis, tissue manipulation and dissection
- Distinguish methods for adhesion prevention
- Describe the components and optics of hysteroscopic instrumentation
- Interpret the principles for using hysteroscopic distention media
- Perform intracorporeal and extracorporeal suturing
- Perform tissue removal by bagging and morcellation
- Utilize hysteroscopy for diagnostic and operative procedures
- Identify the requirements for utilizing robotics
- Reduce risk of laparoscopic and hysteroscopic complications
Saturday April 18, 2009

6:45am Registration
7:30 Welcome/Introduction F. D. Loffer/G. M. Janik

**Laparoscopy**

7:35 Laparoscopic Safety Using the Aviation Model M. P. Milad
8:05 Laparoscopic Anatomy: Topography and Retropertoneal Structures A. I. Brill
8:40 Peritoneal Access Techniques and Complications A. Cholkeri-Singh
9:05 Energy Sources & Hemostasis: Biophysics and Applications A. I. Brill
9:30 Q & A
9:45 Break
10:00 Methodologies for Suturing and Applications G. M. Janik
10:25 Methodologies for Tissue Handling and Extraction C. E. Miller
10:55 Laparoscopic Complications R. P. Pasic
11:25 Q & A
11:45 Break & Lunch

12:00pm Luncheon Roundtables: Meet the Faculty
1. Techniques for Mass Tissue Removal During Laparoscopy A. I. Brill
2. Endoscopy Curriculum in Residency: How to Set Up Your Own Pelvic Trainer A. Cholkeri-Singh
3. Robotic Surgery D. L. Giles
4. Laparoscopic Surgery to Treat Endometriosis G. M. Janik
5. How and When I Perform Endometrial Ablation F. D. Loffer

6. Fellowships in Minimally Invasive Surgery J. M. Maurice, E. E. Ball
7. Laparoscopic Safety and Entry Techniques M. P. Milad
8. Best Techniques for Laparoscopic Myomectomy C. E. Miller
11. Transvaginal Sacrocolpopexy: Technique and Short Term Results M. B. Noone
12. Choosing Best Hysterectomy for Your Patient R. P. Pasic
13. Special Considerations for Managing the Obese Patients at Laparoscopy S. Senapati
14. General Ob/Gyn or Gynecology-Only Practice for the Laparoscopic Surgeon: What to Do? A. A. Stepanian
15. Office Hysteroscopy G. Weiss

**Hysteroscopy**

1:00pm Pre-operative Preparation (Patient, Uterus, OR) F. D. Loffer
1:20 Operative Hysteroscopy: Endometrial Ablation, Myomectomy, Asherman’s A. A. Stepanian
1:45 Office Hysteroscopy S. N. Morris
2:10 Q & A
2:30 Lab & Video Rotations
5:30-6:30 Meet the Faculty Reception

Sunday April 19, 2009

7:30am Breakfast Lectures: Robotic Surgery in Gynecology, D. L. Giles
Minimally Invasive Surgery, The Vaginal Approach M. Moen
8:30 Break
8:45 Lab & Video Rotations
11:45 Clinical Pearls from the Faculty
12:30pm Adjourn

**Lab and Video Groups**

All attendees divide into Lab and Video Groups on Saturday, April 18th from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm and on Sunday, April 19th from 8:45 am to 11:45 am.

**Video Tutorials**

- **Energy Modalities**
  - A. I. Brill
- **Hysteroscopy**
  - R. P. Pasic
- **Laparoscopy**
  - A. A. Stepanian

**Hands-On Stations**

**Suturing Station**
Coordinator: G. M. Janik

**Hysteroscopy Station**
Coordinator: S. N. Morris
Faculty: F. D. Loffer, G. Weiss

**Laparoscopy Station**
Coordinator: C. E. Miller
Faculty: M. D. Moen, M. B. Noone, D. Pesch

**Robotics Station**
Coordinator: D. L. Giles
Faculty: A. Ahmed, S. Senapati
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