



# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy & Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Laparoscopic Hysterectomy

May 31 - June 1, 2019

University of Louisville



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## Course Description

This course is designed for gynecologists who desire to advance their laparoscopic skills. This extensive two-day course will expose the participants to the knowledge and expertise of FMIGS trained laparoscopic surgeons, who will guide them through didactics and hands-on laparoscopic suturing and cadaveric sessions.

No more than three participants are assigned to each cadaver and s/he is 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, localization of the ureter and retroperitoneal blood vessels, preparation for laparoscopic hysterectomy, and laparoscopic cuff closure. We will also focus on pelvic floor reconstruction procedures concomitant to laparoscopic hysterectomy.

## Course Objectives

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

## Course Outline

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019		
7:30	Breakfast	
7:45	Welcome, Introduction, and Course Overview	<i>R.L. Levine, R.P. Pasic</i>
8:00	Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Pelvic Anatomy	<i>T.G. Lang</i>
8:30	Laparoscopic Suturing	<i>F. Mohtashami</i>
9:00	Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
9:10	Hands-On Laparoscopic Suturing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Basic Elements of Laparoscopic Suturing</li> <li>Needle orientation, suture placement, and preparation of the knot</li> <li>Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Knot Tying</li> </ul>	
10:30	Pelvic Sidewall Dissection, Retroperitoneal Anatomy	<i>T.E. Ito</i>
11:00	Fundamentals of Electrosurgery	<i>L.D. Shiber</i>
11:30	Pearls of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy	<i>A. Jan</i>
12:00	<b>Working Lunch:</b> Discussion & Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
1:00	Difficult Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Big Uterus, Big Patients	<i>J.L. Hudgens</i>
1:30	Hysterectomy complicated by Endometriosis, Pelvic Sidewall Dissection	<i>M.W. Dassel</i>
2:00	Laparoscopic Myomectomy	<i>S. Kives</i>
2:30	Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
2:40	Hands-On Laparoscopic Suturing Drills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ipsilateral and Contralateral Suturing</li> <li>Single Stitch and Running Cinch Knot</li> <li>Vaginal cuff closure</li> </ul>	<i>All Faculty</i>
5:00	Adjourn	

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019		
8:00	<b>Ronald L. Levine Honorary Lecture:</b> Laparoscopic Treatment of Apical Prolapse at the Time of Hysterectomy	<i>S.L. Francis</i>
8:30	Complications of Laparoscopy and How to Avoid Them	<i>R.P. Pasic</i>
9:00	Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
9:10	Hands-On Cadaver Dissection (3 participants per cadaver) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Surface Anatomy of the Pelvis</li> <li>Anatomy and Technique of Performing Uterosacral Ligament Suspension</li> <li>Retroperitoneal Spaces, Vessels, Nerves Dissection</li> <li>Dissection of Pelvic Sidewall</li> </ul>	
12:00	Lunch	
1:30	Hands-On Cadaver Dissection (3 participants per cadaver) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy and Refined Techniques of Performing Laparoscopic Hysterectomy</li> <li>Laparoscopic Suturing</li> <li>Laparoscopic Repair of Bowel, Bladder, and Ureteral Injury, Laparoscopic Sacrocolpopexy</li> <li>Review of Laparoscopic Anatomy</li> </ul>	
5:00	Adjourn	

# General Information

## 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

This course is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The AAGL designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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All the recommendations involving clinical medicine in the program are based on evidence that is accepted within the field of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients. All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in the program in support or justification of a patient care recommendation conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.



## Location

The workshop will be held at:  
**University of Louisville**  
Health Science Center, Building B  
500 S. Preston Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202



## Lodging

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
100 E. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

## Room Rate

Please use the following link to book your room at a special discounted rate of \$133.00 Single/Double occupancy, plus state/local taxes. Reservations must be received on or before **Thursday, May 9, 2019**. Make your reservations in advance as the city is very popular this time of year.

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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.

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