

20th Annual Conference on **CHALLENGES IN GYNECOLOGY**

*Including topics on:
Chronic Pelvic Pain, Breast Lumps & Cancer, Dermatology,
Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Urogynecology, and much more...*

DECEMBER 19-20, 2014
(Friday and Saturday)

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New York City, New York

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"I love this conference! This is my third trip to New York City and it gets better each year. Great meeting, excellent speakers, and you can't beat NYC during the holiday season!"

-Grace Wang, MD

"Symposia Medicus always impresses me with up-to-date information, references, and engaging speakers. As a frequent attendee of 'Challenges in Gynecology' in NYC and other Symposia Medicus conferences, they will continue to be my choice for continuing education. Thank you!"

-Celeste Frazier, CNM

"You can always count on a well-organized program with Symposia Medicus. I definitely recommend them to my colleagues. Keep up the great work!"

-Jonathan E. Dillerone, MD

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CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Our **20th Annual Conference on Challenges in Gynecology** has been designed for physicians, certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and nurses who face ever-increasing challenges in the clinical diagnoses, treatment options, and new technologies involved in caring for the female patient. The primary goal of this conference is to increase knowledge and enhance the competence of attendees. Emphasis will be placed on practical application of the topics presented.

Topics for this year's conference have been selected based on the educational needs determined from the identified professional practice gaps. The gaps were derived from a variety of sources including evaluations and outcomes data from past participants; clinical expert input; Symposia Medicus' online survey; and other medical and nursing data.

Conference format will include didactic lectures, case studies, and question and answer sessions.

An outstanding faculty has been assembled for this conference. Each member was selected based on their individual area of expertise and ability to communicate current, evidence-based, and practical information to participants.

You are sure to enjoy our **20th Annual Conference on Challenges in Gynecology** while sharing ideas and experiences with colleagues from across the country, amidst the excitement of New York City during the holiday season.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

As a result of participating in this conference, you should have increased knowledge and enhanced competence to...

- Diagnose and treat women with vulvar pain
- Apply proper treatment options for PCOS
- Evaluate breast lumps and diagnose breast cancer
- Identify current treatment options for urinary incontinence
- Review the advantages of modern hysterectomy surgical techniques

ACCREDITATION

This educational activity was planned and produced in accordance with the **ACCME** and **ANCC** Essentials and Standards relating to continuing medical and nursing education.

Symposia Medicus is accredited by the **Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)** to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Each participant should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Certificates of credit will be given to participants on-site at the conclusion of the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Physicians

Symposia Medicus designates this live activity for a maximum of **12 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ACOG

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has assigned 12 cognate credits to this program.

AAFP

This Live activity, 20th Annual Conference on Challenges in Gynecology, with a beginning date of 12/19/2014, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 12.00 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Certified Nurse Midwives

The **American College of Nurse Midwives** accepts Category 1 CME approval from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

Physician Assistants

AAPA accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from organizations accredited by ACCME or a recognized state medical society. Physician assistants may receive a maximum of 12 hours of Category 1 credit for completing this program.

Nurse Practitioners/Nurses

The **ANCC** contact hours awarded for completion of this conference are 12.

Provider is also approved by the **California Board of Registered Nursing**, Provider #CEP2335, for 14.4 contact hours.

Pharmacology Credit for Prescriptive Authority

A maximum of 2.5 hours in pharmacology credit for prescriptive authority may be earned by attending this educational conference. Sessions awarding pharmacology credit for prescriptive authority are denoted with an Rx in the schedule.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Each registrant will receive an extensive conference syllabus that includes materials on each topic presented. **The full color digital syllabus will be available for download approximately two weeks prior to the conference (you'll receive an email with instructions).** If you wish to receive a paper syllabus (black and white type & photos), please check the box on the registration form in this brochure.

If you bring your tablet/laptop to the conference, be aware that there are no electrical outlets at the conference tables. **Make sure your tablet/laptop is fully charged each day.**

If you are unable to attend this conference, extra copies of this syllabus (either paper or digital copy) will be available one week after the conference. The cost is \$60 for a paper syllabus and \$25 for the digital copy. To place your order, please email publications@symposiamedicus.org.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 19

- 7:00am Registration & Check-in
During Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 **Welcome & Introduction**
Jan Shepherd, MD
- 8:15 **Puzzling Dermatologic
Vulvovaginal Cases**
Libby Edwards, MD
- 9:00 **Current Concepts in Chronic
Pelvic Pain** (Rx = 20 minutes)
Jan Shepherd, MD
- 9:45 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Why You Shouldn't Use the
Robot: We're Going in the
Wrong Direction!**
Duncan Turner, MD, MBBS
- 11:15 **Hormone Therapy for
Menopause: Current Data**
(Rx = 40 minutes)
Jan Shepherd, MD
- Noon **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 12:30pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 2:00 **Management of GYN
Intraoperative Complications**
Sam Siddighi, MD, MS
- 2:45 **Evaluation of Breast Lumps &
Diagnosis of Breast Cancer**
(Rx = 25 minutes)
James V. Fiorica, MD
- 3:30 **When London Bridge is
Falling Down: The Ins & Outs
of Pelvic Organ Prolapse**
Sam Siddighi, MD, MS
- 4:15 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 5:00 Adjourn for the Day

Saturday, December 20

- 7:30am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 **New Guidelines &
Management for HPV &
Cervical Cancer Screenings**
(Rx = 30 minutes)
James V. Fiorica, MD
- 8:45 **A Practical Approach to
Polycystic Ovary Syndrome**
(Rx = 20 minutes)
Jan Shepherd, MD
- 9:30 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 10:00 Break (hotel check-out,
if applicable)
- 10:30 **Urinary Incontinence: How Do
You Stop the Wetness?**
Sam Siddighi, MD, MS
- 11:15 **Office Management of
Common Rashes & Bumps**
(Rx = 15 minutes)
Libby Edwards, MD
- Noon **Laparoscopic Hysterectomy:
Safe & Simple**
Duncan Turner, MD, MBBS
- 12:45pm **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 1:30 *Conference Adjourns*

Rx = Pharmacology Credit for Prescriptive Authority will be granted for these sessions

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, LODGING, & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Enrollment for this conference is limited in order to provide the best possible learning environment. This conference usually sells out. **Early registration is advised.**

You can register the following ways:

- On-line at our website, www.symposiamedicus.org; OR
- Call Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm (Pacific Time), (925) 969-1789 or (800) 327-3161; OR
- Fax form with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover to (925) 969-1795; OR
- By mail, make check payable to Symposia Medicus and send with registration form to 399 Taylor Blvd., Suite 201, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-2287.

For additional conference or lodging information, call Symposia Medicus at (800) 327-3161 or (925) 969-1789, or visit our website at www.symposiamedicus.org.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TUITION:	EARLY <i>If postmarked by October 10, 2014</i>	REGULAR <i>If postmarked after October 10, 2014</i>
Physicians	\$495	\$595
Residents, Nurses, PAs, & All Others	\$410	\$510

- Discounts are available for retired healthcare providers, military, and groups of three or more. For more information, please contact Symposia Medicus prior to registering.
- Tuition includes continuing education certification, extensive conference syllabus, break refreshments, and continental breakfast on Friday and Saturday for conference attendees
- Conference registration will be confirmed via email and **more information on travel, hotel, and activities will be emailed and also available on our website**
- This conference meets the requirements for CE tax deductibility; however, we suggest you consult your financial authority for more information

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT AND THEATER ASSISTANCE

During this busy holiday time in New York City, it is difficult to get theater tickets, so we have purchased a group of theater tickets for a variety of popular performances during your stay (see below). We have a limited number of tickets for each performance and anticipate they will all sell out, so we recommend you call as soon as possible. The seats are in the Orchestra or Mezzanine.

To order tickets, please call Symposia Medicus with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover Card at (925) 969-1789. *No ticket refunds or exchanges can be made.*

Friday and/or Saturday Night Shows				
Aladdin	Book of Mormon	A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder	Kinky Boots	Pippin
Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular				
<i>Other shows may become available, please call us for assistance.</i>				
We strongly recommend you call for theater tickets as soon as possible, as these popular performances sell out early!				

AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

You can fly into LaGuardia Airport (LGA), which is approximately 25 minutes from the hotel; John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK), which is approximately 45 minutes from the hotel; or Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), which is approximately one hour from the hotel. Information on ground transportation will be sent to registrant and available online at our website.

Symposia Medicus has arranged for discount fares with **American and Delta airlines** for this conference. Reservations can be made either through your travel agency or through the airlines at the website or Convention Desk numbers listed below.

In order to receive the discounted rate, you or your travel agent must refer to the Symposia Medicus Group ID number listed below.

American Airlines	For discounts on American Airlines flights, please book online at www.aa.com and insert 16D4AA into the promotion code box. For questions, please call the American Airlines Convention Desk at (800) 433-1790.
Delta Airlines	For discounts on Delta Airlines, please visit www.delta.com and click on the link "More Search Options", located at the bottom of the "Book a Trip" box. Once you click on this link, another page will appear. On this page, you will need to insert NMG7E in the "Meeting Event Code" box, located at the right hand side of the page. For questions, please call the Delta Airlines Convention Desk at (800) 328-1111.

CAR RENTAL DISCOUNT

For conference discounts, Symposia Medicus has made arrangements with **AVIS and Budget Car Rentals**. Reservations can be made by phone; please refer to the conference code and the conference/airport location when making your reservations. Please see below:

AVIS	800-331-1600	AWD # B766625
Budget	800-772-3773	BCD # U076767

CONFERENCE LODGING INFORMATION

Symposia Medicus has **conference group rates** at the **New York Hilton Midtown**. These special rates will only be available until **October 20, 2014**. We recommend you reserve your lodging **as soon as possible, as rooms at the conference group rates are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Rooms may sell out before this date and/or room rates may increase.** After this date, rooms will only be available on a space and rate available basis.

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1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019-6078
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Hotel accommodations are in high demand in New York City during the holiday season

RESERVE EARLY – HOTEL ROOMS AT CONFERENCE GROUP RATES SELL OUT FAST!

To make your reservation, please call **(800) 445-8667**. YOU MUST REFER TO **SYMPOSIA MEDICUS** TO RECEIVE CONFERENCE GROUP RATES.

You may also **use this link** to make a reservation:

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/11456717/owner/6708/home>

These group rates will also be available three days before and three days after the conference (based on availability) if you wish to extend your stay.

ROOM TYPE	GROUP RATES (SINGLE/DOUBLE)	ROOM DESCRIPTION
Guestroom	\$349/night	Features a king or two double beds, thermostat control, 37 inch television, on-demand entertainment, spacious work area, two telephones with voicemail, and in-room WiFi capabilities.
*Executive Floor	\$399/night	Executive floor accommodations (on higher floors of the hotel) include the same features as the Guestrooms, as well as upgraded bath amenities, bottled water, robes, and access to the Executive Lounge, located on the lobby level. The lounge features daily continental breakfast, hors d'oeuvres in the afternoon and evening, and continuous coffee and tea service. Executive floor rooms offer separate ground floor check-in.

By booking your lodging using the Symposia Medicus group rates, the following items are included:
Complimentary guest room internet; complimentary access to the fitness center; a 15% discount on all restaurants, bars, and lounges in the hotel; and double HHonors points for all HHonors members.

***Rooms are very limited, please reserve early**

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Hotel Policies

- **A deposit equal to one night's room & tax is due to the hotel with major credit card upon making your reservation**
- **Group rates above are per night and do not include the following (subject to change):**
 - New York State & City taxes, currently 14.75% per room, per night
 - \$2.00 per room, per night occupancy tax
 - \$1.50 per room, per night tertiary tax
- Maximum guest room capacity is four, regardless of age
- Children 18 years old & younger stay free in room with parents
- Third and fourth guests (19 years & older) are an additional \$30 each, per night
- Rollaway beds are an additional \$35 each, for the entire length of stay (subject to availability and change). Rollaways are only available in King bedded rooms.
- Cribs are complimentary (subject to availability and change)
- Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm. Guests arriving prior to 3:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.
- A 30-minute break has been allotted in our conference schedule on the last day, for those of you who need to check out
- **Early Departure Fee:** Please confirm your scheduled departure date with the hotel at check-in. An early departure fee equal to one night's room rate plus tax will be charged to any guest who checks out of the hotel before their confirmed departure date.
- **Credit/Debit Card Policy:** Upon check-in, the hotel will require a credit card and will place a hold for your total estimated stay and incidental charges (approximately \$50/day). Please be aware that if you use a debit card instead of a credit card, the funds will be immediately removed from your account (even if you have prepaid your stay). These funds will not be released back into your account for 10 or more business days after you check-out.
- **Parking:** The hotel only offers valet parking at \$51 per day with same day in/out privileges. The parking lot is owned and managed by **Central Parking System of NY, Inc.** There are other parking garages within walking distance of the hotel (prices may vary). **Note: Valet parking is \$63 per day for oversized vehicles. All rates subject to change.**

Cancellation Policies

- **Hotel cancellation policy:** Hotel cancellations must be made directly with the hotel by **October 24, 2014**. After this date, the deposit of one night plus tax will be forfeited.
- **Conference cancellations** must be confirmed in writing to Symposia Medicus and a 10% of paid tuition processing fee will be assessed. No refunds will be made if cancellation is postmarked after **November 14, 2014**; however, tuition, less 10% processing fee may be applied to a future Symposia Medicus conference.
- All conference cancellations must be made in writing to Symposia Medicus (via email, fax or mail) and postmarked by the dates stated above
- In the unlikely event of conference cancellation by Symposia Medicus, full tuition refunds will be made. Symposia Medicus will not be responsible for refunding travel or any other expenses.



CONFERENCE LOCATION

Manhattan is exciting at any time of the year, but in December, when the holiday season activities are at their peak, it is an experience you won't want to miss.

Few places in the world have the magnetism and thrilling pace of New York City, and our conference will be held right in the heart of it all. **Conveniently located in midtown Manhattan (1335 Avenue of the Americas – 6th Street, between 53rd & 54th Streets), the Hilton New York Midtown is just a short walk away from Broadway theaters; Radio City Music Hall; Rockefeller Center; the Museum of Modern Art; the Diamond District; Times Square; and Central Park.**

Our beautiful hotel makes this weekend in New York appealing, and the outstanding theater, opera and other live performances this holiday season make it even more enticing.

You're sure to enjoy our exciting **20th Annual Conference on Challenges in Gynecology** in the exhilarating surroundings of New York City.

For our complete calendar of conferences, please visit www.symposiamedicus.org. Brochures are available 6-8 months prior to the conference.

2014 CALENDAR OF FUTURE CONFERENCES

1303	19th Annual Summer Conference on Emergencies & Challenges in Primary Care	Jackson Hole, Wyoming	Jun 25-28
1298	15th Annual Summer Conference on Women's Health	Napa, California	Jul 9-12
1299	21st Annual Summer Conference on Obstetrics and Gynecology	Big Sky, Montana	Jul 16-19
1301	Hot Topics in Pediatric Emergencies	Alaska Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Solstice</i>)	Jul 18-25
1302	Challenges in Obstetrics and Gynecology	Alaska Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Solstice</i>)	Aug 1-8
1306	15th Annual Fall Conference on Integrative Medicine in Women's Health	Sedona, Arizona	Sep 10-13
1307	25th Annual National Conference on Women's Health Care	Las Vegas, Nevada	Sep 18-20
1308	28th Annual Fall Conference on High Risk Obstetrics	San Francisco, California	Sep 25-27
1309	Emergencies & Challenges in Pediatrics	European Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Infinity</i>)	Sep 19-Oct 1
1311	32nd Annual Fall Conference on Obstetrics	Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands	Oct 15-18
1313	Current Issues in Women's Health Care	Caribbean Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Reflection</i>)	Nov 1-8
1314	22nd Annual Fall Conference on Issues in Women's Health	Maui, Hawaii	Nov 5-8
1315	25th Annual Conference on Hot Topics in Primary Care	Atlantis, Bahamas	Nov 12-15
1318	20th Annual Conference on Women's Health: Care of Women Over 50	Big Island, Hawaii	Nov 12-15
1316	21st Annual Fall Conference on Challenges in Taking Care of the High Risk Pregnancy	Marco Island, Florida	Nov 19-22
1322	18th Annual Conference on Emergencies & Challenges in Primary Care	New York City, New York	Dec 19-20

2015 CALENDAR OF FUTURE CONFERENCES

1323	22nd Annual Conference on Office GYN & Women's Health for the Primary Care Provider	Aruba, Dutch Caribbean	Jan 21-24
1324	19th Annual Winter Conference on Clinical Issues in OB/GYN	Atlantis, Bahamas	Feb 11-14
1328	22nd Annual Spring Conference on Women's Health	Big Island, Hawaii	Mar 4-7
1329	22nd Annual Spring Conference on High Risk Obstetrics	Aruba, Dutch Caribbean	Mar 11-14
1333	16th Annual National Conference on Fetal Monitoring	Las Vegas, Nevada	Apr 16-18
1334	Spring Conference on Integrative Medicine in Women's Health	Maui, Hawaii	Apr 29-May 2
1335	20th Annual Conference on High Risk & Critical Care Obstetrics	San Francisco, California	May 28-30

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Registrant's Name: _____ Degree: _____
First Last

Registrant Email Address (required): _____

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Email an additional copy of my confirmation/receipt to: _____
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Check if above address is: Work _____ Home _____ Provide office/workplace name here: _____

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The digital conference syllabus will be available for download on our website approximately two weeks before the conference.

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