



21st Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy & Minimally Invasive Surgery with Emphasis on Laparoscopic Hysterectomy



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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 world-renowned laparoscopic surgeons, including 7 Past Presidents of AAGL, who will guide them through didactics and hands-on laparoscopic suturing and cadaveric sessions utilizing unembalmed female cadavers.

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, JUNE 1, 2018		
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>A.I. Brill</i>
8:30	Laparoscopic Suturing	<i>C.E. Miller</i>
9:00	Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
9:10	Hands-On Laparoscopic Suturing - Overview of Basic Elements of Laparoscopic Suturing - Needle Orientation, Suture Placement, and Preparation of the Knot - Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Knot Tying	
10:30	Pelvic Sidewall Dissection, Retroperitoneal Anatomy	<i>C.H. Nezhat</i>
11:00	Pearls of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy	<i>D.J. Levine</i>
11:30	Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
11:40	Working Lunch Lecture: Difficult Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Big Uterus, Big Patients	<i>S.M. Biscette</i>
12:40	Hysterectomy complicated by Endometriosis, Pelvic Sidewall Dissection	<i>G.M. Janik</i>
1:10	Fundamentals of Electrosurgery	<i>K.B. Isaacson</i>
1:40	Questions and Answers	<i>All Faculty</i>
1:50	Hands-On Laparoscopic Suturing Drills - Ipsilateral and Contralateral Suturing - Single Stitch and Running Cinch Knot - Vaginal Cuff Closure	<i>All Faculty</i>
4:50	Adjourn	

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018		
8:00	Ronald L. Levine Honorary Lecture: 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) - Review Surface Anatomy of the Pelvis - Anatomy and Technique of Performing Uterosacral Ligament Suspension - Retroperitoneal Spaces, Vessels, Nerves Dissection - Dissection of Pelvic Sidewall	
12:00	Lunch	
1:30	Hands-On Cadaver Dissection (3 participants per cadaver) - Anatomy and Refined Techniques of Performing Laparoscopic Hysterectomy - Laparoscopic Suturing - Laparoscopic Repair of Bowel, Bladder, and Ureteral Injury, Laparoscopic Sacrocolpopexy - Review of Laparoscopic Anatomy	
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 16.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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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 call 1-877-545-0352 for a special AAGL rate of \$129.00 Single/Double occupancy, plus state/local taxes. Reservations must be received on or before **Thursday, May 10, 2018**.

The AAGL wishes to thank those individuals who donated their bodies and tissue for the advancement of education and research.

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Lectures/Hands-on Workshop		
Physician in Practice:	\$1,500	\$1,825
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Register online at: https://louisville.aagl.org/		

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Cancellation

Cancellations received *prior to May 18, 2018* will be refunded minus \$125 for administrative fees. No refunds will be made after this date.

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Airline Reservations

Star & Shield Travel Services has been appointed as the official travel agent for this workshop. Attendees are able to make reservations on any airline through this agency and their representatives will assist you in obtaining the lowest fare possible for your travel preference and schedule.

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