Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Surgical Treatment of Apical Prolapse

Sep 29-30, 2017

UBC, Point Grey Campus, Vancouver

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Stephen Jeffery, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Joseph (Jay) L. Hudgens, University of Mississippi, USA
Shailesh Puntambekar, University of Pune, India

Local Faculty: Catherine Allaire, Darren Lazare, May Sanaee

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Course Description

This course will provide hands on experience for practicing gynecologists who wish to expand their knowledge of retroperitoneal and pelvic floor anatomy. The course will focus on techniques for pelvic sidewall dissection and exploring the anatomical landmarks pertinent to difficult hysterectomy and surgical treatment of apical prolapse.

A cohort of renowned experienced international and local faculty will share their skills and expertise with the participants. This intensive two-day course will dedicate 10 hours for hands-on cadaveric dissection and close interaction with the faculty to maximize the learning experience. No more than three participants are assigned to each cadaver and each participant will have the opportunity to operate, assist and observe in a rotational fashion. This year we will have 6 cadaveric stations.

Optional dry lab with box trainers and pelvic modules will run alongside the cadaveric workshop. Participants can practice laparoscopic suturing and knot tying techniques under personal instruction and readily transfer the learned tips and skills to the fresh cadaveric tissue. Techniques for Sacrospinous Ligament Suspension (Capio), Retropubic and Transobturator Midurethral Slings (TVT & TOT) will be demonstrated by experienced faculty who will then provide immediate feedback on participant’s performance on pelvic modules.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

1. Apply skills learned to pelvic sidewall dissection and illustrate retroperitoneal structures such as ureter and branches of the internal iliac artery.
2. Appraise skills learned to relevant pelvic anatomy and apply them for surgery including laparoscopic and vaginal techniques for apical prolapse.
3. Apply principles of laparoscopic suturing to fresh cadaveric tissue and demonstrate measurable improvement in suturing skills.

Course Outline

Friday: Sep 29, 2017

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10:00  Difficult Laparoscopic Hysterectomy  
S. Puntambekar

10:30  Practical Application of Electrosurgery and Dissection Techniques  
F. Mohtashami

11:00  Laparoscopic Uterosacral Ligament Suspension  
S. Jeffery

11:20  Video Case Presentation by Faculty  
All Faculty

11:50  Questions and Answers  
All Faculty

12:00  Working Lunch – Preparation for the Lab

01:00  Hands-On Cadaver Dissection (3 participants per cadaver)  
- Dissection of Pelvic Sidewall  
- Uterosacral Ligament Suspension  
- Laparoscopic Suturing

*DRY LAB:*  Laparoscopic Suturing on Box Trainers

05:00  Adjourn

06:30-09:30  Optional Dinner Cruise with Faculty on Vancouver Harbor around Stanley Park

**Saturday: Sep 30, 2017**

07:00  Breakfast

08:00  Laparoscopic Approach to Apical Prolapse & Stress Urinary Incontinence: Sacrocolpopexy, Burch  
S. Jeffery

08:30  Vaginal Approach to Apical Prolapse & Stress Urinary Incontinence: High Uterosacral & Sacrospinous Ligament Suspension, TVT, TOT  
G. Cundiff

09:15  Complications of Laparoscopy and How to Avoid Them  
R.P. Pasic

09:45  Questions and Answers  
All Faculty

10:00  Refreshment Break

10:15  Hands-On Cadaver Dissection- Continued  
- Dissection of the Retzius Space  
- Burch and Paravaginal Repair

*DRY LAB:*  Sacrospinous Ligament Suspension (Capio), TVT and TOT on Pelvic Modules  
Laparoscopic Suturing on Box Trainers Continued

12:15  Lunch

01:00  Hands-On Cadaver Dissection – Continued  
- Laparoscopic Sacrocolpopexy  
- Repair of Bowel, Bladder and Ureteral Injury

*DRY LAB:*  Sacrospinous Ligament Suspension (Capio), TVT and TOT on Pelvic Modules- Continued  
Laparoscopic Suturing on Box Trainers-Continued

05:00  Adjourn
Course Faculty

Dr. Mohtashami is a Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC having completed OB/GYN residencies in Tehran in 1997, in Vancouver in 2009, and a Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery in Regina in 2012. She is a certified Fundamental of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) proctor, by the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

Dr. Mohtashami is a regular chair, speaker, and faculty in several international and national courses including Laparoscopic Suturing, Advanced Laparoscopic Pelvic Anatomy, and Animal Labs organized by the American Association of Laparoscopic Gynecologists (AAGL), Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC), Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynecology of Canada (APOG), and Dutch Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (IRCAD Laparoscopic Training Center).

Her passion and expertise for surgical education and preceptorship have been recognized by APOG Awards including the 2015 Best Preceptor Award, and the 2016 Carl Nimrod Award.

Dr. Cundiff is Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of British Columbia. His clinical practice, based at the Centre for Pelvic Floor Competence, is dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of pelvic floor disorders. Dr. Cundiff is also a research scientist with active trials in reconstructive surgery and obstetrics. His research interests are broad-based including epidemiology of pelvic floor disorders, surgical education, and prevention of maternal obstetrical trauma, although he is best known for outcomes research for pelvic floor disorders. He has published 6 books, and more than 140 peer reviewed publications including, surgical and non-surgical treatments, and has led several multi-centered randomized trials. He has been a pioneer in advocating patient-based outcomes measures and has worked to develop and validate such measures.
Dr. Pasic is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Director of the Section of Operative Gynecologic Endoscopy and Director of the Fellowship in Laparoscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women’s Health at the University of Louisville.

He was selected by his peers and awarded a “Best Doctors in America Award” for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2009-10. He received The Best Surgeons in Louisville award in 2010-2016.

Dr. Pasic is currently serving as a EXCO member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society of Gynecologic Laparoscopists ISGE. In 2009, he served as the President of American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopist AAGL. For more information about Dr. Pasic’s professional accomplishments, please visit his personal web site hosted at www.gynlaparoscopy.com

Dr. Hudgens is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Mississippi Medical Center. He also is the director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the Wiser Women’s Hospital in Jackson, MS. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology 2009 and completed his fellowship 2010 in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the University of Louisville. In 2011, he received the Carlo Romani Award for the “Best Video on Endometriosis” at the AAGL Global Congress. In 2016 he was awarded “Best Video” in the area of Urogynecology. He received the IRCAD Award for “Best Submission on Education” at the AAGL Global Congress in 2011 for his work on Geometrically Efficient Laparoscopic Suturing and has authored a book entitled, “Fundamental of Geometric Laparoscopy and Suturing”. His clinical interests are treating patients with fibroids, adenomyosis, and endometriosis. He was recently his institution’s private investigator for a FDA investigational device trial for the transcervical ultrasound guided treatment of uterine fibroids.
Dr. Jeffery is Head of the Department of Urogynaecology and Pelvic floor Reconstruction at the University of Cape Town and in private practice the Urogynaecology and Laparoscopy Clinic in Cape Town. He is a Royal College (London) accredited subspecialist urogynaecologist and completed a three-year fellowship in urogynaecology at St. George’s Hospital in London. He is a high volume pelvic surgeon with a broad interest in laparoscopic and vaginal approaches to pelvic floor dysfunction. He travels widely teaching and demonstrating surgery and has trained surgeons from the USA, UK, Ghana, Pakistan, India, UAE, Kenya, Philippines, Germany, Nepal, Mozambique, and Mauritius. He was previously on the International Advisory Board of IUGA and was the IUGA meeting chair in 2016.

Stephen Jeffrey, MD
Head of Urogynaecology
University of Cape Town,
South Africa

Dr. Allaire is a Clinical Professor in the UBC Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and is Head of the Division of Gynaecologic Specialties. She is the founder and Director of the UBC Advanced Training Program in Pelvic Pain, Endometriosis, and Advanced Laparoscopy and is the Medical Director of the BC Women’s Centre for Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis. She graduated from McGill University medical school, did her specialty training in Obstetrics & Gynecology at UBC and then completed a SRS Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) in Houston, Texas. Dr. Allaire was an early adopter in Canada of minimally invasive surgical techniques for the treatment of gynaecologic problems. She has organized and taught numerous MIS courses both nationally and internationally. As a member of the SOGC clinical practice committee, Dr. Allaire has helped create national guidelines on various gynaecologic conditions. Her current clinical and research focus is on the etiology and management of pelvic pain and endometriosis.

Catherine Allaire, MD, FRCSC
Clinical Professor,
University of British Columbia,
Canada
Dr. Puntambekar is an OncoSurgeon specialized in laparoscopic surgery. He is an expert on gynecological, colorectal, and oesophageal cancer surgery. His lectures on Pelvic Anatomy and his performance on Live Cadaveric Dissection have been widely acknowledged for the newer concepts in pelvic anatomy and technical proficiency. Dr. Puntambekar has performed live surgeries in more than 150 workshops around the world and has transmitted live surgeries to 12 countries including AAGL Annual Meetings in 2008 and 2011. He won the prestigious “Golden Telescope Award” for the best video at AAGL four times (2005, 2009, 2012, 2015). He has published two videos atlases and more than 80 papers in peer reviewed journals. He has authored two books and contributed to several book chapters.

Dr. Sanaee is an Obstetrician Gynecologist training in Urogynecology, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the Centre for Pelvic Floor Competence at the University of British Columbia. She has a special interest in minimally invasive surgical options for women with pelvic floor disorders as well as medical education. She is currently working towards a Masters of Health Professions Education at McMaster University with a focus on learning and teaching in the operating room.

Dr. Lazare completed residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of British Columbia. He then completed a sub-specialty fellowship in Urogynecology at the University of Alberta. His practice is focused on female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery which encompasses non-surgical and surgical management of urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, voiding dysfunction and post-partum perineal injury.
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Workshop Location

University of British Columbia, Point Grey Campus
Gross Anatomy Lab
2350 Health Sciences Mall
Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6T 1Z3
Accommodation:
The conference has booked rooms at the Granville Island Hotel for those participants who might need accommodation. Please contact Kim Dodge directly and ask for the UBC Corporate rate which is $199/night.

Kim Dodge – Operations Manager
The Granville Island Hotel
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kim@gihotel.net

Registration fee
Lectures/Dry Lab/Hands-on Cadaver Lab CAD 2,200
Lectures/Dry Lab/Observation-only Cadaver Lab CAD 1,000

Sunset Cruise Dinner
The conference has organized a group dinner cruise around Stanley Park and False Creek on Friday September 29 with Faculty.
Time: 19:00 – 21:30
Boarding promptly at 18:30 (departing soon thereafter, no waits) at 501 Denman Street.

Tickets: $130 per person which includes a dual-entree West Coast styled buffet (salmon and slow-roasted beef), table wine (and cash bar) with live music.
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