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**Foundations
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We would like to welcome you to Sydney, the city that dazzles by day and by night, and home of the Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and some of the world's most beautiful beaches, for the AGES XXX Annual Scientific Meeting "*Foundations & the Future*" to be held on from the 5th to the 7th March 2020.

The theme "*Foundations and the Future*" encompasses two sub-themes. Firstly, our society has solid foundations established by previous AGES Boards and its members but also needs to remain dynamic to remain of relevance to its Members so that best care for our patients is ensured. Secondly, core topics relevant to all gynaecological surgeons will always remain central to AGES' role in ongoing education for its Members; in addition, new and advanced laparoscopic surgical techniques, as well as cutting-edge technologies will be showcased so that our Members can stay abreast of modern gynaecological endoscopic options for their patients.

The AGES ASM 2020 scientific committee has developed a program showcasing a spectacular team of local and international speakers, including Marc Possover from France and Chad Michener from the USA. We are also joined by Marie Fidela Paraiso, the immediate past president of the AAGL. In addition, Annabelle Farnsworth will be the first female to have the honour of delivering the Dan O'Connor Perpetual Lecture, and to top it all off, in the very last session Dr Kerryn Phelps AM will have the vexed task of "herding the cats" in the *AGES Q&A Forum*.

We hope you enjoy the next few days, in a not to be missed meeting, taking us back to our foundations and guiding us towards the future of gynaecology, obstetrics and more – Foundations and the Future!



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Dr Marie Fidela Paraiso



Prof Kerryn Phelps

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Invited Faculty
Biographies on the
following page.*



Dr Chad Michener

Dr. Chad Michener is a board certified Gynecologic Oncologist and Associate Professor of Surgery in the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. Dr. Michener completed residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. Following his residency he was a Cancer Research Fellow in the Molecular Signaling Section of the Laboratory of Pathology at the National Cancer Institute and subsequently completed his clinical fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at the Cleveland Clinic. He joined the Division of Gynecologic Oncology in the Women's

Health Institute at the Cleveland Clinic in 2004. He is currently Interim Chair of the Department of Subspecialty Services for Women's Health and serves as the Associate Fellowship Director for Gynecologic Oncology.

Research interests include genetic basis of Gynecologic cancers, screening and early detection of gynecologic cancers, chemoresistance in ovarian cancer, and the application of Single port, robotic and standard laparoscopy in the treatment of gynecologic cancers.



Prof Marc Possover

Prof Marc Possover began his medical studies at the University of Nancy in France at the age of 15 and graduated at the age of 22. He is a specialist in Gynecology and Obstetrics as well as a certified specialist in Special Operative Gynecology and Oncological Surgery.

Prof. Possover is Director of The Possover International Medical Center AG in Zurich, Professor of Neuropelveology at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and Associate Professor at the University of Cologne, Germany. Prof. Possover is also President of the International Society of Neuropelveology (www.theison.org), the pioneer of minimally invasive surgical techniques for the treatment of pelvic gynecological tumors and deep infiltrating endometriosis, and the world's leading expert in the treatment of pelvic nerve disease.

Prof. Possover is the pioneer and founder of Neuropelveology - a new discipline in medicine that deals with neuropathic pelvic pain, endometriosis of the pelvic nerves and pelvic nerve dysfunctions. He has developed nerve-sparing pelvic surgery and a method for the laparoscopic implantation of neuroprostheses. Neuromodulation, which enables patients with spinal cord injuries to regain some functions, was also developed by Prof. Possover.

Prof. Possover is nationally and internationally renowned for his research, academic and clinical merits in the fields of gynaecological oncology, surgical endometriosis treatment and Neuropelveology. He has written scientific papers for numerous scientific journals and published articles in various medical textbooks and reference books. His numerous awards from leading and highly respected medical associations prove his competence and exceptional knowledge.



INVITED FACULTY



Dr Jan Baekelandt

Jan Baekelandt qualified as a medical doctor in 1999 and as a specialist in gynaecology and obstetrics in 2004 at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. From 2004 to 2006, he subspecialised as a gynaecological oncologist in Pretoria, South Africa, and Koln, Germany. He currently consults at Imelda Hospital

in Bonheiden, Belgium, specialising in gynaecological oncology and endoscopic and robotic surgery. Jan started his vNOTES research in 2012, introduced vNOTES in his daily practice in 2013, and has performed more than 1000 vNOTES cases to date.



A/Prof Annabelle Farnsworth

A/Professor Annabelle Farnsworth is a graduate of the University of Sydney and trained as a histopathologist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. She was Director of Anatomical Pathology at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, before joining the Douglass practice in 1995. A/Professor Farnsworth is a specialist gynaecological histopathologist and cytopathologist and is the Director of Cytopathology and GynaePath at Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology where she also holds the position of Medical Director. She is well known throughout Australia and internationally for her contributions to cytology and gynaecological pathology.

She is a past President of the Australian Society of Cytology and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Cytology. She is the current president of the Australian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology. Annabelle is Head of Pathology at the University of Notre Dame, School of Medicine Sydney. A/Professor Farnsworth has published numerous papers and is co-author of a respected textbook on ovarian pathology. In 2013 she was made an Honorary fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.



Dr Marie Fidela Paraiso

Dr. Paraiso is a staff physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cleveland Clinic, where she also serves as Head of the Center for Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery. She also sees patients in the Center for Specialized Women's health and has a joint appointment in Urology.

Dr. Paraiso is skilled in advanced laparoscopy, robotic surgery, midurethral slings, mini-slings, advanced vaginal reconstructive surgery, pelvic organ prolapse repair kit procedures, and sacral neuromodulation (bladder pacemakers). Most recently, Dr. Paraiso has embraced the burgeoning field of robotic surgery, adapting several of her innovative surgical techniques to robotic-assisted laparoscopic approaches.



Prof Kerryn Phelps

Dr Kerryn Phelps AM is a mother, doctor, business woman, health communicator, public health and civil rights advocate, author and media commentator.

Dr Phelps was the first woman and Independent to be elected to the seat of Wentworth in the House of Representatives, in the Federal By Election 2018. In 2016 she was elected to the City of Sydney Council, and was Deputy Lord Mayor from 2016 to 2017. She was first female President of the Australian Medical Association.

For two decades, Dr Phelps has been at the forefront of the struggle for LGBTIQI inclusion and equality in Australia. She is also an Ambassador for Barnardo's child protection work, a Patron of ACON's Pride in Health+Wellbeing program.

Her media career includes medical reporting on morning television, health columnist for over 25 years for the Australian Women's Weekly and authoring six health books.

Dr Phelps was awarded an Order of Australia for her contributions to Medicine as well as the Centenary Medal.



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THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2020

0700 - 0800	REGISTRATION	Maritime Ballroom & Foyer	
0800 - 1010	SESSION ONE: FUTURE <i>Session Chairs: Stephen Lyons & Stuart Salfinger</i>	Grand Ballroom	
	Welcome		
	KEYNOTE: Neuropelveology - A new discipline in medicine - Marc Possover		
	KEYNOTE: Total abdominal hysterectomy - Please explain! - Chad Michener		
	Beyond sacral colpopexy: When robotics is most useful in pelvic organ prolapse surgery - Marie Fidela Paraiso, AAGL President		
	vNOTES and pathways to the future - Jan Baekelandt (<i>Sponsored by Applied Medical</i>)		
	Panel Discussion		
1010 - 1040	MORNING TEA, TRADE EXHIBITION & DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS	Maritime Ballroom & Foyer	
1040 - 1230	SESSION TWO A: HYSTERECTOMY - PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE <i>Session Chairs: Bassem Gerges & Emma Readman</i>	SESSION TWO B: OFFICE GYNAE UPDATE <i>Session Chairs: Erin Nesbitt-Hawes & Mark Ruff</i>	Grand Ballroom 2
	Evolution of hysterectomy - Thierry Vancaillie	Vulval dermatology - An update - Jennifer Bradford	
	The LACC Trial - Not all that glitters is gold - Helen Green	Vulval pain syndromes - Lauren Kite	
	Route of vaginal cuff closure at TLH - Where are we now? - Chad Michener	Dyspareunia and vaginismus - Sherin Jarvis	
	Caesarean hysterectomy - Ken Jaaback	Prolapse and pessaries - Lucy Bates	
	Vaginal hysterectomy - Preferred but unloved? - Gil Burton	Ambulatory hysteroscopy - Jason Mak	
	Uterine Transplant - Rebecca Deans	Recurrent pelvic organ prolapse: What we have learned over the last 20 years at the Cleveland Clinic - Marie Fidela Paraiso	
	Panel Discussion	Panel Discussion	
1230 - 1330	LUNCH, TRADE EXHIBITION & DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS	Maritime Ballroom & Foyer	
1330 - 1500	SESSION THREE A: FREE COMMUNICATIONS <i>Session Chairs: Sarah Choi & Krish Karthigasu</i>	SESSION THREE B: FREE COMMUNICATIONS <i>Session Chairs: Rachel Collings & George Hardas</i>	Interactive Hubs 1 (1330 - 1430) Maritime Ballroom
	Maternal Morbidities: A Challenge For Bangladesh - Musarrat Sultana	Increasing the adoption of ambulatory hysteroscopy in Australia - cost comparisons and patient satisfaction - Pav Nanayakkara	
	Improved Low Anterior Resection Syndrome scores after rectal disc resection in women with Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis. - Vanessa Lusink	Temporal and external validation of the Ultrasound-Based Endometriosis Scoring System (UBESS) - Mercedes Vaquero	
	Safety, technique and outcomes of stellate ganglion blocks for vasomotor symptoms - Michelle W Emerson	Pre-operative Imaging in Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis: predicting depth of disease in rectosigmoid specimens - Kate Stone	
	International survey of obstetrician/ gynecologists on awareness of ultrasound for diagnosing endometriosis - Mathew Leonardi	Gynaecology trainees would benefit from a competency-based medical education model in learning ultrasound for endometriosis: A learning curve study for the detection of pouch of Douglas obliteration and deep endometriosis of the rectum in gynaecological sonology trainees - Jozarino Ong	
	Visual Symptoms among Surgeons Performing Minimally Invasive Surgeries in Australia and New Zealand - Ameer Alhusuny	Is the World Endometriosis Research Foundation, WERF, Endometriosis Phenome and Biobanking Harmonisation Project (EPHect) Questionnaire a good triaging tool for women with ovarian and posterior compartment endometriosis? - Kiran Vanza	
	MRI sliding sign: feasibility to assess bowel and uterine mobility using motion MRI in the preoperative planning for pelvic endometriosis? - Rose McDonnell	Correlation between Transvaginal Ultrasound (TVUS) findings and laparoscopy in prediction of Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis (DIE) - Melinda Pattanasri	
	Risk factors for conversion to open surgery in benign gynaecological laparoscopies - Lucy Richards	Looks Can Be Deceiving: the Prevalence of Deep Endometriosis and Pouch of Douglas Obliteration When the Ovaries are Normal - Kiran Vanza	

A systematic review of the literature of pregnancy after bilateral salpingectomy - Tanja Baltus	Cystic Spaces in the Endometrium, a Contemporary Retrospective Cohort Study in a Tertiary Centre - Rosemary D McBain
Augmentation of Native Tissue Vaginal Repair with autologous biological graft: Safety, feasibility and efficacy - Robert Carey	Developing a tool to predict absence of endometriosis in women with pelvic pain - Charlotte Reddington

1500 - 1530 AFTERNOON TEA, TRADE EXHIBITION & DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS *Maritime Ballroom & Foyer*

1530 - 1700	SESSION FOUR A - GONE IN 420 SECONDS ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY AND BEYOND <i>Grand Ballroom 1</i> <i>Session Chairs: Dean Conrad & Lenore Ellett</i>	SESSION FOUR B - GONE IN 420 SECONDS SEXUALITY, FERTILITY & OBSTETRICS <i>Grand Ballroom 2</i> <i>Session Chairs: Supuni Kapurubandara & John Pardey</i>
	Energy sources - Where did we come from, where are we going? - Amani Harris	Foundation, not the future - Left lateral tilt at C-Section - Matthew Doane
	Protecting the posture - Laparoscopic Ergonomics - Martin Ritossa	Myomectomy for fertility or an exercise in futility? - David Rosen
	Ashermans - Is there a way out? - Lalla McCormack	The "perfect" caesarean section - Rachel Green
	Physiology of laparoscopy - What the anaesthetists wish we knew - Stephen Ford	Rest in peace dear forceps? The future of instrumental delivery - Rachel Collings
	Endometriosis pre-operative planning - IDEA guidelines - George Condous	Towards normal abdominal delivery - Bassem Gerges
	Caesarean section scar thickness and ultrasound assessment - Karen Mizia	Enhancing recovery after Caesarean section - Erin Nesbitt-Hawes
	Caesarean scar niche reconstruction - Sarah Choi	Fetoscopic Surgery - Past, present, future - Margaret Harpham
	What's in the name? Eponymous O&G - Andrew McIntyre	Pregnancy & hypertension - Opiates & NSAIDS? - Gene Lee
	Peri-operative VTE prevention - Hail Aspirin! - Fariba Behnia-Willison	Laparoscopic cerclage - Krish Karthigasu
	Haemostatic agents - An update - Alison Bryant-Smith	Who's doing what? Mature sexuality - Harry Merkur
	Peritoneal pockets - Who cares? - Mark Ruff	PCOS - where are we now? - Michele Kwik
	Laparoscopic surgery in pregnancy - Christopher Smith	Ovulation induction made easy - When? How? Why? - Manny Mangat

1700 CLOSE OF DAY ONE

1700 - 1800 WELCOME RECEPTION *Maritime Ballroom & Foyer*

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2020

0730 - 0800 REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST *Maritime Ballroom & Foyer*

0800 - 1000	SESSION FIVE: NEUROPELVEOLOGY UNRAVELLED - LIVE CADAVERIC SURGERY <i>Grand Ballroom</i> Danny Chou, Dr Emma Paterson, Marc Possover & Michael Wynn-Williams <i>Session Chairs: Helen Green & Luke McLindon</i>	Interactive Hubs 2 (0900 - 1000) <i>Maritime Ballroom</i>
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1000 - 1030 MORNING TEA, TRADE EXHIBITION & DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS *Maritime Ballroom & Foyer*

1030 - 1215	SESSION SIX: ENSURING SAFETY FOR THE FUTURE - M&M LIVE <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <i>Session Chairs: Stephen Lyons & Andreas Obermair</i>	Interactive Hubs 3 (1030 - 1130) <i>Maritime Ballroom</i>
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Foundations of an effective M&M meeting - **Thomas Hugh**

Surgical Performance Update - **Andreas Obermair**

Live M&M - **Andreas Obermair & Stephen Lyons**

AGES Travelling Fellowship - **Supuni Kapurubandara**

AGES AAGL Exchange Lecture: Risk of Complication at the Time of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy; A Prediction Model Built from The National Surgical Quality Improvement Program Database - **Kristen Pepin**

1215 - 1315	LUNCH, TRADE EXHIBITION & DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS <i>Maritime Ballroom & Foyer</i>	Interactive Hubs 4 (1145 - 1245) <i>Maritime Ballroom</i>
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1315 - 1445	SESSION SEVEN: CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE <i>Session Chairs: Amani Harris & Harry Merkur</i>	Grand Ballroom
	A randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled trial of fractionated carbon dioxide laser treatment for women with post-menopausal vaginal atrophy symptoms - Fiona Li	
	Bladder Care Following Laparoscopy for Benign Non-Hysterectomy Gynaecological Conditions: A Randomised Controlled Trial - Lalla McCormack	
	Superficial endometriosis can be seen on ultrasound: a diagnostic accuracy study of a novel ultrasound technique called saline-infusion sonoPODography - Mathew Leonardi	
	The Myometrial-Cervical Ratio (MCR): A new measurement to improve the ultrasound diagnosis of Adenomyosis - Kate Stone	
	The Traffic Light Pilot Study: a pilot study assessing the quality of interventions in obstetrics and gynaecology - Krystle Chong	
	Virtual Clinics in Gynaecology: Can we shorten the wait? Assessing the success, feasibility and patient acceptance of Virtual (Telephone) Clinics for Postmenopausal Bleeding - Samantha Mooney	
	Fight or Flight: Biological measures of surgeon stress during surgery - Aaron Budden	
	We live in a virtual world: Training the trainee using an integrated Visual Reality Stimulator training curriculum - Samantha Mooney	
	Botulinum toxin A (Botox) injection into muscles of pelvic floor as a treatment for chronic pelvic pain secondary to pelvic floor muscular spasm - A Pilot Study - Alaina Francis	
1445 - 1515	AFTERNOON TEA, TRADE EXHIBITION & DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS	Maritime Ballroom & Foyer
1515 - 1700	SESSION EIGHT: LESSONS LEARNT <i>Session Chairs: Fariba Behnia-Willison & Martin Healey</i>	Grand Ballroom
	Video face-off! Surgical management of endometriosis - Cold-cut & bipolar vs monopolar vs ultrasonic vs robotic - Alan Lam, Stephen Lyons, Alastair Morris & John Pardey	
	Foolproofing the surgical future - ERAS - Jason Abbott	
	Panel Discussion	
	Dan O'Connor Perpetual Lecture - A brief history of cervical screening - Annabelle Farnsworth	
1700	CLOSE OF DAY TWO	
1700 - 1800	AGES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Wharf Room 3 - 5
1900 - 2300	AGES ANNUAL BLACK TIE GALA DINNER, AWARDS & CHARITY AUCTION	Grand Ballroom

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020

0715 - 0815	SurgicalPerformance Breakfast Session	Wharf Rooms 1 - 3
0800 - 0830	REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST	Maritime Ballroom & Foyer
0830 - 1015	SESSION NINE: SURGICAL FOUNDATIONS <i>Session Chairs: Robert Ford & Rachel Green</i>	Grand Ballroom
	Re-laying the foundations - Managing the trainee in trouble - Rosalie Grivell	
	A solid foundation - The AGES Fellowship training program - Anusch Yazdani	
	LapCo TT - The solid foundation of teaching - Luke McLindon	
	Feedback - The foundation of learning - Rebecca Szabo	
	Maintenance and evolution after the fellowship - Stuart Salfinger	
	Is there a future for the Generalist - Vijay Roach	
	Panel Discussion	
1015 - 1045	MORNING TEA & TRADE EXHIBITION	Maritime Ballroom & Foyer
1045 - 1205	SESSION TEN: THE FUTURE - PUSHING THE LIMITS <i>Session Chairs: Kirsten Connan & Stuart Salfinger</i>	Grand Ballroom
	Menopause back to the future - Rod Baber	
	Neuropelvelogy and the future - Marc Possover	
	Laparoscopic hysterectomy - Keeping the surgeon safe - Chad Michener	
	It's time to consider "trauma-informed care" - Angela Jay	
	Tribes and Teams - Victoria Brazil	
1205 - 1305	SESSION ELEVEN: THE FUTURE SURGEON - Q&A <i>Moderators: Kerryn Phelps & Bassem Gerges</i>	Grand Ballroom
	Panel members: Victoria Brazil, Kirsten Connan, Annabelle Farnsworth, Rosalie Grivell, Chad Michener, Marc Possover, Stuart Salfinger, Vijay Roach	
1305 - 1330	CLOSE OF DAY THREE & LUNCH ON THE GO	

AGES INTERACTIVE HUBS

AGES is proud to once again announce the inaugural Interactive Hubs, held in conjunction with our Industry Partners. The Interactive Hub is the AGES Society's response to the changing needs of our members and industry partners. Industry want more than to simply show their product on a stand, they want AGES members to use their product as it is intended - at least in a simulated manner. AGES Members have frequently commented that they want more hands-on training; skill acquisition and technical improvement to see immediate changes in their clinical practice. Whilst there are many workshops available to gynaecological surgeons, none have access to the skilled faculty of the AGES membership and the multitude of products that our industry partners want to showcase for improved patient care. The Hub experience is a **Members only experience!**

Interactive Hub sessions will be held during the ASM on Thursday, 5th March at 1.30pm, Friday 6th March at 9.00am, 10.30am and 11.45am.

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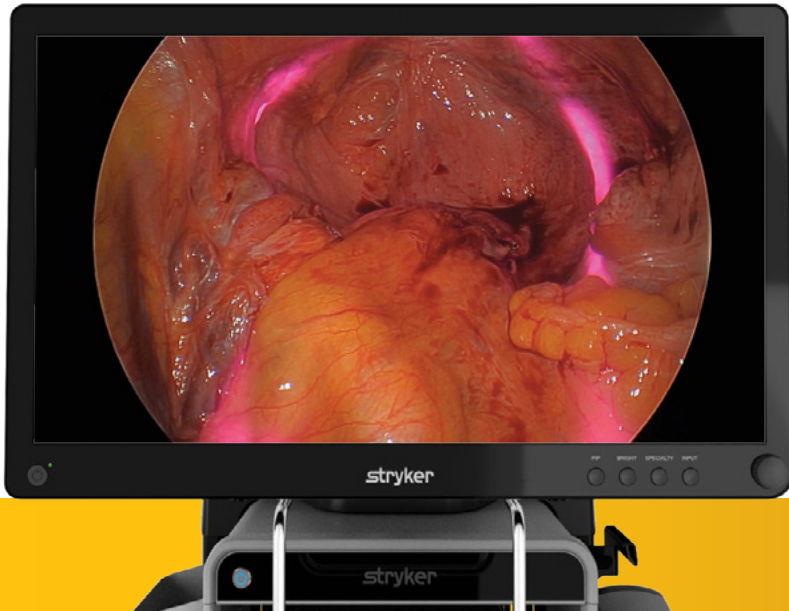
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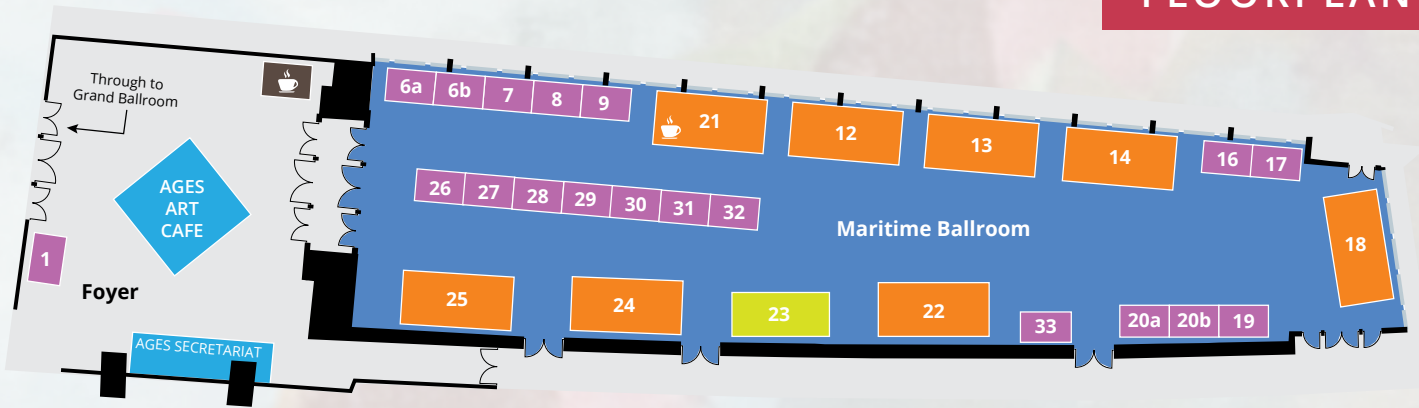
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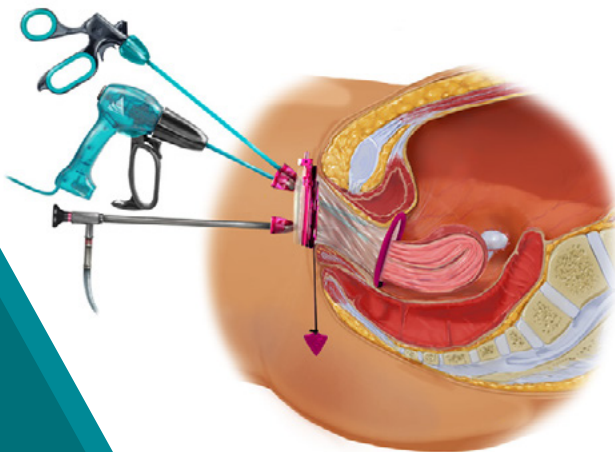
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She has lived and worked in Regional Victoria and NSW over the last 10 years and has now moved studio to Sydney. Lucila paints private commissions as well as for private and public institutions ranging from professional medical suites/hospitals to cafes.

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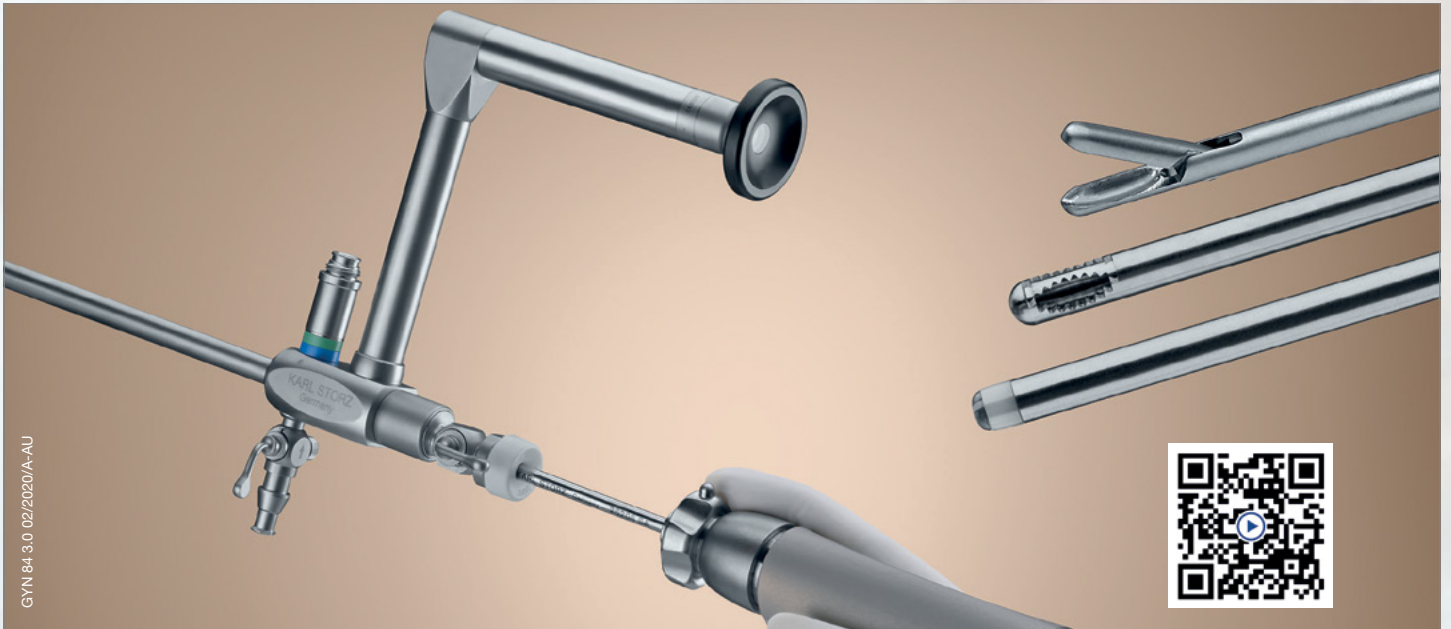
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SESSION 7: CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

Friday, 6th March
1315 - 1445
Grand Ballroom

A randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled trial of fractionated carbon dioxide laser treatment for women with post-menopausal vaginal atrophy symptoms

Fiona Li

Bladder Care Following Laparoscopy for Benign Non-Hysterectomy Gynaecological Conditions: A Randomised Controlled Trial

Lalla McCormack

Superficial endometriosis can be seen on ultrasound: a diagnostic accuracy study of a novel ultrasound technique called saline-infusion sonoPODography

Mathew Leonardi

The Myometrial-Cervical Ratio (MCR): A new measurement to improve the ultrasound diagnosis of Adenomyosis

Kate Stone

The Traffic Light Pilot Study: a pilot study assessing the quality of interventions in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Krystle Chong

Virtual Clinics in Gynaecology: Can we shorten the wait? Assessing the success, feasibility and patient acceptance of Virtual (Telephone) Clinics for Postmenopausal Bleeding.

Samantha Mooney

Fight or Flight: Biological measures of surgeon stress during surgery

Aaron Budden

We live in a virtual world: Training the trainee using an integrated Visual Reality Stimulator training curriculum

Samantha Mooney

Botulinum toxin A (Botox) injection into muscles of pelvic floor as a treatment for chronic pelvic pain secondary to pelvic floor muscular spasm - A Pilot Study

Alaina Francis

SESSION 3A: FREE COMMUNICATIONS

Thursday, 5th March
1330 - 1500
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Maternal Morbidities: A Challenge For Bangladesh

Musarrat Sultana

Improved Low Anterior Resection Syndrome scores after rectal disc resection in women with Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis.

Vanessa Lusink

Safety, technique and outcomes of stellate ganglion blocks for vasomotor symptoms

Michelle W Emerson

International survey of obstetrician/gynecologists on awareness of ultrasound for diagnosing endometriosis

Mathew Leonardi

Visual Symptoms among Surgeons Performing Minimally Invasive Surgeries in Australia and New Zealand

Ameer Alhusuny

MRI sliding sign: feasibility to assess bowel and uterine mobility using motion MRI in the preoperative planning for pelvic endometriosis?

Rose McDonnell

Risk factors for conversion to open surgery in benign gynaecological laparoscopies

Lucy Richards

A systematic review of the literature of pregnancy after bilateral salpingectomy

Tanja Baltus

Augmentation of Native Tissue Vaginal Repair with autologous biological graft: Safety, feasibility and efficacy

Robert Carey

SESSION 3B: FREE COMMUNICATIONS

Thursday, 5th March
1330 - 1500
Grand Ballroom 2

Increasing the adoption of ambulatory hysteroscopy in Australia - cost comparisons and patient satisfaction

Pav Nanayakkara

Temporal and external validation of the Ultrasound-Based Endometriosis Scoring System (UBESS)

Mercedes Vaquero

Pre-operative Imaging in Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis: predicting depth of disease in rectosigmoid specimens.

Kate Stone

Gynaecology trainees would benefit from a competency-based medical education model in learning ultrasound for endometriosis: A learning curve study for the detection of pouch of Douglas obliteration and deep endometriosis of the rectum in gynaecological sonology trainees

Jozarino Ong

Is the World Endometriosis Research Foundation, WERF, Endometriosis Phenome and Biobanking Harmonisation Project (EPHect) Questionnaire a good triaging tool for women with ovarian and posterior compartment endometriosis?

Kiran Vanza

Correlation between Transvaginal Ultrasound (TVUS) findings and laparoscopy in prediction of Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis (DIE)

Melinda Pattanasri

Looks Can Be Deceiving: the Prevalence of Deep Endometriosis and Pouch of Douglas Obliteration When the Ovaries are Normal

Kiran Vanza

Cystic Spaces in the Endometrium, a Contemporary Retrospective Cohort Study in a Tertiary Centre

Rosemary D McBain

Developing a tool to predict absence of endometriosis in women with pelvic pain

Charlotte Reddington

DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATIONS

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Fumarate Hydratase Deficiency
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Sam Daniels

Laparoscopic Hemi-hysterectomy for Obstructive Uterine Didelphys with Unilateral Vaginal Hypoplasia

Bridie Stewart

Pelvic Microbiome - A potential new player in the understanding of Endometriosis.

Lior Levy

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Improving clinical outcomes through audit in a regional gynaecology unit
Cheryl Yim

Neck/Shoulder Problems and Headaches among Surgeons Performing Minimally Invasive Surgeries in Australia and New Zealand
Ameer Alhusuny

The Dalton Modified Hasson Technique: A 10 year review
Ann Marie Tan

How bad are these adhesions? A review of the classification of Asherman Syndrome and a video demonstration.
Dave R Listijono

Can we use the ovarian sliding sign at transvaginal ultrasound to predict the need for ureterolysis at laparoscopy for women with suspected endometriosis? A retrospective observational study.
Tanushree Rao

Clinical features of atypical polypoid adenomyoma of the uterus; a single sites review of three cases.
Vanessa El-Achi

Laparoscopic Transabdominal Cerclage - outcomes of 244 pregnancies
Alex Ades

Laparoscopic hysterotomy to drain haematometocolpos: an alternative surgical approach to relieve a blocked hemiuterus in an adolescent with a didelphic uterus
Zain Battikhi

Minimally Invasive Surgery in the Morbidly Obese Patient undergoing Hysterectomy - Single centre experience.
Vanessa El-Achi

Transvaginal Ultrasound Can Accurately Predict Endometriosis Severity: a Feasibility Study Applying an Ultrasound-based American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) Classification of Endometriosis to Laparoscopic Surgical Findings
Jozarino Ong

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Effect of diagnostic, imaging and surgical intervals on surgical outcomes in cases of suspected appendicitis in pregnant patients at a tertiary specialist obstetrics and gynaecology hospital and a general tertiary hospital.
Sean Copson

Risk-Reducing Salpingectomy - What do we know about Australian practice and where are we heading?
Helena M Obermair

Uterine Positioning System: First Australian series
Sam Daniels

Forewarned is Forearmed: The Surgical Implications of Ovarian Fixation in Endometriosis
Simona Marra

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Tackling the Tricky Cervix at Hysteroscopy
Alexander Chen

Prophylactic ureteric catheters in complex gynaecological surgery: a retrospective study.
Brindaa Tharmarajah

Oxidised regenerated cellulose mimicking post-surgical abscess
Cherynne Johansson

Assessment of preoperative and intraoperative factors associated with the degree of difficulty in performing a laparoscopic hysterectomy
Samuel Vo

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The All-In-One Endometrioma Excision
Praveen De Silva

The Immediate Development of Colovaginal Fistula after Hysterectomy. An Unusual Presentation.
Praveen De Silva

Laparoscopic Transabdominal Cerclage outcomes of subsequent pregnancies with the same suture
Alex Ades

The frequency of ureterolysis in women undergoing laparoscopic surgery for suspected endometriosis: A retrospective observational study.
Tanushree Rao

Fumarate hydratase deficiency in leiomyomas. Post-operative management and counselling
Mikhail Sarofim

Laparoscopic Reverse Submucosal Dissection (Sydney Shaving): standardising rectal shaving for bowel endometriosis
Mujahid Bukhari

Rates and route of hysterectomy in a tertiary teaching hospital
Kate Martin

Myomatous erythrocytosis in a large fibroid uterus
Chitra Varanasi

About 53 consecutive cases of Fertiloscopy (a.k.a. trans vaginal hydro laparoscopy). A single centre experience
Lionel Reyftmann

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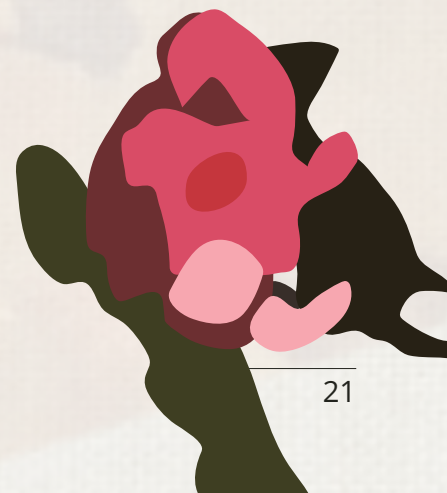
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Appendiceal endometriosis - a challenging diagnosis
Reuben Chen

Intraovarian stem cells for ovarian rejuvenation: A review of the literature
Kate Tyson

Laparoscopic Burch Colposuspension Using a Burch Elevator
Rosemary D McBain

Bowel adhesions: divide and conquer!
Alison Bryant-Smith



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