Endometriosis 2012: Tapping the Roots for the Next Generation

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INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

Endometriosis is a poorly understood disease where routine treatment is ill defined, often ineffective, and controversial. The disease is frequently subject to missed or delayed diagnosis, leaving women suffering for upwards of a decade beyond symptom onset and commencement of treatment. The Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) brings awareness of endometriosis to the forefront of care with a goal to achieve timely diagnosis, early intervention, and effective treatment to ensure superior patient outcome and satisfaction. EFA believes that complete and meticulous excision is a key element in the optimal care of women with endometriosis, but also that an increased knowledge of disease basics will ultimately expand the range of effective treatments. Through its annual symposium EFA brings together surgeons and scientists, women with endometriosis and allied health care professionals to share the latest research and state-of-the-art care.

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Tamer Seckin MD, FACOG, ACGE
Dr. Seckin is the Co-Founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America. He is an Associate Attending Physician and Clinical Instructor at Lenox Hill Hospital, specializing in endometriosis. He was a member of the Executive Board of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) for nearly a decade, while simultaneously creating and managing its website. He is also on the National Advisory Board of the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons (SLS), the Peer Review Board of Endometriosis.org, and the Editorial Board of the Journal of the European Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy. Dr. Seckin is the co-director of the AAGL/SRS Fellowship Program in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (FMIGS) at Lenox Hill Hospital. Along with the AAGL he intends to continue to raise awareness, promote early diagnosis, and advocate for excisional precision treatment of endometriosis. His ultimate goal is to pave the educational road of advanced laparoscopic surgery for future generations of surgeons.

Padma Lakshmi
Ms. Lakshmi is the Co-Founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America. She is known internationally as an actress, food expert, model, designer of her namesake jewelry line, award-winning author, and host of the Emmy-winning Bravo television show, Top Chef. She established herself as a food expert early on in her career, having hosted two successful cooking shows and writing two best-selling cookbooks, one of which won her the International Versailles Event for best cookbook by a first time writer. Ms. Lakshmi is also an accomplished writer; in addition to her food writing, she has contributed to such magazines as American Vogue, Gourmet, and British and American Harper’s Bazaar. Originally known as the first globally successful Indian supermodel, Ms. Lakshmi started modeling while an exchange student in Spain with Clark University where she received a B.A. with honors in Theater Arts.
John Sciarra MD, PhD
Dr. Sciarra is Professor and Chair Emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, and the Editor-in-Chief of the online Global Library of Women’s Medicine (www.GLOWM.com). He is a past President of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and a past President of the International Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE).

Harry Reich MD, FACOG, FACS
A laparoscopic pioneer, Dr. Reich is the former Director of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He is Past President of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) and the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE), and is on the board of the AAGL. Dr. Reich is a recipient of the Excel Award for extraordinary contributions to laparoscopy from the SLS and is the first non-European honorary member of the European Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy (ESGE).

C.Y. Liu, MD
Dr. Liu is a recognized leader and pioneer in the subspecialty of gynecological endoscopic surgery (laparoscopic and hysteroscopic) surgery. He has developed several gynecological procedures and holds the record for performing the most laparoscopic hysterectomies in the world. He was recognized and awarded by the European Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy (ESGE) as one of the most achieved and excellent gynecologic endoscopic surgeons in the world.
Charles Koh, MD
Dr. Koh is an infertility micro-surgeon who merged the art of microsurgery to laparoscopic surgery, and performed the world’s first laparoscopic microsurgical tubal anastomosis in 1992. He has applied this convergence to the art of radical endometriosis surgery with fertility preservation and organ repair for the past 20 years. He has created many innovations, inventions, and techniques for advances in laparoscopic surgery and lectures and performs demonstration surgeries around the world. In 2009, Dr. Koh was awarded the Distinguished Surgeon Award from the ASRM’s Society of Reproductive Surgeons. He is the former President of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (2009).

Hugh S. Taylor, MD
Dr. Taylor is Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, and Director of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the Yale University School of Medicine. He is also Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental biology at Yale University. His basic science research focuses on uterine development, the regulation of developmental gene expression by sex steroids, endocrine disruption, and stem cells. Dr. Taylor has published more than 125 articles and in leading medical journals. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Reproductive Sciences. Dr. Taylor’s clinical interests include IVF, infertility, endometriosis, menopause, uterine anomalies, and DES exposure.
G. David Adamson, MD
Dr. Adamson is the Director of Fertility Physicians of Northern California, Adjunct Clinical Professor at Stanford University, and Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California San Francisco. He is the president of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation (WERF), a past president of the ASRM, SART, AAGL, and the SRS. He is a Board member of the IFFS, Chair of the International Committee Monitoring ART, and Chair of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Reproductive Medicine Committee.

Arnold Advincula, MD
Dr. Advincula is the Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, the Director of the Celebration Health Endometriosis Center, and Medical Director of Gynecologic Robotics at the Florida Hospital. He brings more than ten years of clinical expertise to the Center for Specialized Gynecology and holds the AAGL/SRS Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Parswa Ansari, MD
Dr. Ansari trained in colon and rectal surgery at the Lahey Clinic, and in general surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He is certified by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery as well as the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Ansari currently serves as the Program Director for the Surgery Residency at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Irving Buterman, MD
Dr. Buterman is a senior attending physician and gynecological surgeon at Lenox Hill Hospital’s department of obstetrics and gynecology. He graduated from The University of Amsterdam and has been at Lenox Hill Hospital since his residency in 1973.

Maurice K. Chung RPh, MD, FACOG, ACGE
Dr. Chung was one of the first 100 surgeons to receive the certification from the Accreditation Council of Gynecologic Endoscopy (ACGE) of the AAGL in 1996 as an Advanced Laparoendoscopic Surgeon. He is the President of the Midwest Regional Center for Endometriosis in Lima, Ohio. Dr. Chung serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, as well as the Chinese Journal of Minimally Invasive Surgery.
Deborah Coady, MD
Dr. Coady is a Board Certified OB/GYN in private practice at SOHO OB/GYN in NYC, and a Clinical Assistant Professor at NYU-Langone Medical Center. She is a recognized specialist in vulvar, pelvic, and sexual pain and has recently co-authored *Healing Painful Sex: A Woman’s Guide to Confronting, Diagnosing, and Treating Sexual Pain*, published by Seal Press.

Thomas D’Hooghe MD, PhD
Dr. D’Hooghe is a Professor at the Catholic University of Leuven and the Director of the Leuven University Fertility Center in Belgium. He is a former Coordinator of the Special Interest Group for Endometriosis and Endometrium of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), Editor-in-Chief of Gynecologic and Obstetric Investigation, and on the Editorial Board of Fertility & Sterility. Dr. D’Hooghe has published more than 140 papers in international peer reviewed journals.

Michael Divon MD, FACOG
Dr. Divon is the Chairman and Program Director of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Lenox Hill Hospital as well as a Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women’s Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. A respected author, Dr. Divon is considered a leading authority on high-risk pregnancy, including multiple gestation.

Linda G. Griffith, PhD
A Professor of Mechanical and Biological Engineering at MIT, Dr. Griffith is the Director of the MIT Center for Gynepathology Research; Director of the Bioengineering for Toxicology Research Core of the Center for Environmental Health Sciences; and Director of the Biotechnology Process Engineering Center. She conducts research in the field of biomaterials and devices for tissue and organ regeneration. Her research combines molecular design and synthesis of biomaterials as well as design and synthesis of macroscopic 3-D devices for therapeutic and in vitro use, and several of her patents are in commercial development.
Dena Harris, MD
Dr. Harris was a pioneer in the early 1980s for being the first OB/GYN in the SoHo area and also one of the first women OB/GYNs in private practice in New York City. After becoming partners with Dr. Deborah Coady in 1990 she co-founded SOHO OB/GYN women’s healthcare center. Dr. Harris currently concentrates her general gynecology practice in menopause, bioidentical hormone replacement therapy, adolescent gynecology, and vulvar pain.

Lone Hummelshøj
Ms. Hummelshøj is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Endometriosis.org, Secretary General of the World Endometriosis Society (WES), Chief Executive of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation (WERF), and an advisor to the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA). She is a co-author of the ESHRE Guideline for the Diagnosis & Treatment of Endometriosis, active in the AAGL, ESHRE, and ASRM Special Interest Groups (SIGs) on endometriosis, and an ad hoc peer reviewer for four international medical journals.

Grace Janik, MD
Dr. Janik is Associate Clinical Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Mary’s Hospital, Milwaukee, and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Michael Reese Hospital/University of Illinois. Since 1990, Dr. Janik has had a large clinical practice in reproductive endocrinology and infertility, as well as numerous academic appointments. Dr. Janik has served as President of the AAGL and remains active in several committees.

Pinar H. Kodaman MD, Ph.D
Dr. Kodaman is an author and Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences at Yale University Medical Center. She also serves as Co-Director of Hygeia Advocate Physician Network of the Hygeia Foundation. Dr. Kodaman is the recipient of the Meehan–Miller, Irving Friedman, and the AAGL awards. Dr. Kodaman’s clinical interests include PCOS, reproductive surgery, and infertility. Additionally, she has a particular interest in endometrial ablation.
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Franklin D. Loffer, MD
Dr. Loffer was an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Arizona, and has been active in gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive outpatient surgery since 1970. He is Past President of the AAGL and currently is their Executive Vice President and Medical Director. Dr. Loffer has authored 48 peer review papers and 17 chapters, primarily in the area of gynecologic endoscopy. He is on the editorial board of two journals and has been an ad hoc reviewer for 13 medical journals. Dr. Loffer has frequently lectured in the United States and throughout the world and has demonstrated endoscopic surgical procedures in 14 countries.

Charles Miller MD, FACOG
Dr. Miller is the current President of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE). He is Chairman of the AAGL’s Reproductive Surgery/Endometriosis Special Interest Group and is a Past President of the AAGL. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at Department of OB/GYN at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Miller is the Director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery and the Director of the AAGL/SRS Fellowship Program in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL, USA.

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Farr Nezhat MD, FACOG, FACS
Dr. Nezhat is well known for his research, teaching, and clinical contributions to the field of gynecological oncology and pelvic surgery. He is the Chief of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic & Robotic Surgery and Fellowship at St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals, Academic Affiliates of Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and past president of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS).
Steven Palter, MD  
Dr. Palter is the Founder, Medical, and Scientific Director of Gold Coast IVF in Syosset, NY, and the former Clinic Chief of Infertility at Yale University School of Medicine. He founded and is the Program Director for the Center of Excellence Program in Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Surgery (COEMIG) of the AAGL. Dr. Palter’s passion for technological innovation is well known and he performed the world’s first HD and 4K surgeries.

Elizabeth Poynor MD, PhD, FACOG  
Dr. Poynor is a gynecologic oncologist and surgeon-scientist, whose work involves translating basic science principles into clinically meaningful treatments. She is an expert commentator on MSNBC, the Today Show, and WCBS. Dr. Poynor is the co-director of the AAGL/SRS Fellowship Program in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (FMIGS) at Lenox Hill Hospital.

William H. Rodgers MD, PhD  
Dr. Rodgers is the Chairman of Pathology at Lenox Hill Hospital. A highly regarded anatomic pathologist with special interests in cytopathology and gynecologic pathology, Dr. Rodgers is Chairman the Pathology Committee of the Gynecology Oncology Group (GOG), a National Institutes of Health-funded collaborative, and author of numerous peer-reviewed publications, books and chapters and abstracts. He lectures both nationally and internationally.

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Dr. Salgado-Morales is an award-winning, advanced laparoendoscopic surgeon and the Senior Partner & Medical Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine & Gynecology and Minimally Invasive Surgery & Endometrosis Center. He is an Assistant Professor at Universidad Central Del Caribe, School of Medicine in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, and the CEO & President of VITA Healthcare.
Antonio Setubal, MD
Dr. Setubal is the Director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Hospital da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal, as well as the Director at the Hospital for Women. He has co-responsibility for the laparoscopic and robotic surgery departments at these facilities and has earned a reputation for being a highly skilled physician, consistently involved in training and development. Dr. Setubal is a member of the Peer Review Board of Endometriosis.org.

Michael Strongin, MD
Dr. Strongin is the Director of Gynecology and Vice Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York. Dr. Strongin’s gynecological expertise includes treatment of fibroids, ovarian cysts, abnormal bleeding, pap-smear problems, and post-menopausal issues.

Patrick Yeung Jr, MD
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Precongress Education Day
Hosted with Michael Divon, MD | Chairman
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Lenox Hill Hospital
March 14, 2012
Multidisciplinary session for Residents, Fellows, and Specialists of Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Urology, Gastroenterology, and Nurses.

SESSION I
Moderator: Adam Romoff, MD
Panel: Douglas Heymann, MD | Lone Hummelshoj | Christos Stavropolous, MD

9:10am – 9:30am Why Motion Pictures Were a Key for Excellency in Laproscopic Surgery Antonio Setubal, MD
9:30am – 9:50am Deep Fibrotic Endometriosis of the Cul de Sac and Bowel Harry Reich, MD
9:50am – 10:10am Indications and Technique of Hysterectomy in the Treatment of Endometriosis Harry Reich, MD
10:10am – 10:30am Group Discussion and Q&A Panel
10:30am – 10:45am Refreshment Break & Sponsor Exhibits

SESSION II
Moderator: Irving Buterman, MD
Panel: Janusz Plawner, MD | Parswa Ansari, MD

10:45am – 11:10am Simple Procedures to Reduce Unnecessary Surgeries Maurice Chung, MD
11:10am – 11:35am Endometriosis of the Retroperitoneum: Bladder, Ureter, and Pelvic Floor Tamer Seckin, MD
11:35am – 12:15pm The Technological Transformation of Surgery: Film & Medicine Steven Palter, MD
12:15pm – 12:30pm Group Discussion and Q&A Faculty and Panel
12:30pm – 12:45pm Boxed Lunch Service
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SESSION III
LUNCH & LEARN: Doctor Can You Hear Me?

12:45pm – 1:10pm  Endometriosis: My Journey  Padma Lakshmi
1:10pm – 2:15pm  Doctor Can You Hear Me?  Jhumka Gupta, PhD
Patients share their extraordinary cases for group discussion  Ekta Misra, PhD
Noemi El Hadad, PhD
2:15pm – 2:45pm  Group Discussion and Q&A  Lunch & Learn Panel
2:45pm – 3:05pm  Refreshment Break & Sponsor Exhibits  

SESSION IV
Moderator: Lone Hummelshoj
Panel: Harry Reich, MD | Tamer Seckin, MD | Maurice Chung, MD | Antonio Setubal, MD
Steven Palter, MD | Charles Koh, MD | Juan Morales-Salgado, MD

3:05pm – 3:25pm  Introduction: What is Informed Consent?  Lone Hummelshoj
3:25pm – 4:25pm  Panel Discussion: What is Informed Consent?  Panel
4:25pm – 4:45pm  Summary and Conclusion  Lone Hummelshoj
4:45pm – 5:00pm  Closing Remarks & Adjournment  Tamer Seckin, MD

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Thursday  
March 15, 2012  

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7:30 am – 8:00 am  
Continental Breakfast | Sponsor Exhibits | Faculty Meet & Greet

8:00 am – 8:10 am  
Welcome Remarks  
Tamer Seckin, MD  
Padma Lakshmi

SESSION I  
Moderator: Franklin Loffer, MD  
Panel: Lone Hummelshoj | Harry Reich, MD

8:10am – 8:35am  
Endometriosis is Not a Benign Disease  
Linda Griffith, PhD

8:35am – 9:00am  
Early Diagnosis and Complete Excision:  
Can Endometriosis Be Eradicated?  
Patrick Yeung, MD

9:00am – 9:25am  
Can Early Detection and Treatment of Adolescent Endometriosis Prevent Adult Endometriosis?  
Thomas D’Hooghe, MD

9:25am – 9:50am  
Endometriosis in Adolescents:  
What We Do Now Matters Later  
Stacey Missmer, ScD

9:50am – 10:10am  
Group Discussion and Q&A

10:10am – 10:30am  
Refreshment Break & Sponsor Exhibits

SESSION II  
Moderator: Thomas D’Hooghe MD, PhD  
Panel: Pinar Kodaman, MD | Samuel Levin, MD

10:30am – 11:10am  
SCIENCE KEYNOTE  
Genetics, Epigenetics, and Stem Cells  
Hugh Taylor, MD

11:10am – 11:35am  
Applied Anatomy for the Treatment of Endometriosis  
Grace Janik, MD

11:35am – 12:00pm  
Role of Sonography in the Early Diagnosis of Endometriosis  
Juan Salgado-Morales, MD

12:00pm – 12:10pm  
Group Discussion and Q&A

12:10pm – 12:25pm  
Boxed Lunch Service
Lunch Breakout Sessions

12:25pm – 1:25pm
Examining the Fingerprints of Endometriosis in Ovarian Cancer
Farr Nezhat, MD
Elizabeth Poynor MD, PhD

PANELISTS:
William Rodgers, MD
Thomas Lallas, MD
Melinda Huang, MD
Iris Orbuch, MD
Hayama Brill, MD

Moving on in Your Life After Endometriosis Surgery
Karlene ChinQuee, MD
Deborah Coady, MD
Donna Kesselman, MD

PANELISTS:
Dena Harris, MD
Sallie Sarrel DPT, ATC, MEd
Nancy Fish, MSW MPH
Stacey Futterman, PT
Amy Stein, PT

Saving Ovaries, Rescuing Eggs
Khalid Sultan, MD
Steven Palter, MD

PANELISTS:
Joel Batzofin, MD
Norman Gleicher, MD
G. David Adamson, MD

SESSION III
Moderator: Michael Strongin, MD
Panel: G. David Adamson, MD | Steven Palter, MD

1:30pm – 2:10pm
SURGERY KEYNOTE
Excision Surgery That Gives Rather Than Takes Away:
Merging Microsurgery with Laparoscopy
Charles Koh, MD

Laparoscopic Surgical Treatment for Pelvic Pain
Charles Miller, MD

Endometriosis Surgery:
The Next Frontier in Robo-Assisted Surgery
Arnold Advincula, MD

Why we need new classification systems
G. David Adamson, MD

Group Discussion and Q&A
Panel

Closing Remarks
Tamer Seckin, MD

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The Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) is a non-profit organization engaged in a robust campaign to educate both the medical community and the public about endometriosis. We place particular emphasis on the critical importance of early diagnosis and effective intervention, while simultaneously providing education to the next generation of medical professionals.

Recent Activities

In the last three years EFA achieved advances in the scientific and awareness arenas, including:

- Engaging in institutional collaborations with scientists, physicians, researchers, surgeons, and societies including the MIT Center for Gynaepathology, Mitchigan State University Department of Women’s Health Research, the World Endometriosis Research Foundation (WERF), and the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL).
- The launch of the Center for Gynepathology Research, based within the Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Engineering (MIT), in partnership with Dr. Linda Griffith, PhD;
- The launch of a tissue procurement facility at the Lenox Hill Hospital Department of Pathology, in coordination with the Feinstein Institute of Medical Research in the North Shore/LIJ Health System. This effort – the world’s first Biorepository Research Core for endometriosis – will serve as the genesis for groundbreaking translational research;
- Developing and hosting the first CNE event for school nurses and nursing professional designed to raise awareness among those closest to the adolescent endometriosis population;
- Design and distribution of the country’s first “Do you have endometriosis?” poster across schools, community centers, universities, and many other public forums;
- Three annual scientific symposia on endometriosis, featuring expert consortiums of faculty presenting on the latest research and surgical topics;
- Four annual Blossom Balls for Endometriosis: a red carpet fundraising and awareness gala along with high impact campaigners, including Susan Sarandon, Fareed Zakaria, Dr Oz, Whoopi Goldberg, and DanSkin®, Dial®, Glamour Magazine, Today Show, Wall Street Journal, creating over 320 million media impressions in the last year alone.
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