

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC AND SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM  
OF ADVANCING THE SCIENCE & SURGERY OF ENDOMETRIOSIS

# POLITICS, ETHICS & CONTROVERSIES



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## THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEDICAL CONGRESS

### CONGRESS AT A GLANCE

#### FRIDAY

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President's Ballroom  
Metropolitan Club  
One East Sixtieth Street  
New York, NY 10022-1054



*Metropolitan Club*

#### SATURDAY

### OUTSMARTING ENDOMETRIOSIS

A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION FOR  
WOMEN AND THEIR LOVED ONES

Scandinavia House  
58 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016



*Scandinavia House*

## Welcome Friends and Colleagues,

Today, the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) hosts its Fifth Annual Medical Congress, Politics, Ethics & Controversies: Endometriosis 2014, a gathering of the most innovative thinkers and practitioners across disciplines. As this provocative title suggests, by addressing the controversies surrounding the disease, the EFA's goal is to contribute to the improvement of treatment options and establish that endometriosis must become a research priority.

Today, as we kick-off Endometriosis Awareness Month, we want to take a moment to reflect on the EFA's milestone accomplishments of the past year.

In January, we brought our powerful "Killer Cramps are NOT Normal" campaign to Rockefeller Plaza for the world to see, and we realized our dream of creating the first endometriosis tissue bank, ROSE (Research OutSmarts Endometriosis), with the NorthShore/LIJ Feinstein Institute for Medical Research. Over the past year, we forged a new partnership with New York State Senator Jeffrey Klein, his colleagues and the New York State Health Department to develop the Teen Health Awareness and Check the Box campaigns to improve awareness of endometriosis in middle and high schools across the state.

As part of our continued effort to promote our mission of raising awareness and providing education, we launched our outreach and education program, Endometriosis Nation Promoting Outreach and Wide Recognition (ENPOWR), and we hosted the Third Annual Nurse Conference in October.

We proudly established the Harry Reich Award in recognition of Dr. Reich's pioneering work in laparoscopic surgery and his lifetime commitment to perfecting minimally invasive procedures in women's healthcare. Tonight, at our Sixth Annual Blossom Ball, we are honored to present the inaugural Reich Award to two pioneering women – Linda C. Giudice, MD, PhD, MSc, and Lilo Mettler, MD, PhD -- whose own seminal work and careers mirror the contributions of Dr. Reich.

In spring 2013, we welcomed Mady Schuman to the EFA family as our new executive director. She comes to us with more than 30-years of executive experience, and we are thrilled to be working with her and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Since 2009, the EFA has been the innovator, always on the frontier, expanding knowledge about and awareness of this disease. We are redefining endometriosis as a reproductive right and public health priority, and will continue our crusade to inform both the medical community and the public about the critical importance of early diagnosis and early intervention.

Thank you for all your participation in today's conference and for adding to the canon of knowledge and understanding around this disease.

**Tamer Seckin, MD**  
Co-Founder

**Padma Lakshmi**  
Co-Founder



## FOUNDERS



### TAMER SECKIN MD, FACOG, ACGE

Tamer Seckin, MD, is an internationally known laparoscopic surgeon practicing exclusively in the treatment of advanced endometriosis at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, part of the North Shore/LIJ health system. Dr. Seckin completed his gynecological training at the Children's Hospital, State University of New York, Buffalo, in 1985. In the early 90s, his interest in minimally invasive surgery became a passion as he became acquainted with laparoscopic pioneer, Dr. Harry Reich. In 1995, the two established an endometriosis-focused private practice group, Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeons of New York. In 2009, Dr. Seckin founded the EFA, the first research and advocacy foundation organized by a private physician, to raise awareness and emphasize the critical value of early diagnosis and intervention by surgical excision of endometriosis. Under his guidance, the EFA has successfully held four Annual Medical Symposia. In 2012, he earned the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in recognition of his tremendous activities with the EFA, philanthropy and women's health advocacy. The New York Times Magazine has named him one of America's Super Doctors, and he received Lenox Hill Hospital's Silver Star and Best Doctor awards. Dr. Seckin is an active faculty member and speaker at scientific symposia worldwide concerning minimally invasive surgery and endometriosis. Currently, Dr. Seckin and the EFA are collaborating with Dr. Peter Gregersen of the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research and Lenox Hill Hospital, to create the ROSE (Research OutSmarts Endometriosis) project, the first tissue bank in the United States to solely study endometriosis tissue.



### PADMA LAKSHMI

Padma Lakshmi is a co-founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA). After suffering from the disease for decades herself, she has been able to make amazing strides with the Foundation such as launching the first interdisciplinary research facility in the country for Gynopathology as a joint project between Harvard Medical School and MIT, where she gave the keynote address at the Center's opening in December 2009. Emmy nominated, Ms. Lakshmi is known internationally as an actress, food expert, model, and award-winning author. She is also a savvy businesswoman with two companies of her own. The first is her fine jewelry collection, The Padma Collection, and her second is Easy Exotic, a collection of culinary products including fine teas and teapots; high-quality natural spice blends, roasting rubs and sea salts; as well as hard goods. She has appeared in films in the U.S., Italy, and India and on television in the U.S. and Italy. 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 internationally successful Indian supermodel and often noted as a global style icon, Ms. Lakshmi has been featured as People Magazine's 100 Most Beautiful People in 2007 and 25 Most Intriguing People of 2009, AOL's Top 20 Style Influencers of 2006, Gotham Magazine's Best Dressed New Yorkers, and part of The Elle 25 in 2007.

## ABOUT THE ENDOMETRIOSIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

**T**HE ENDOMETRIOSIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA (EFA) was founded by Tamer Seckin, MD and Padma Lakshmi to fight the devastating effects of endometriosis -- a painful disease that affects as many as one in ten women of childbearing age in the United States. Over the last five years, the EFA has increased awareness about this public health crisis among healthcare providers and the general public; conducted advocacy activities to encourage increased funding and support for endometriosis care and education; and launched the nation's first endometriosis tissue bank to facilitate research.

The EFA places particular emphasis on the critical importance of early diagnosis and effective intervention while simultaneously providing education to the next generation of medical professionals and their patients. The EFA believes that the key element in the optimal care of women with endometriosis is complete and meticulous excision surgery but the EFA also knows that increased knowledge of disease basics, ultimately, will expand the range of effective treatment.

The EFA's annual scientific conference advances the dialogue about and treatment of endometriosis by uniting the most innovative thinkers and practitioners from across disciplines. This year, as the title of the conference -- ENDOMETRIOSIS 2014: "POLITICS, ETHICS & CONTROVERSIES" -- suggests, we will be exploring the politics of women's health rights, and the historical treatment of women, from medical, legal and ethical perspectives.

By addressing the controversies surrounding endometriosis, the EFA's goal is to contribute to the improvement of treatment options, including surgical methodologies, and to establish that endometriosis must become a research priority.

# Harry Reich Award

AWARDED BY THE EFA TO RECOGNIZE EXTRAORDINARY  
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE IN WOMEN'S LIVES (AND THEIR FAMILIES)  
BY THEIR PRACTICE, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY. THEIR  
ACHIEVEMENTS INSPIRE, ENCOURAGE AND EMBOLDEN  
WOMEN TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR HEALTH.



## **HARRY REICH, MD, FACOG, FRCOG, FACS**

Harry Reich, MD, FACOG, FRCOG, FACS, is a pioneer in the field of laparoscopic surgery having performed many firsts, including the first laparoscopic hysterectomy, the first pelvic lymphadenectomy for cancer, and the first excision of cul-de-sac endometriosis that included rectal resection. A graduate of Lehigh University and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dr. Reich was Director of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center until 2000. Consistently listed among the Best Doctors in America, Dr. Reich has operated in more than 60 countries, introducing advanced laparoscopic surgery to many of them including Russia, Australia and Argentina.

In 1991, Dr. Reich received the first Excel Award for his extraordinary contributions by the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) and in 1997, he became the first non-European given honorary membership in the European Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy. Dr. Reich is an Honorary Professor in Russia and Romania, and was appointed a Fellow (ad eundem) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 2012 for his pioneering work in the field of endoscopy. He has been the chairperson of the advanced laparoscopic course in Moscow, Russia for the past 20 years, and is the co-author of several textbooks including the TEXTBOOK OF LAPAROSCOPY, 2nd and 3rd Editions (1994 and 1998), PRINCIPLES OF LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY: BASIC AND ADVANCED TECHNIQUES (1995), and LAPAROSCOPIC HYSTERECTOMY (1993). He has served as president of the SLS (1994) and of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy. Though retired, Dr. Reich remains actively involved in many medical organizations, and serves as a reviewer for multiple gynecologic scientific journals.

## HONOREES



## **LINDA C. GIUDICE, MD, PhD, MSc**

Linda C. Giudice, MD, PhD, MSc is Distinguished Professor and Chair, The Robert B. Jaffe, MD Endowed Professor in the Reproductive Sciences Department at the University of California, San Francisco. She earned her PhD in biochemistry at UCLA and completed her postdoctoral fellowship at Rockefeller University, working under Nobel Laureate, Gunter Blobel. Dr. Giudice earned her medical degree at Stanford University and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Stanford and Washington University in St. Louis as well as a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Stanford. An esteemed biochemist, gynecologist, and reproductive endocrinologist, Dr. Giudice's research focuses on environmental impacts on reproductive health, steroid hormone signaling in human endometrium, endometrial-placental interactions, endometrium as a mucosal tissue, and translational applications of human embryonic and endometrial stem cells. Her clinical interests are endometriosis, infertility, assisted reproduction, and implantation and ovulatory disorders. She is an immediate past-president of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, president-elect of the World Endometriosis Society, vice-president of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation, and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.



## **LISELOTTE METTLER, MD, PhD**

Liselotte Mettler, MD, PhD is Emeritus Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University Hospitals Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, Germany and Honorary Patron of the Kiel School of Gynecological Endoscopy and Reproductive Medicine, Germany where she teaches 10-12 International training courses annually. She is also a Visiting Professor at the German Medical Center (GMC), Dubai Healthcare City (DHHC), UAE. Professor Dr. Med. Mettler did her medical studies, doctorate, specialist training in Obstetrics – Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine, habilitation, and professorship in Tübingen, Germany, Vienna Austria, and Kiel, Germany. From 1981-2008 she was Deputy Director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Kiel University, Germany. Her main fields of activity are Reproductive Medicine, Gynaecological Endoscopy, Endometriosis, and Gynaecological Endocrinology. Professor Mettler, a recipient of numerous honors, is an active participant in many societies and organizations, and has served as president and general secretary of many societies over the years. She has written over 700 publications, 20 books, and 4 textbooks, including her latest one with the Kiel School of Gynecological Endoscopy published in 2013 entitled PRACTICAL MANUAL OF LAPAROSCOPIC AND HYSTEROSCOPIC SURGERY. Professor Mettler, who has three sons, is the General Secretary of the International Academy of Human Reproduction (IAHR).



TIME	PRESENTATION TITLE	SPEAKER (S)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?		
8.00 – 8.20	Welcome, introduction and EFA update	Tamer Seckin, MD
08.20 - 08.40	My history with endometriosis surgery: four decades of life in and outside of the operating room	Harry Reich, MD
CANCER		
Chair   Dennis Chi, MD		
08.40 - 09.00	Endometriosis and ovarian cancer: is there a connection?	Robert J. Kurman, MD
09.00 - 09.20	Pathophysiology of endometriosis: pain, infertility, and ... unknown outcomes?	Linda C. Giudice, MD, PhD, MSc
09.20 - 09.40	Discussion	PANEL: Chi, Giudice, Gregersen, Kurman
09.40 - 10.00	Coffee Break	
ETHICS		
Chair   Victor Gomel, MD		
10.00 - 10.20	Professional responsibility: An essential dimension in the management of endometriosis	Frank A. Chervenak, MD
10.20 - 10.40	Societal perceptions and ethical imperatives in the decision-making for the treatment of infertility and pain: incomplete procedures, misrepresentation, ethics in IVF issues	David L. Keefe, MD
10.40 - 11.00	Discussion	PANEL: Chervenak, Gomel, Keefe
POLITICS		
Chair   Linda C. Giudice, MD, PhD, MSc		
11.00 - 11.15	Myths and realities of endometriosis today and tomorrow	Liselotte Mettler, MD, PhD
11.15 - 11.30	Bias, prejudice and discrimination against women with endometriosis	Judith Waxman, Esq
11.30 - 11.45	Moving the political agenda forward ethically: how endometriosis was recognised as a prioritised disease in Denmark	Lone Hummelshøj

TIME	PRESENTATION TITLE	SPEAKER (S)
11.45 - 12.00	Discussion	PANEL: Avery, Giudice, Hummelshøj, Waxman
12.00 - 1.00	Lunch Introduction Keynote Address Affordable Care Act and Women’s Health: Controversies and Opportunities	Padma Lakshmi Byllye Y. Avery
CONTROVERSIES IN SURGERY		
Chairs   Harry Reich, MD and Liselotte Mettler, MD, PhD		
1.00 - 1.15	Robotics vs. conventional laparoscopy	Jon I. Einarsson, MD, PhD, MPH
1.15 - 1.30	The role of robotic surgery in deep endometriosis	Arnold Advincula, MD
1.30 - 1.45	Adenomyosis: diagnosis and impact on pain and fertility	António Setúbal, MD
1.45 - 2.00	Discussion	PANEL: Advincula, Einarsson, Mettler, Reich, Setúbal
2.00 - 2.15	Leg stretch / refreshments	
CONTROVERSIES IN RESEARCH		
Chairs   Christine Metz, PhD and William Rodgers, MD, PhD		
2.15 - 2.45	A systems biology approach to non-surgical diagnosis and staging of endometriosis	Linda C. Giudice, MD, PhD, MSc
2.45 - 3.00	Is there a need for a targeted treatment of endometriosis? The macrophage migration inhibitory factor (MIF) as a candidate	Ali Akoum, PhD
3.00 - 3.15	How valuable are animal models for endometriosis and what can they teach us?	Asgi T. Fazleabas MD, PhD
3.15 - 3.30	Tackling complex human diseases: a journey from autoimmunity to endometriosis	Peter K. Gregersen, MD
3.30 - 3.45	Discussion	PANEL: Akoum, Fazleabas, Giudice, Gregersen, Metz, Rodgers
3.45 - 4.00	Wrap-up and close	Tamer Seckin, MD

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10.00 - 10.30	Registration	
10.30 - 10.40	Welcome / Introduction	Tamer Seckin, MD
10.40 - 11.00	Decades of progress in the clinical care of endometriosis	Liselotte Mettler, MD, PhD
11.00 - 11.15	Diagnosing silent endometriosis	Jeffrey Braverman, MD
11.15 - 11.30	Q&A	PANEL: Braverman, Gomel, Mettler
11.30 - 11.40	When is surgery indicated for endometriosis?	Harry Reich, MD
11.40 - 11.50	State of the art surgical procedures for endometriosis	Juan Salgado-Morales, MD
11.50 - 12.00	When is hysterectomy indicated for endometriosis?	António Setúbal, MD
12.00 - 12.15	Q&A	PANEL: Advincula, Reich, Salgado-Morales, Setubal
12.15 - 12.30	Let's work together and break this disease!	Padma Lakshmi
12.30 - 1.45	Working Lunch Breakouts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complementary therapies for endometriosis</li><li>Managing endometriosis-related pain</li><li>Endometriosis and infertility</li></ul>	
1.45 - 2.15	Review of breakouts and discussion	Breakout leaders
2.15 - 2.30	Managing pain in women with endometriosis	Gerard DeGregoris III, MD
2.30 - 3.00	Q&A	PANEL: Brill, DeGregoris, Wilson
3.00 - 3.15	Wrap up	Lone Hummelshøj
3.15 - 4.30	Reception	

FACULTY BIOS

**ARNOLD P. ADVINCULA, MD, FACOG, FACS** has been named vice-chair of women’s health in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia University Medical Center and chief of gynecology at the Sloane Hospital for Women at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia. He joins New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center from Florida Hospital Celebration Health, where he held a number of leadership positions, including medical director of the Center for Specialized Gynecology as well as the Gynecologic Robotic Surgery Program. Dr. Advincula has also served as director of the surgical program at the Nicholson Center for Surgical Advancement and held an academic appointment as clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and is a Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology (COEMIG)-designated physician. Dr. Advincula, the president-elect of the AAGL, serves on the editorial boards of several peer-reviewed journals, and is the author of numerous book chapters and more than 100 publications. He has received a patent for an energy-based surgical device (EBSD) designed to minimize tissue damage in gynecological surgery and also helped develop a uterine manipulator, the Advincula Arch.



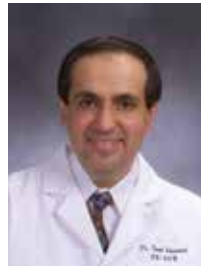
**ALI AKOUM, PHD** is a Full Professor, Faculty of Medicine at Laval University; and National Researcher, Fonds de la recherche en Santé du Québec (FRQ-S). His research targets human reproduction, female infertility, and reproductive immunology with an interest in the pathophysiological processes of gynecological diseases including endometriosis. His early research led to the discovery of Myxalin and subsequent research of the molecule and its medical applications led to French and European patents. At the Faculty of Medicine, he contributed to the creation of a new program of BSc in Biomedical Sciences, which started in 2011. He has been a member of several national and international review committees and is a faculty member of F1000 Prime. He has received numerous research and academic awards, has published 90 papers in peer-reviewed journals, seven book chapters, and over 200 abstracts and communications in the field of human reproduction and gynecology.



**BYLLYE Y. AVERY**, founder of the Black Women’s Health Imperative, has been a health care activist for over 35 years focusing on women’s needs. She is also a co-founder of Raising Women’s Voices for the Health Care We Need. Prior to her entry into the healthcare arena, Avery taught special education to emotionally disturbed students and consulted on learning disabilities in public schools and universities throughout the southeastern United States. A dreamer, visionary and grassroots realist, Avery has combined activism and social responsibility to develop a national forum for the exploration of the health issues of Black women. She continues to gather, document and speak on Black women’s health experiences in America, rallying support for Black women. Avery has been the recipient of many honors and awards including the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for Social Contribution, the Academy of Science Institute of Medicine’s Gustav O. Lienhard Award for the Advancement of Health Care, and the President’s Citation of the American Public Health Association. Additionally, in 2008, she received the Ruth Bader Ginsberg Impact Award from the Chicago Foundation for Women, and in 2013, she was named MA NARAL Champion for Choice. Avery has served on the Charter Advisory Committee for the Office of Research on Women’s Health of the National Institutes of Health. In addition, she has served two years as a visiting fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health. She has received honorary degrees from Thomas Jefferson University, State University of New York at Binghamton, Gettysburg College, Bowdoin College, Bates College and Russell Sage College.







**FRANK A. CHERVENAK, MD** is the Given Foundation Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as Obstetrician and Gynecologist-in-Chief and the Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

He received his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University and served his internship in Internal Medicine at New York Medical College, residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York Medical College in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, and a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. He received his Master in Medical Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University in 2002 and earned fellowship status from the American College of Physician Executives in 2008.

He has published over 260 papers in peer reviewed literature and has co-authored 28 textbooks. He currently serves as President of the International Society of the Fetus as a Patient and is Vice President of the International Academy of Perinatal Medicine. He is Co-Director of the Ian Donald Inter-University School of Medicine and Ultrasound, and on the March of Dimes Bioethics Committee and Prematurity Research Advisory Committee.



**DENNIS S. CHI, MD, FACOG, FACS** has served as a faculty member on the Gynecology Service, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, since 1997. He is the Deputy Chief of the Gynecology Service, Director of the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship (since 2001) and the Pelvic Reconstruction Clinical Research Fellowship. He helped to establish the International Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship program at MSKCC. His experience in population-based and patient-oriented research has led to numerous first-author publications and international presentations that have demonstrated the safe use of advanced minimally invasive surgical techniques in the management of early ovarian cancer, the beneficial effects of the use of extensive surgical procedures for advanced and recurrent gynecologic cancers, and the establishment of clinical guidelines to determine appropriate candidates for second and third operations in cases of recurrent uterine and ovarian cancer. On a national level, over the past 10 years, he has served multiple times as the director or faculty member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology's annual postgraduate courses aimed at instructing gynecologic oncologists throughout the world on the most up-to-date surgical treatments for women with gynecologic malignancies.



**JON I. EINARSSON, MD, PhD, MPH** is the Director of the Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and an Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Harvard Medical School. He earned his MD degree from the University of Iceland School of Medicine and completed his fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Einarsson is internationally recognized in his field and has lectured and operated nationally and internationally and has won several prestigious awards, including the Golden Laparoscope Award in 2011. Dr. Einarsson's referral practice is devoted to advanced laparoscopic surgery with a particular interest in severe endometriosis surgery, and the MIGS Division, which he directs, is very active in several clinical research projects and teaching activities.



**ASGI T. FAZLEABAS, PhD** is Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology and Director of the Center for Women's Health Research and Co-Director of the Reproductive and Developmental Sciences Program at Michigan State University. Dr. Fazleabas received his BS degree from California State University, Fresno, and his PhD in Reproductive Physiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Following his post-doctoral training in Reproductive Biology/Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Florida in Gainesville, he joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he held the rank of Professor and Director of the Center for Women's Health and Reproduction until October 2009.

**LINDA C. GIUDICE, MD, PHD, MSc** is Distinguished Professor and Chair, The Robert B. Jaffe, MD Endowed Professor in the Reproductive Sciences Department at the University of California, San Francisco. She earned her PhD in biochemistry at UCLA and completed her postdoctoral fellowship at Rockefeller University, working under Nobel Laureate, Gunter Blobel. She earned her medical degree at Stanford University and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Stanford and Washington University in St. Louis, and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Stanford. An esteemed biochemist, gynecologist, and reproductive endocrinologist, her research focuses on environmental impacts on reproductive health, steroid hormone signaling in human endometrium, endometrial-placental interactions, endometrium as a mucosal tissue, and translational applications of human embryonic and endometrial stem cells. Her clinical interests are endometriosis, infertility, assisted reproduction, and implantation and ovulatory disorders. She is an immediate past-president of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, president-elect of the World Endometriosis Society, vice-president of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation, and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.



**VICTOR GOMEL, MD** holds the rank of Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine of the University of British Columbia where he served as Chairperson of his Department for fifteen years. Dr. Gomel's special research interests lie in the fields of gynecologic surgery and reproductive medicine. In the field of human reproduction, his work included infertility associated with tubal and peritoneal causes, fertility control, reproductive surgery, operative laparoscopy and in vitro fertilization. His other research interests include reproductive physiology and formation and prevention of peritoneal adhesions. Internationally known for his pioneering work in both microsurgery and operative laparoscopy, Dr. Gomel was responsible for the introduction of laparoscopy in Canada and was the first to demonstrate the efficacy of laparoscopic fertility-promoting procedures and other general gynecologic procedures using laparoscopic surgical access.



**PETER K. GREGERSEN, MD** is Director, Robert S. Boas Center for Genomics & Human Genetics, The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research and Professor, Molecular Medicine at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine. He earned his MD from Columbia University in 1976. During the 1980's, Dr. Gregersen first described the "shared epitope" hypothesis that underlies the complex HLA associations with RA. In the 1990's he founded the North American Rheumatoid Arthritis Consortium (NARAC). This led to the identification of over 100 genetic loci for RA, and Dr. Gregersen has become an international leader in genetic studies of many other human autoimmune disorders. In 2013, he was awarded the Crafoord Prize by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, presented by the King of Sweden. Dr. Gregersen developed an interest in the genetics and biology of endometriosis, and he is now the lead investigator for the Research OutSmarts Endometriosis (ROSE) project, sponsored by the Endometriosis Foundation of America.



**LONE HUMMELSHØJ** is well known as an advocate in the field of endometriosis, in particular for her work in getting the disease recognised in the European Parliament and European Commission, and for being instrumental in the implementation of the first ever national legislation which provides referral guidelines to specialist centres for the treatment of endometriosis in Denmark. Nine years ago she created Endometriosis.org, which is now the largest global online resource for news and information in the field of endometriosis.



She is the Secretary General of the World Endometriosis Society (WES) and Chief Executive of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation (WERF); active in the ESHRE, ASRM, and AAGL Special Interest Groups on Endometriosis; on the faculty of F100 for Medicine; co-author of the first global consensus on the management of endometriosis (published earlier this year), and an author of numerous other papers and chapters on the impact and cost of endometriosis.





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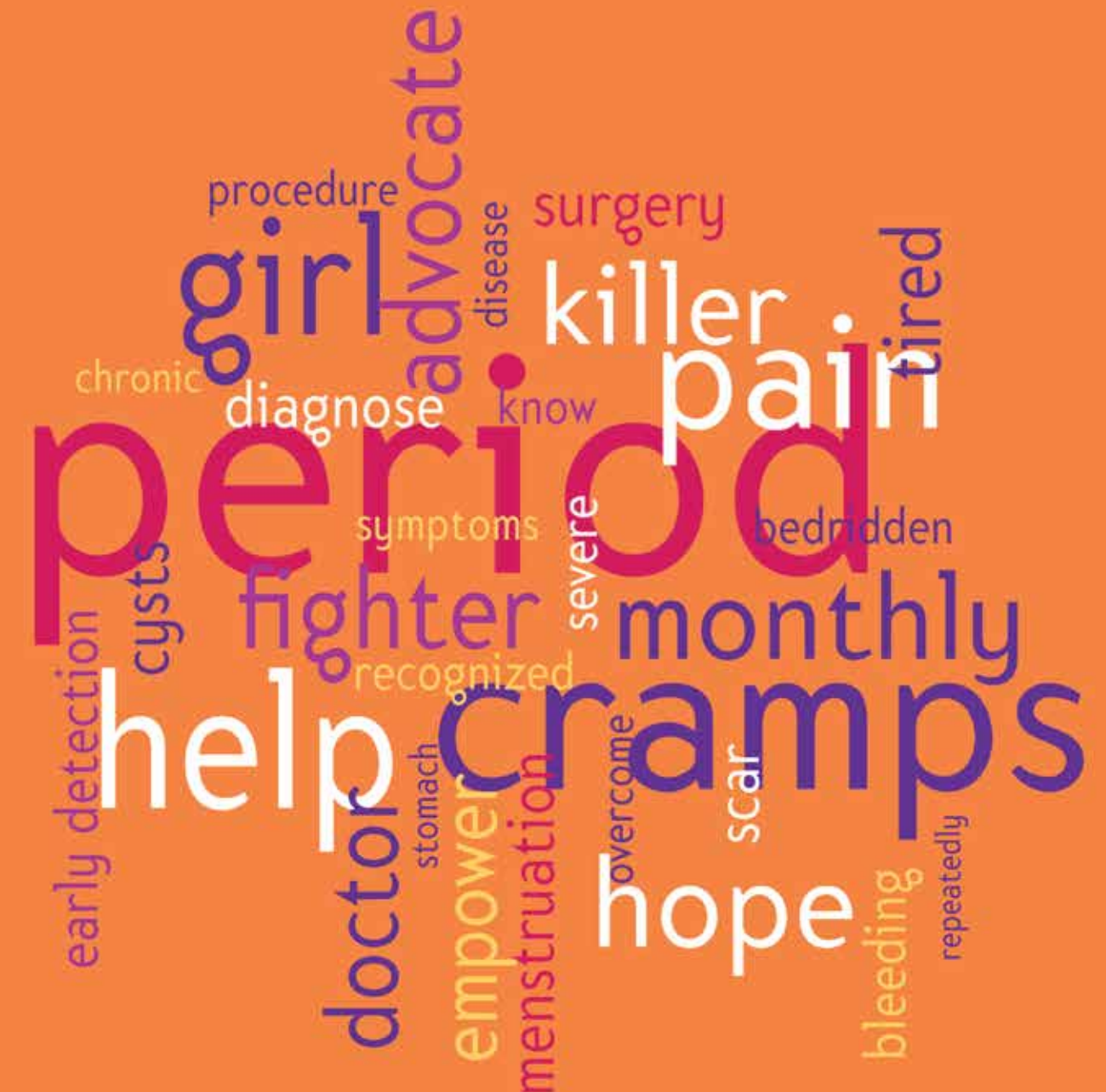
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## EFA 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

THE EFA HAS MADE TRANSFORMATIONAL PROGRESS  
OVER THE PAST YEAR

- ★ **EFA-funded tissue bank, the ROSE Project** (Research OutSmarts Endometriosis), a collaboration between NorthShore/LIJ Feinstein Institute for Medical Research and the EFA's co-founder Tamer Seckin, MD, officially, was launched. This is the first tissue bank in the United States to solely study endometrial tissue. The creation of this specimen bank, with a large variety of samples from well characterized women, both with and without endometriosis, offers an extraordinary opportunity for a deeper understanding of disease pathogenesis and new directions for disease diagnosis and treatments.
- ★ **EFA co-founder Padma Lakshmi appeared before the New York State Congress** to advocate for funding for endometriosis. As a result, the EFA received a significant grant from NYS Department of Health to launch a school-based education and awareness program. Thus far, the program has reached over 10,000 adolescents in schools and community-based programs.
- ★ **EFA is part of the NYS Teen Health Initiative** which recognizes endometriosis as one of the three most critical health issues facing teens, along with substance abuse and obesity. New York State residents are able to "Check the Box" and make a contribution on their 2013 tax return form to help fund school-based education about endometriosis.
- ★ **EFA hosted its Third Annual Nurses Conference** geared to school-based clinicians, who are often the entry point for young women seeking answers about their "Killer Cramps." By providing timely information about endometriosis, dispelling myths and taboos relating to menstruation, and making referrals for specialized treatment, nursing professionals play a vital role in advancing the EFA's mission.
- ★ **EFA secured a Rockefeller Plaza window display** to build awareness and educate the public about endometriosis. In the display donated by EHE International, a recognized leader in preventative medicine, the EFA showcased its "Killer Cramps are NOT Normal" campaign. This signature EFA campaign includes posters and educational materials that are distributed nationally to high schools, colleges, physicians' offices and health clubs.

## WHAT IS ENDOMETRIOSIS?



**KILLER CRAMPS ARE NOT NORMAL**



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