Together We Can Improve Patient Care for Women with Pelvic Floor Disorders

2017 Annual Report
A Year In Review

- **January**
  - AUGS hosts FPMRS Fellows Course: Perspectives on Female Pelvic Surgery with 50 attendees

- **March**
  - The SAFE Exam was administered for the second time to 137 fellows from over 48 programs.
  - AUGS hosts the Comprehensive Review Course in FPMRS and the Urogyn Practice Management Course in San Antonio, Texas

- **April**
  - AUGS launches new websites for AUGS, the PFD Research Foundation, PFD Week and Voices for PFD
  - AUGS releases, in partnership with American College of Gynecology, committee opinions on Asymptomatic Microscopic Hematuria in Women and Management of Mesh Complications in Gynecologic Surgery and a practice bulletin on Pelvic Organ Prolapse

- **May**
  - AUGS releases a consensus statement on the Association of Anticholinergic Medication Use and Cognition in Women with Overactive Bladder

- **June**
  - AUGS hosts 24 fellows for the FPMRS Fellows Hands-on Robotic Sacrocolpopexy Course
A Year In Review continued

August
- AUGS announces two new educational events to be held in 2018: Urogyn Update and Urogynecology for the Advanced Practice Provider

September
- AUGS releases a best practice statement on Evaluation and Counseling of Patients with Pelvic Organ Prolapse

October
- PFD Week 2017, AUGS’ 38th Annual Meeting, attendance of 1,050 individuals in Providence, Rhode Island
- AUGS added an additional six fact sheets, totaling 18 of 24 patient fact sheets

November
- AUGS Board decided after discussion with members, to retire the J. Marion Sims Lecture
- AUGS members at 26 institutions host Bladder Health Month patient events in their communities
Awards & Honors

Jack Robertson Lifetime Achievement Award
AUGS’ most prestigious award is presented periodically to an individual who has had a lifetime of outstanding achievements in the field of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery and has served as a role model through service, basic or clinical research, and teaching.

Linda Brubaker, MD, MS, FACOG is recognized for her unparalleled contributions to the field of FPMRS. Her research pedigree includes work establishing the Pelvic Floors Disorders Network (PFDN). She is a tireless advocate for the field of FPMRS, as well as women experiencing pelvic floor disorders. Dr. Brubaker is a past president of AUGS and is currently serving as the Editor of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery.

J. Marion Sims Lecture
The J. Marion Sims Lecture was presented annually at PFD Week to recognize an individual that represents pioneering surgical innovation within women’s healthcare. The J. Marion Sims Lecture was retired on November 11, 2017.

The Vesico-Vaginal Fistula: Historical Understanding, Medical Ethics and Modern Sensibilities lecture was presented by L. Lewis Wall, MD, DPhil. This lecture addressed the contributions to the fistula surgery made by Dr. Sims in the 19th Century and the controversies that have arisen concerning his operations in the last several decades.

L. Lewis Wall, MD, DPhil received his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed his residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Wall did sub-specialty fellowship training in female urology and urodynamics at the University of London (St. George’s Hospital) and St. Mary’s Hospital for Women and Children in Manchester, England. Dr. Wall has a longstanding interest in the health problems of women in Africa. He founded the Worldwide Fistula Fund in 1995, a not-for-profit public charity dedicated to providing care for women who have developed obstetric fistulas from prolonged obstructed labor.

Raymond A. Lee Lecture
The Raymond A. Lee Endowment is a named lectureship created by AUGS to honor one person annually who contributes to the development and surgical advancement of urogynecology and further advances the knowledge and teaching of gynecologic surgery through ongoing AUGS educational programs.

Marie Fidela Rustia Paraiso, MD is Professor of Surgery at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Section Head of Urogynecology at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH. She was Section Head for Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at the University of Missouri, Kansas City prior to returning to Cleveland Clinic in 1998, where she currently works. She has completed three executive courses in leadership: Leadership in Healthcare, Leadership in Surgery, and Fast Track Leadership.

Nationally, Dr. Paraiso served twice on the Board of Directors for the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) 2000-2003 and 2007-2010, and on the Board Trustees for the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists from 2012-2014. She is currently Secretary Treasurer of AAGL and will serve as President in 2019. Dr. Paraiso has lectured throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Central and South America, and Australia. She has published over 135 manuscripts, 20 book chapters, and a 2014 textbook for Office Gynecology.

Robin Haff Research Award
This award is presented annually to an individual in recognition of outstanding and sustained contribution to female pelvic floor disorders research. The Robin Haff Research Award recognizes the important role that clinical research nurses and research coordinators play in the process. Without dedicated and committed staff, high quality research would not be possible.

Anne Meers, BS, RN, CCRC is recognized for her talents, research skills, and passion. She has been involved in research in women’s health for 20 years, her interest in pelvic floor disorders piqued when she realized the many unanswered questions existed in the research. She is both a leader within Brown University and externally, where she served as the Chair for the NICHD Pelvic Floor Disorders Network Research Coordinator Committee.
2017 Resident Scholar Awards

This program funds third-year residents who have demonstrated an interest in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery to attend PFD Week and experience the current research initiatives going on within the field. Each scholar receives a $1,000 award to cover travel, hotel accommodations, and meeting registration.

Kelly Benabou, MD
Brown University/Women and Infants Hospital

Megan Sloan Cramer, MD
Christiana Care Health System

Allison Price Kellogg, MD
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Kelly Bree, MD
University of California San Diego

Halley Crissman, MD, MPH
University of Michigan

Michele O’Shea, MD, MPH
Northwestern University

Lindsey Burnett, PhD, MD
University of California San Diego

Kelsey Dressen, MD
UPMC Graduate Medical Education

Lauren Westbay, MD
Loyola University Medical Center
In 2017, AUGS added an additional six fact sheets, totaling 18 in the series created by the Public Education Committee to help patients better understand their diagnoses and treatment options. Twelve large-print fact sheets were also made available. The fact sheets are available for download by providers on AUGS.org and by patients on VoicesforPFD.org.

Currently available topics:

- Accidental Bowel Leakage
- Constipation
- Cystoscopy
- Intermittent Self Catheterization
- Interstitial Cystitis & Painful Bladder Syndrome
- Mid-Urethral Sling for Stress Incontinence
- Overactive Bladder
- Pelvic Floor Muscle Exercises and Bladder Training
- Pelvic Organ Prolapse
- Sacrocolpopexy
- Stress Urinary Incontinence
- Third and Fourth Degree Perineal Tears
- UTI
- Urodynamic Testing
- Vaginal Estrogen Therapy
- Vaginal Hysterectomy with Anterior/Posterior Vaginal Repair
- Vaginal Pressaries
- Vaginal Suspension Surgery
AUGS’ Growing Membership

AUGS membership has increased **70%+** between 2008 and 2017.

2017: 2,062

2016: 1,983

2014: 1,856

2012: 1,565

2010: 1,409

2008: 1,146

Resident 340

Affiliate 139

Fellow 210

Life 90

International 37

Corporate 9

Medical Student 18

Physician 1,219

(In 2017, medical students and residents were offered complimentary membership)
2017
Financial Review

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For Fiscal Year 2017; July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Statement of Financial Position

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Note: These are unaudited numbers.
AUGS Strategic Goals for 2018

AUGS promotes the highest quality patient care through excellence in education, research, and advocacy.

**Education**
Establish AUGS as the home for the highest quality scientific and clinical knowledge in FPMRS education.

**Research**
Promote basic and clinical research for the prevention and treatment of PFDs.

**Clinical Practice**
Provide members with resources, tools, and skills to enhance practice and provide quality patient care.

**Quality**
Define the standard of care in FPMRS and provide tools and resources for urogynecologists to track and measure their outcomes to improve patient care.