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APGO Surgical Scholars Program Module 1: Hysteroscopy

Program to be held September 9-10, 2011

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 4, 2011

(Please submit electronically to apgoadmin@apgo.org, no later than midnight)

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OVERVIEW

The APGO Surgical Scholars Program is an initiative of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO), funded by generous grants from Ethicon Women's Health & Urology and Conceptus, Incorporated.

The program's purpose is to refine the teaching skills of ob-gyn physician faculty to enable them to effectively teach and evaluate learners in hysteroscopic surgery. This innovative two-day course will present state-of-the-art teaching strategies and evaluative tools, and will provide the scholars with a comprehensive curriculum that can be implemented at their home institutions.

BRIEF BACKGROUND

Consistent with APGO's mission to enhance education in our field of medicine, this program provides a mechanism, on a national level, to draw on the success of other similar programs.

PROGRAM MISSION

The program's mission is to develop surgical educators who not only teach, but also perform educational research and publish results in the area of surgical skills and simulation. We will provide motivated physician faculty with the teaching tools to promote excellence in hysteroscopic surgery.

SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE

The successful applicant should already be performing hysteroscopy and have responsibility for teaching the procedure to others at his/her institution. At the conclusion of the initial phase of the program, participants will be provided with teaching materials suitable for use at their home institutions. Participants will then be expected to apply the principles learned in the program at their respective institution, prior to the anticipated graduation and follow up session at the March 2012 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting.

FACULTY

The faculty consists of internationally recognized medical educators in hysteroscopy and medical education.

CURRICULUM

The program is designed to be vigorous, stimulating and interactive. It will consist of didactic, hands-on experience and role-play scenarios.

CURRICULUM-continued

The curriculum will consist of the following components:

- implementation of formal instruction in hysteroscopy
- teaching of technical skills
- curriculum development
- adult learning theory
- assessing performance
- providing feedback
- multi-institutional research projects

PROGRAM DATES

The class will be held Friday-Saturday, September 9-10, 2011 beginning at 7:00am each day. **Participants will need to arrive in Mountain View, CA on Thursday, September 8th.**

PHYSICIAN SELECTION

Twenty physicians will be accepted into this program, and will be selected on a competitive basis.

LOCATION/TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The program will be held at the Conceptus, Inc. Headquarters, 331 East Evelyn Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94041, and phone: (650) 962-4000. APGO will provide transportation between the hotel and the training facility each day.

Reservation and payment for airfare, ground transfer from airport to hotel and back, and hotel reservations will be the responsibility of each physician-student.

Hotel: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, CA for the nights of September 8 and 9.

Airline Travel: Recommended airline travel is through the San Jose, CA airport, which is approximately 10 minutes from the hotel.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

Requirements for successful completion and time considerations for the physician-student will consist of:

- successful completion of the two-day course
- completion of the post-course evaluation (electronically)
- report protocol selection to APGO office (electronically)
- implementation of one or more protocols at your home institution
- completion of a written status update (final report) form four months post course to APGO office (electronically)
- attendance at the 2012 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting March 7 – 10 at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek to participate in both a breakout session and the graduation luncheon

Failure to participate fully in the program requirements, including submission of a final report and attendance at the 2012 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting, will result in the participant not graduating.

Program graduates will be recognized as hysteroscopic teaching scholars, with the opportunity to network with other educators involved in surgical skills education and become involved in scholarly activity in the area of surgical education.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost of the training program is \$1,000, to be paid in advance, upon confirmation of acceptance into the program. In addition, the physician-student's department will be expected to provide travel and hotel expenses for both the training in Mountain View, CA and the 2012 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, as well as the annual meeting registration fee. All travel arrangements are to be made by the physician-student.

2011-2012 MEETING DATES

September 8, 2011	Travel/arrival day for Hysteroscopy Course
September 9-10, 2011	Hysteroscopy Course at the Conceptus, Inc Headquarters in Mountain View, CA
September 30, 2011	Program Evaluations Due (electronically)
October 27, 2011	Protocol Selection Due (electronically to APGO Office)
January 18, 2012	Project Status Update (final written report) due (electronically to APGO Office)
March 7 – 10, 2012	CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek The date/times for the 2012 scholars' breakout session will be announced at the September course

APPLICATION PROCESS

All candidates must hold membership in APGO by May 4, 2011, and have a strong interest in, and evidence of, participation in surgical and educational activities.

The candidate will submit:

- completed application form
- current curriculum vitae
- one-page biographical sketch
- statement from department administration/chair indicating their support of the applicant's participation in the program

The program is limited to 20 participants. *Please note that if more than one person applies from the same institution, only one person will be selected. In the event that there is a shortage of applicants, than APGO reserves the right to make an exception and allow two applicants from the same institution to participate.*

All applications must be complete when submitted electronically to apgoadmin@apgo.org by May 4, 2011. Facsimiles will not be accepted.