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**APGO Surgical Scholars Program
Module 1: Hysteroscopy**

Program to be held September 11-12, 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2009

(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-and-a-half-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 by providing 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 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 at the March 2010 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting.

FACULTY

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

CURRICULUM

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

PROGRAM DATES/PHYSICIAN SELECTION

The class will be held Friday-Saturday, September 11-12, 2009. **Participants will need to arrive in California on Thursday, September 10, 2009.** Twenty physicians will be accepted into this program, and will be selected on a competitive basis.

LOCATION

The program will be held at the Conceptus, Inc., Training Facility, Mountain View, California. A block of hotel rooms will be reserved and transportation will be provided to and from the hotel and the training facility. Airline travel is through the San Jose, airport, or the San Francisco, airport, which is approximately 30 minutes or 90 minutes respectively, from the hotel. Travel arrangements are to be made by the physician-student.

FORMAT

The program is designed to be vigorous, stimulating and interactive.

Time considerations for the physician-student will consist of successful completion of the two and one-half-day course, implementation of the curriculum at their home institution and a form of assessment. A final report, to include written feedback from residents and physician-students, will be due in the APGO office no later than January 15, 2010.

Physician-students will also be required to attend the 2010 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting in March to participate in both a breakout session and the graduation ceremony.

Failure to participate fully in the program requirements, including submission of a final report and attendance at the 2010 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting, will result in the participant not graduating.

Program graduates will be recognized as hysteroscopic teaching scholars, with the opportunity to participate in the long-term development of hysteroscopic educational programs.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost of the training program is \$950, 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 and the 2010 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, as well as the annual meeting registration fee. All travel arrangements are to be made by the physician-student.

2009-2010 MEETING DATES

The program will be held September 11-12, 2009, at the Conceptus, Inc., Training Facility, 331 East Evelyn Avenue, Mountain View, CA, 94041. Hotel accommodations and transportation will be provided from the hotel to the training facility. The 2010 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting will be held March 3-6, 2010, at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek. The scholars' breakout session and graduation will be scheduled during the March meeting.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All candidates must hold membership in APGO by May 1, 2009, 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, it is assumed that, should both of these individuals be selected, they will both be able to participate.*

**All applications must be complete when submitted electronically to apgoadmin@apgo.org.
Facsimiles will not be accepted.**



APPLICATION FORM 2009
APGO/Ethicon Surgical Scholars Program
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(Please return application electronically, no later than midnight, May 1, 2009)

PLEASE TYPE/PRINT

Full Name: _____

I have been an APGO member since _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Current academic rank and institution:

Major educational responsibilities: _____

Please indicate your year of residency
graduation: _____

Please indicate your year of fellowship graduation (if any): _____

If applicable, please indicate your area of fellowship training (circle one):

Endoscopy/REI/Gyn Oncology/Family Planning/Urogyn

How many office hysteroscopies have you performed within the past year? _____

How many operative hysteroscopies have you performed within the past year? _____

How many diagnostic hysteroscopies have you performed within the past year? _____

Which brand of resectoscope is used (Storz/Wolf/Olympus/Gynecare [bipolar]/other)?

Is your practice based in a community or university setting? _____

Who is the chair? _____

Who is the residency director? _____

Do you have a formal role in teaching surgical skills to residents, e.g. assistant program director, director of surgical skills? _____ If so, please explain your role _____

Please indicate the average number of residents per year: _____

During what level of training and for how long do residents spend operating with you (e.g. PGY-3 x 5 weeks)? _____

I have enclosed the following:

- _____ Completed application form
- _____ Current curriculum vitae
- _____ One-page biographical sketch
- _____ Letter of support from administration/chair

Note: Do not send tuition fee at this time. All applications must be complete when submitted. Applications must be submitted, electronically, to apgoadmin@apgo.org. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Application deadline: May 1, 2009.

Questions? Please call the APGO office at (410) 451-9560.