

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 2010 SUFU Course in Female Urology and Voiding Dysfunction Resident Preceptorship Program to be held at the Fairmont Hotel in **Chicago, IL, August 27-29, 2010**. This outstanding course has been in development for several years will feature prominent faculty from a variety of academic institutions including UCLA, NYU, and the Cleveland Clinic.

This is an entirely NEW program fully created and sponsored by SUFU and quite distinct from AUA-sponsored and non-AUA sponsored Female Urology courses in the past. It was borne out of a SUFU initiative dedicated to resident education and the advancement of the field of Female Pelvic Medicine and Voiding Dysfunction. ***This unique program is NOT related to any other resident preceptorship program from this year or previous years as this program has been created and fully supported by SUFU.***

This course is designed especially for, and limited to current residents in ACGME approved Urology residency programs. Specifically, we would like to invite your current second and third year Urology residents (PGY2/PGY3 or U-2/U-3) to attend this course. The agenda will consist of topic-oriented lectures (anatomy, pathophysiology of pelvic floor disorders, surgical management of pelvic floor disorders, etc.), surgical videos and breakout sessions. Highlights will include cadaveric demonstrations as well as exposure to urodynamics laboratory testing and interpretation. This is a truly unique educational opportunity for your residents to be exposed to the full breadth of Female Urology and Voiding Dysfunction. Notably, the material presented in the course will be based on the AUA core curriculum as prepared by members of SUFU in the last year. A preliminary agenda is attached.

The course will be able to accommodate up to 75 residents. Hotel, meals and meeting registration will be covered. Your resident is only responsible for expenses related to travel.

There will be ample opportunity for the residents to network with faculty to become acquainted with a leading expert in Female Urology, and develop a mentoring relationship that can facilitate the resident's future aspirations in post-graduate training.

A **key component** of this initiative will be to select attendees from this course to participate in the future in the **Rodney A. Appell MD Travelling Preceptorship Program in Female Urology and Voiding Dysfunction**. The target participant for these unique preceptorships will be residents from ACGME approved Urology Residency Programs who currently lack a dedicated attending in the field of Female Urology and Voiding Dysfunction. For this traveling preceptorship program, 5-10 residents yearly will be chosen by a committee to travel to the institutions of senior SUFU members and spend one week with a faculty mentor in a one-on-one atmosphere. It is hoped that such exposure will provide opportunities for fellowship training for those residents unlikely to have exposure to adequate guidance and / or mentorship due to a lack of a female urologist in their training programs.

Further information including registration materials for **2010 SUFU Course in Female Urology and Voiding Dysfunction** in Chicago, IL August 27-29, 2010 will be forthcoming in the next several weeks. In the meantime, general questions can be directed to Debbie Roller at WJ Weiser and Associates (Debbie@wjweiser.com).

Sincerely,

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