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## Surgical Dissection via Laparoscopy on Unembalmed Female Cadavers

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**Course Description** This course offers a unique opportunity to the practicing gynecologist to learn the skills of the advanced laparoscopic surgeon. Surgical principles of this advanced surgery will be taught as it relates to pelvic anatomy. This course will feature a low faculty to student ratio (3:1) so that the participant has extensive close contact with the faculty. An introductory lecture and video on anatomy will be presented. This will be followed by hands on laboratory exercises using inanimate and cadaver models. Participants will perform pelvic dissections, ureteral dissections, hysterectomy, oophorectomy, and Burch procedures in the cadaver model. The course will be limited to 12 participants.

### Course Outline

- Introduction & Overview
- Inanimate Training Laboratory
- Anatomy of the Female Pelvis Lecture & Video
- Laparoscopic Dissection Hands-On Workshop
  - Introduction to Cadaver Lab
  - Insertion of Trocars
  - Review Surface Anatomy
  - Pelvic Sidewall Dissection - Ureter
  - Pelvic Sidewall Dissection - Vessels
- Lunch
- Laparoscopic Surgery Hands-On Workshop
  - Oophorectomy
  - Hysterectomy
  - Ligation of Uterine Vessels
  - Burch Procedure
  - Presacral Neurectomy



*This course is available for approximately a maximum of 8 CME credit hours.*