Pelvic Surgeons, Physicians Recognized

The AUGS Foundation Board of Directors are pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 AUGS Foundation Grants Program. The AUGS Foundation Grants Program was created in 2006 to advance research in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, a field that provides consultation and comprehensive management to women with complex pelvic conditions, lower urinary tract disorders and pelvic floor dysfunction.

The AUGS Foundation, together with the June Allyson Foundation, has awarded $1.1 million in grants to AUGS members since 1998. In 2010, The AUGS Foundation received 30 proposals and funded 12 grants totaling $192,000. The grants that received funding this year include:

- Cara Grimes, MD; University of California; Measures of Posterior Vaginal Compartment Prolapse and Defecatory Dysfunction: Which Is Best to Assess Impact of Treatment?
- Nazema Siddiqui, MD; Duke University Medical Center; Health Seeking Behaviors in Racially-Diverse Women with Urinary Incontinence; Support provided through an education grant from Astellas.
- Philip Smith, MD; University of Connecticut Health Center; Mechanotransduction and Bladder Sensations: A Pilot Methodology Study
- Mitchell Berger, MD; University of Michigan; Urinary Biomarkers of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms in Women with Cystoceles; Support provided through an education grant from American Medical Systems.
- Laura Skoczylas, MD; Magee-Womens Hospital; Impact of Vaginal Estrogen in the Treatment of Symptomatic Mild Pelvic Organ Prolapse with Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy
- Stephanie Jacobs, MD; University of California, Irvine; Curved vs. Straight Stylet in InterStim Lead Wire Placement: Is There a Difference in Amplitude Requirement and Efficacy?; Support provided through an educational grant from Medtronic Corporation
- Peter Jeppson, MD; Women and Infants' Hospital; A Patient-based Educational Video for Sacral Nerve Stimulation; Support provided through an educational grant from Medtronic Corporation
- Courtney Lee, MD; Cleveland Clinic; Radiation Exposure to the Patient and Staff During Sacral Nerve Stimulation with the InterStim Device; Support provided through an educational grant from Medtronic Corporation
- Pamela Levin, MD; Duke University; Psychosocial Factors Related to the Use of Sacral Neuromodulation Therapy for the Treatment of Overactive Bladder; Support provided through an educational grant from Medtronic Corporation
- Mona McCollough, MD; University of South Florida; Creation of a Novel Technique for Ultrasound-guided Interstim Lead Placement; Support

provided through an educational grant from Medtronic Corporation
- Salim Wehbe, MD; Drexel University College Medicine; Clinical Efficacy of Changing the InterStim Parameters in Patients with Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome; Support provided through an educational grant from Medtronic Corporation
- Dena White, MD; OUHSC; Vaginal Electrical Stimulation vs. Sacral Neuromodulation for the Treatment of Refractory Overactive Bladder: A Pilot Study

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