Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery Selected for Indexing in MEDLINE

Philadelphia, Pa. (April 23, 2012) - The American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) are pleased to announce that Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS), the official journal of the AUGS, has been selected for indexing in MEDLINE, the U.S. National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) premier bibliographic database. LWW, part of Wolters Kluwer Health, is the publisher Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery.

“Being indexed in MEDLINE is an important landmark for our journal and for our emerging subspecialty,” comments Alfred E. Bent, M.D., of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dr. Bent is Editor-in-Chief of FPMRS. “This recognition reflects the high quality of our content and the journal’s relevance to the needs of physicians who focus on this area of medicine. Most importantly, MEDLINE indexing will enhance the ability of all professionals to find evidence-based data to improve the care of women with pelvic floor disorders.”

Indexing Supports FPMRS’s Role as Leading Resource on Female Pelvic Floor Disorders

FPMRS is now one of more than 5,600 journals indexed for MEDLINE, and one of the only journals devoted to the newly recognized subspecialty of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. Each issue of FPMRS (www.fpmrs.net) will be fully indexed, including NLM’s controlled vocabulary, the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®).

MEDLINE is the leading tool for online searching of the health sciences literature in the United States and worldwide. Journals are selected for indexing in MEDLINE after careful review by the NLM’s Literature Selection Technical Review Committee, based on issues such as the journal’s scope and coverage and the quality of its scientific content and editorial work. Of the hundreds of journals considered each year, only 20 to 25 percent are accepted for indexing.

At the start of its third year, FPMRS has rapidly become an essential resource for all physicians and surgeons involved in the treatment of female pelvic floor disorders. Last year, the American Board of Medical Specialties formally recognized Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery as a new medical subspecialty. Formal training programs have been established, and the first board-certifying examinations will be held in 2013.

Informally known as the “Gold Journal,” FPMRS became the official journal of the AUGS in 2010. Reflecting the specialized focus of AUGS members, physicians and surgeons involved in the treatment of female pelvic floor disorders, FPMRS aims to become the world’s leading source of peer-reviewed research on the diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment, and basic science related to disorders of the urinary tract, pelvic floor support, and colorectal function.

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About AUGS

The American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS), founded in 1979, is a physician-based organization dedicated to research, education and sharing of best practices in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery that results in improved care for women.
About Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery

Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, the official journal of the AUGS, is a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal dedicated to specialists, physicians and allied health professionals concerned with prevention, diagnosis and treatment of female pelvic floor disorders. The journal publishes original clinical research, basic science research, education, scientific advances, case reports, scientific reviews, editorials and letters to the editor.

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