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Curriculum Vitae for Faculty Members

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Clinical Associate Professor
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POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

University or Institution	Degree	Subject Area	Dates
University of Saskatchewan, Regina, SK, Canada		Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery	July 2011 – June 2012
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	F.R.C.S.C.	Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency	2005 – 2009
University of Saskatchewan, Regina, SK, Canada		Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency	July 2004 – July 2005
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada Depart. Obstetrics & Gynecology (Saint Paul's Hospital)		Clinical Trainee	2003 – 2004
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran		Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency	1993 – 1997
Ghazvin University of Medical Sciences, Ghazvin, Iran	M.D.		1985 – 1992

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Special Professional Qualifications

UBC Fred Bryans Leadership Training Program	2019
UBC Academic Leadership Development Program (ALDP)	2018 – 2019
Physician Leadership Program , Executive Education, UBC Sauder School of Business	2018
Certified Proctor , Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)	2013
Fellow , the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (F.R.C.S.C.)	2009
Canadian Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology	2009
Member , Medical Council of Canada	2007
Passed, United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)	2000
Member , Iranian Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology	1997

Biosketch

Dr. Fariba Mohtashami is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, where she is Head, Division of General Gynecology and Obstetrics. Dr. Mohtashami completed her medical degree, specialist training and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1997 in Tehran before immigrating to Canada in 2002. In Vancouver she was a clinical trainee/teaching fellow at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Paul's hospital for 1.5 years. At the University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, she gained her Canadian credentials after a 5-year residency, which she completed in 2009. At the completion of OB/GYN residency she received the "Laparoscopy Award", presented to the Chief Resident exhibiting the best proficiency in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. She next completed a formal Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery with Dr. John Thiel, Regina in 2012. She was recently appointed as a Gynecologist at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Dr. Mohtashami holds a strong interest in gynecologic surgery and pelvic floor reconstruction with a personal Technicity Index of 97%. She is one of few gynecologic surgeons in British Columbia who performs advanced pelvic floor reconstruction surgeries such as mesh sacrocolpopexy and hysterocolpopexy through laparoscopy. Her other areas of interests are uterine fibroids and endometriosis.

Dr. Fariba Mohtashami is a Fundamental of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) Certified Proctor by the Society of the American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES). She is passionate about surgical education with emphasis on the FLS concepts including anatomy, dissection, electrosurgery and suturing. She is actively involved in teaching gynecology residents at UBC through biannual pig labs, academic half-days, and mentorship for OR electives that is now one of the most sought after surgical electives in the program. She is a highly qualified preceptor for her colleagues in the Providence Health Care, Fraser Health, and Vancouver Coastal Health Authorities who are advancing their skills in complex laparoscopic surgery. Her passion for surgical education has been recognized by several awards including: in 2019 by the **Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Community Practice Teaching**, UBC, Faculty of Medicine; by the **Dr. Mike Turko Surgical Teaching Award** for outstanding surgical teaching in the UBC Residency Program; in 2016 by the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG) **Carl Nimrod Award for Surgical Mentorship**; and also in 2016 by the APOG **Best Preceptor Award** at the Annual APOG Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop.

She is regular Chair-Person, Invited Speaker and Invited Faculty at a variety of National and International Conferences organized by the American Association of Laparoscopic Gynecologists (AAGL); and in Canada by APOG and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) and Canadian Society for the Advancement of Gynecologic Excellence (CanSAGE). She chairs post-graduate courses and workshops both Internationally and Nationally on Advanced Cadaveric Anatomy courses, live animal labs, and laparoscopic suturing, and was invited to perform live surgeries (3) at the 2018 Cape Town O&G Update Conference. She is Invited Faculty in the European Union by the Dutch Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and is a member of the 2019 Scientific Program Committee of AAGL Global Congress in Vancouver.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Awards for Teaching

2019 Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Community Practice Teaching October 2019
Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Dr. Mike Turko Surgical Teaching Award
For *outstanding surgical teaching in the Residency Program*
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC, Vancouver, BC, Canada. May 2018

2016 APOG Carl Nimrod Award for Excellence in Education
Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG)
45th Annual Meeting of Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada
Toronto, ON, Canada. December 2016

Best Preceptor Award
Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG)
Annual APOG Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, Markham, ON, Canada December 2015

Awards for Scholarship

Laparoscopy Award
Presented to the Chief Resident Exhibiting the Best Proficiency in Minimally Invasive Surgery
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC, Vancouver, BC, Canada. June 2009

Dr. Charles Carpenter Award for an Outstanding Presentation
"Construct Validity of SurgicalSim"
Annual Academic Day, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC, Vancouver, BC, Canada. March 2008

Stump the Professor Award
"The Best Annual Gynecologic Case"
61st AGM Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC), Calgary, AB, Canada. June 2005

Awards for Scholarship by Students and Residents Supervised

Justin Mui (PGY 4), **Awarded 2nd place for the video Laparoscopic Subtotal Hysterectomy for a Large Cervical Fibroid**, 2nd Annual Conference of Canadian Society for the Advancement of Gynecologic Excellence, Montreal, QC, Canada. September 2017

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Authorship Statement

Myself – conceived and performed the majority of the experiments and analyses in the manuscript, wrote and submitted the manuscript, was corresponding author for the paper.

* – Senior Author – typically conceived the experimental idea.

My Supervisor in training – edited and approved the manuscript.

Underlined – trainees under my direct supervision.

Contributing Authors – typically helped with experimental design, completed some experiments, edited the draft manuscript.

Justin Mui, Lila Gottenbos, Christine Liu, Samar Hejazi, and **Fariba Mohtashami*** (2019). Increasing the Technicity Index to 92% in a Community Hospital: A Five-Year Retrospective Review.

Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology Canada 41 (12), 1709 – 1716.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jogc.2019.02.003>.

Fariba Mohtashami, Allison Thiele, Erwin Karreman, and *John A. Thiel** (2014). Comparing Technical Dexterity of Sleep-Deprived Versus Intoxicated Surgeons. **Journal of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons** 18 (4), e2014.00142 1 – 7.

Fariba Mohtashami* and Huse Kamencic (2013). Enigmatic Pregnancy. **Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada** 35 (1).

Fariba Mohtashami*, Peter von Dadelszen, and *Catherine Allaire* (2011). A Surgical Virtual Reality Simulator Distinguishes Between Expert Gynecologic Laparoscopic Surgeons and Perinatologists. **Journal of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons** 5, 365 – 372.

ABSTRACTS

(Trainee; *, Oral presenter; *SENIOR* / communicating author).

Justin Muj, Lila Gottenbos, Christine Liu, Samar Hejazi, and **Fariba Mohtashami*** (2018). Increasing the Technicity Index to 92% in a Community Hospital: A Five-Year Retrospective Review. **47th AAGL Global Congress, Program and Abstracts.**

Justin Muj, Lila Gottenbos, Christine Liu, Samar Hejazi, and **Fariba Mohtashami*** (2018). Increasing the Technicity Index to 92% in a Community Hospital: A Five-Year Retrospective Review. **1st CanSAGE Conference, Program and Abstracts.**

Mohtashami, F*, Thiele, A., Karreman, E., and *Thiel, J.A.* (2015). Comparing Technical Dexterity of Sleep Deprived Versus Drunk Surgeons. **71st AGM SOGC Program and Abstracts.**

Mohtashami, F.*, Thiele, A., Karreman, E., and *Thiel, J.A.* (2013). Drunk Surgeons: Does Sleep Deprivation Affect Simulated Laparoscopic Performance of Gynaecologic Surgeons Similar to Alcohol Intoxication? **42nd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology Program and Abstracts.**

Thiel, J.A., **Mohtashami, F.**, and Briggs, M*. (2012). Evaluation of Previously Failed Treatments for Menorrhagia Prior to the NovaSure® Endometrial Ablation Procedure. **41st AAGL Global Congress Program and Abstracts.**

Mohtashami, F.*, von Dadelszen, P., and *Allaire, C.* (2008). Construct Validity of SurgicalSim: Can the SurgicalSim Virtual Reality Simulator Distinguish Between Expert Gynecologic Laparoscopic Surgeons and Perinatologists? **64th AGM SOGC Program and Abstracts.**

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

International Continuing Medical Education Activities Taught

1. **Chair and Speaker, (ANAT-603 Didactic) Anatomy: Advanced Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy: The Solution to Difficult Surgery – Navigate, Dissect, Do No Harm, 48th AAGL Global Congress, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 9, 2019.**
2. **Cadaver Lab Faculty, (ANAT-604 Lab) Laparoscopic Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy to Perform Safe Gynecologic Surgery, 48th AAGL Global Congress, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 9, 2019.**
3. **Invited Speaker and Cadaver Lab Faculty, 22nd AAGL Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Louisville, KY, USA, May 31 – June 1, 2019.**

4. **Invited Speaker and Faculty, (ANAT-602 Didactic) The Competent Surgeon – A Mastery of Retropelvic Anatomy and Surgical Dissection”, 47th AAGL Global Congress, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, November 11, 2018.**
5. **Invited Cadaver Lab Faculty, (ANAT-603 Lab) Deep Dive into the Underground Labyrinth of the Pelvic Anatomy, 47th AAGL Global Congress, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, November 11, 2018.**
6. **Invited International Faculty and Speaker, Advanced Course – Laparoscopie in de Gynaecologie, Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, IRCAD, Strasbourg, France, September 3 – 4, 2018.**
7. **Invited Cadaver Lab Faculty, Navigating the Retroperitoneum: The Road to Performing Complex Laparoscopic Gynecologic Surgery, 46th AAGL Global Congress, Washington, DC, USA, Nov 2017.**
8. **Invited International Faculty and Speaker, Advanced Course – Laparoscopie in de Gynaecologie, Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, IRCAD, Strasbourg, France, September 7 – 8, 2017.**
9. **Invited Cadaver Lab Faculty, 20th Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Pelvic Floor Reconstruction, AAGL, Louisville, KY, USA, May, 2017.**
10. **Invited International Faculty, NVEC Congress ‘Smart Surgery’ en/of Masterclasses 2017, Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 11, 2017.**
11. **Chair and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 45th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology, Orlando, FL, USA, November 14, 2016.**
12. **Invited Cadaver Lab Faculty, 19th AAGL Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Pelvic Floor Reconstruction, Louisville, KY, USA, June, 2016.**
13. **Chair and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 44th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, November 15 – 19, 2015.**
14. **Invited Cadaver Lab Faculty, 18th AAGL Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Pelvic Floor Reconstruction, Louisville, KY, USA, May 15 – 16, 2015.**
15. **Chair and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 43rd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 19, 2014.**
16. **Invited Faculty, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 42nd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology, Washington, DC, USA, November 2013.**
17. **Invited Faculty and Speaker, 22nd AAGL Comprehensive Workshop on Minimally Invasive Gynecology for Residents, Fellows and Specialists, Rosemont, IL, USA, March, 2013.**

Canadian CME Activities Taught

1. **Session Chair and Speaker, Identifying Pelvic Spaces Breakout Session. 4th Annual CanSAGE Meeting, Ottawa, ON, Canada, September 28, 2019.**
2. **Course Chair and Organizer, 2nd Advanced Workshop on Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy – The Solution to Difficult Surgery: Navigate, Dissect, Do No Harm. Life Sciences Anatomy Lab, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 23 – 24, 2019 (20 participants).**

3. **Course Chair and Organizer, 1st Advanced Workshop of Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery in Live Pig**, Center of Comparative Medicine, University of British Columbia, BC, Canada, November 3, 2018.
4. **Course Chair and Organizer, 1st Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Surgical Treatment of Apical Prolapse**, Life Sciences Anatomy Lab, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, September 29 – 30, 2017 (23 participants).
5. **Lead Faculty and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing Lab, 1st Annual CanSAGE Fellows Boot Camp**, Advanced Technical Skill and Simulation Laboratory (ATSSL), University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada, September 26, 2018 (25 participants).
6. **Course Chair and Organizer, Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing**, Fraser Health Authority, Surrey Memorial Hospital, Surrey, BC, Canada, May 2, 2017 (postponed Fall 2017).
7. **Faculty, Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, Laparoscopic Suturing, Annual Meeting of the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynecology of Canada (APOG)**, Toronto, ON, Canada, November 30 – December 1, 2016.
8. **Course Chair and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing Course, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada (SOGC), Annual Scientific Meeting**, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 2016.
9. **Course Chair and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing Course, West / Central Continuing Medical Education 2016, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada (SOGC)**, Banff, AB, Canada, March 31 – April 2, 2016.
10. **Faculty, Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, Annual Meeting of the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG)**, Markham, ON, Canada, December 2015. *Best Preceptor Award.*
11. **Faculty and Speaker, Laparoscopic Suturing and Knot Tying Course, Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference (ACSC) of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC)**, Quebec City, QC, Canada, June 2015.
12. **Faculty and Speaker, 6th Annual American College of Surgeons Postgraduate Course**, CESEI, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, August 2013.

Invited Presentations at Conferences

1. **Mohtashami, F. Safe Entry and Laparoscopic Dissection Techniques. Anatomy: Advanced Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy: The Solution to Difficult Surgery – Navigate, Dissect, Do No Harm, 48th AAGL Global Congress**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 9, 2019
2. **Mohtashami, F. Difficult Hysterectomy: Retroperitoneum is the Only Way Out. Advanced Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy: The Solution to Difficult Surgery – Navigate, Dissect, Do No Harm, 48th AAGL Global Congress**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 9, 2019
3. **Mohtashami, F. Surgical Anatomy of Pelvis Pertinent to Benign Gynecology. 45th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting and Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Review**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 7, 2019
4. **Mohtashami, F. Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy: The Solution to Difficult Surgery. 4th Annual CanSAGE Meeting**, Ottawa, ON, Canada. September 28, 2019
5. **Mohtashami, F. Laparoscopic Suturing. 22nd AAGL Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Laparoscopic Hysterectomy**, Louisville, KY, USA. May 31, 2019

6. **Mohtashami, F.** Pelvic Anatomy for the Gynecologist. *Invited International Speaker, The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa, The Cape Town O & G Update*, Cape Town, South Africa. December 8, 2018
7. **Mohtashami, F.** Operating Room Set Up and Ergonomics. *Invited International Speaker, Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa, The Cape Town O & G Update*, Cape Town, South Africa. December 7, 2018
8. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Complications Part II, *Invited International Speaker, The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa, The Cape Town O & G Update*, Cape Town, South Africa December 7, 2018
9. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Complications Part I. *Invited International Speaker, Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, Pre-Congress Surgical Workshop, The Cape Town O & G Update*, Cape Town, South Africa. December 6, 2018
10. **Hsiao, M., and Mohtashami, F.*** (Video Poster presentation) **Lateral Approach to Uterine Artery and Scarred Bladder in Difficult TLH, 47th AAGL Global Congress**, Las Vegas, NV, USA. November 13, 2018
11. **Mohtashami, F.** Neuroanatomy of the Pelvis. **The Competent Surgeon – A Mastery of Retroperitoneal Pelvic Anatomy & Surgical Dissection, 47th AAGL Global Congress**, Las Vegas, NV, USA. Nov. 11, 2018
12. **Mohtashami, F.** Abnormal Pelvic Anatomy. **The Competent Surgeon – A Mastery of Retroperitoneal Pelvic Anatomy & Surgical Dissection, 47th AAGL Global Congress**, Las Vegas, NV, USA. Nov. 11, 2018
13. **Hsiao, M., and Mohtashami, F.*** Lateral Approach to Uterine Artery and Scarred Bladder in Difficult TLH. **3rd Annual Conference of Canadian Society for the Advancement of Gynecologic Excellence (CanSAGE)**, Banff, AB, Canada. September 28, 2018
14. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Suturing and Knot Tying. **Laparoscopic Suturing Lab, 1st Annual CanSAGE Fellows Boot Camp**, Calgary, AB, Canada. September 26, 2018
15. **Mohtashami, F.** Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy: Tips and Tricks to Avoid Complications. **Advanced Course – Laparoscopie in de Gynaecologie, Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, IRCAD**, Strasbourg, France. September 3, 2018
16. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Uterosacral Ligament Suspension: Anatomy and Comparison of Various Surgical Techniques. **Round-Table Expert Discussion (60 min), 46th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Washington, DC, USA. November 2017
17. **Mohtashami, F.** Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery Live Pig Lab. **Advanced Course – Laparoscopie in de Gynaecologie, Dutch Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, IRCAD**, Strasbourg, France. September 7, 2017
18. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Uterosacral Ligament Suspension: Anatomy and Comparison of Various Surgical Techniques. **Round Table Expert Discussion (60 min), 45th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Orlando, FL, USA. November 15, 2016
19. **Mohtashami, F.** Mastering Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Knot Tying. **Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 45th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Orlando, FL, USA. November 14, 2016
20. **Mohtashami, F.** Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy. **Comprehensive Workshop on Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 5, 2016

21. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Suturing. **Laparoscopic Suturing Course, West / Central Continuing Medical Education 2016, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada (SOGC)**, Banff, AB, Canada. March 31, 2016
22. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Suturing. **Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, Annual Meeting of the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG)**, Markham, ON, Canada. December 2015.
23. **Mohtashami, F.** Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Suturing and Knot Tying. **Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 44th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Las Vegas, NV, USA. November 15, 2015
24. **Mohtashami, F.** Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Suturing and Knot Tying. **Laparoscopic Suturing and Knot Tying Course, Annual Clinical & Scientific Conference of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC)**, Quebec City, QC, Canada. June 2015
25. **Mohtashami, F.** Mastering Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Knot Tying. **Laparoscopic Suturing Course, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada (SOGC), Annual Scientific Meeting**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. June 2016
26. **Mohtashami, F.** Intracorporeal and Extracorporeal Knot Tying. **Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 43rd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 19, 2014
27. **Mohtashami, F., Thiele, A., Karreman, E., and Thiel, J.A.** Drunk Surgeons: Does Sleep Deprivation Affect Simulated Laparoscopic Performance of Gynaecologic Surgeons Similar to Alcohol Intoxication? **42nd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Washington, DC, USA. November 2013
28. **Mohtashami, F.** A Hybrid Module for Physical Examination of Female Genitalia. **6th Annual American College of Surgeons Postgraduate Course**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. August 2013
29. **Mohtashami, F.,** Surgical Education and Simulation. **Round Table Discussion, 22nd AAGL Comprehensive Workshop on Minimally Invasive Gynecology for Residents and Fellows** Rosemont, IL, USA. March 2013
30. Thiele, A., **Mohtashami, F.,** Karreman, E., and Thiel, J.A. Is Sleep Deprivation Equal to Being Legally Intoxicated in Simulated Laparoscopic Performance in Gynecologic Surgeons? **Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Showcase**, Regina, SK, Canada. May 2013
31. Thiel, J.A., **Mohtashami, F.,** Briggs, M.M. Evaluation of Previously Failed Treatments for Menorrhagia Prior to the NovaSure® Endometrial Ablation Procedure. **41st AAGL Global Congress**, Las Vegas, NV, USA. November 2012
32. **Mohtashami, F.** Construct Validity of SurgicalSim: Can the SurgicalSim Virtual Reality Simulator Distinguish Between Expert Gynecologic Laparoscopic Surgeons and Perinatologists? **64th Annual General Meeting of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC)**, Calgary, AB, Canada. June 2008
33. **Mohtashami, F.** Case Presentation of Atypical Pelvic Tuberculosis. **Stump the Professor, 61st Annual General Meeting of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC)**, Calgary, AB, Canada. June 2005
34. **Mohtashami, F.** An Epidemiologic Survey of Diabetes in Pregnant Women in Tehran. **4th Annual Congress of Nutrition**, Tehran, Iran. 1996

Invited Presentations at Departments, Hospitals and Universities

1. **Mohtashami, F.** Intracorporeal Knot Tying, **Laparoscopic Suturing Workshop**, Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa. November 30, 2018
2. **Mohtashami, F.** Difficult Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, **Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology**, Surrey Memorial Hospital, Fraser Health Authority, Surrey, B.C., Canada. November 22, 2016
3. **Mohtashami, F.** Fluid Management, **Hysteroscopy Workshop**, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. March 2, 2016
4. **Mohtashami, F.** Electrosurgery, **Advanced Electrosurgery Workshop**, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 4, 2015
5. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopic Suturing, **Advanced Surgical Workshop**, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. September 14, 2015
6. **Mohtashami, F.** Open Top Wicker Basket Module for Training in Laparoscopic Suturing, **8th Annual Lectureship in Female Pelvic Surgery**, Department of OB/GYN, UBC, Vancouver, BC. May 13, 2015
7. **Mohtashami, F.** Fluid Management, **Hysteroscopy Workshop**, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. February 11, 2015
8. **Mohtashami, F.** Drunk Surgeons: Does Sleep Deprivation Affect Simulated Laparoscopic Performance of Gynaecologic Surgeons Similar to Alcohol Intoxication?, **Fred Bryans Faculty Forum**, UBC. January 29, 2015
9. **Mohtashami, F.** Intracorporeal Knot Tying, **Laparoscopic Suturing Workshop**, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. October 25, 2014
10. **Mohtashami, F.** Fluid Management, **Hysteroscopy Workshop**, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. March 19, 2014
11. **Mohtashami, F.** Teaching and Evaluating Surgical Skills, **Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**, University of Saskatchewan, Regina General Hospital, Regina, SK, Canada. November 2011
12. **Mohtashami, F.** Teaching and Evaluating Surgical Skills, **Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**, University of Ottawa, ON, Canada. March 2008
13. **Mohtashami, F.** Laparoscopy During Pregnancy, **Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**, University of British Columbia, BC Womens Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada. October 2007
14. **Mohtashami, F.** A Study of Diagnostic Accuracy of Real-time Ultrasound in IUGR Fetuses with Increased Systolic/Diastolic Ratio in Umbilical Artery, **Department Seminar, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Shahid Beheshti University**, Tehran, Iran. 1997
15. **Mohtashami, F.** Efficacy of Prophylactic Cephalosporin in Post-operative Infections in Orthopedic Surgeries, **Department Seminar, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Shahid Beheshti University**, Tehran, Iran. 1997
16. **Mohtashami, F.** Retrospective Study of 71 Cases of Typhoid Fever, **Department Seminar, Qazvin University of Medical Sciences**, Qazvin, Iran. 1992

Invited Participation

1. **Visiting Lecturer for Hologic**, “MyoSure Hysteroscopic Tissue Removal System”, Kelowna, B.C. July 26, 2018
2. **Visiting Lecturer for Ethicon, Comprehensive Workshop on Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 5 – 6, 2016
3. **Guest Lab Faculty for Ethicon, Advanced Energy Course and Animal Lab**, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. January 16, 2015

Conference Participation (Organizer, Course/Session Chair, Moderator, etc.)

1. **Course Chair and Organiser, (ANAT-603 Didactic) Anatomy: Advanced Retroperitoneal Surgical Anatomy: The Solution to Difficult Surgery – Navigate, Dissect, Do No Harm, 48th AAGL Global Congress**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 9, 2019
2. **Scientific Organization Committee, 48th AAGL Global Congress**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 9 – 13, 2019.
3. **Panel Chair, Laparoscopic Complications: Panel Session, 44th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting & Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Review**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 1, 2018
4. **Member, Organizing Committee, 44th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting & Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Review**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 1 – 2, 2018
5. **Course Chair, Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, Laparoscopic Suturing, Annual Meeting of the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynecology of Canada (APOG)**, Toronto, ON, Canada. November 30, 2016
6. **Course Chair, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 45th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Orlando, FL, USA. November 14, 2016
7. **Course Chair, Laparoscopic Suturing Course, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada (SOGC), Annual Scientific Meeting**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. June 2016
8. **Course Chair, Laparoscopic Suturing Course, West / Central Continuing Medical Education 2016, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada**, Banff, AB, Canada. March 31 – April 2, 2016
9. **Course Chair, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 44th AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. November 15 – 19, 2015
10. **Course Chair, Laparoscopic Suturing Postgraduate Course, 43rd AAGL Global Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology**, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 19, 2014

Other Presentations

Live (Broadcast) Surgery

1. Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Lysis of Bladder Adhesions (Primary Surgeon), **Live Surgery, Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa, The Cape Town O & G Update**, Cape Town, South Africa. December 6, 2018
2. Excision of Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis (First Assistant), **Live Surgery, Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa, The Cape Town O & G Update**, Cape Town, South Africa. December 6, 2018

3. Laparoscopic Ovarian Cystectomy, Lysis of Pelvic Adhesions, Salpingectomy (Primary Surgeon), **Live Surgery, Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, The Pelvic Floor Foundation of South Africa, The Cape Town O & G Update**, Cape Town, South Africa. December 5, 2018

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Memberships on committees

Executive Committee, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, UBC. March 1, 2018 – 2021

Departmental Appointments, Reappointments, Promotion and Tenure (DARPT) Committee, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, UBC. March 1, 2018 – 2021

Robotics Surgery Advisory Committee, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC. 2018 – current

Administrative Positions

Head, Division of General Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC, Vancouver, BC, Canada. March 1, 2018 – 2021

Other service

Invited External Examiner

Graduating Fellows in Simulation, CESEI, Department of General Surgery, UBC, Vancouver, BC. May 23, 2018

Graduating Fellows in Simulation, CESEI, Department of General Surgery, UBC, Vancouver, BC. June 30, 2016

Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery, PGY5, Department of General Surgery, UBC, Vancouver Dec. 4, 2014

CaRMS Interviewer Obstetrics and Gynecology residency applicants, UBC 2012 – 2017

OSCE Examiner OBGYN Residency Program, University of British Columbia, BC, Canada. 2013 – 2017

Speaker, International Vancouver Summer Student Program – Surgical Orientation and Simulation, CESEI, UBC, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, Canada. August 7, 2019

Faculty, Basic Hands-on Laparoscopic Workshop Medical Students Program, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecology of Canada (SOGC), Annual Scientific Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada. June 2016

Undergraduate Student Admissions Interviewer, Faculty of Medicine, UBC, BC, Canada. February 13, 2016

SERVICE TO THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS / HEALTH AUTHORITIES

International Urogynecological Association (IUGA) 2017 – current

Canadian Society of Advanced Gynecological Surgery (CanSAGE) 2016 – current

American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) 2005 – current
 - Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Committee Member 2018 – 2019
 - Scientific Program Committee, 2019 AAGL Annual Congress 2019

Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) 2004 – current
 - Member, 2016 West / Central CME Scientific Planning Committee 2015 – 2016

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 2009 – current

College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia 2005 – current

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan 2004 – 2005, 2011 – 2012

Canadian Obstetrics & Gynecology Review Program, Committee Member, Toronto, ON Feb 8, 2020

National Panel on Frontline Surgical Safety, Canadian Medical Protection Association, Ottawa, ON. Nov. 5, 2018

Scientific Advisory Board, Hologic, Toronto, ON, Canada. May 18 – 19, 2018

OB/GYN Consultant, Regina Qu'appelle Simulation Center
(To establish a low-fidelity dry surgical laboratory with 24/7 access for Obstetrics and Gynecology and General Surgery residents and medical students on rotation) July, 2011 – June 2012

OB/GYN Consultant and Curriculum Core Developer, CanHealth International
 (The main objective of CanHealth is to raise the standard of quality, and to achieve a measurable improvement of health education by means of the electronic delivery of high standard educational materials and services, in order to support and strengthen the existing educational programs in developing nations. Center of Excellence in Simulation Education and Innovation (CESEI), UBC, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority) 2015 – current

Selected Continuing Medical Education Course Attended

Mastering the Art of Perceptorship, Ethicon, Toronto, ON, Canada November 19 – 20, 2014

16th Annual Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Surgery on Unembalmed Cadavers, AAGL, Louisville, KY, USA May 16 – 17, 2014

Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) New Proctor Workshop, Center for Education and Simulation in Innovation (CESI), Hartford, CT, USA July 15 – 16, 2013

Other Service to the Community in the Media



Dr Roxana Geoffrion's CIHR Project Grant: COMET – Composite Outcomes of MESH vs suture Techniques for prolapse repair: A randomized controlled multicentre trial. April 19, 2018

COMET: Composite Outcomes of Mesh vs suture Techniques for prolapse repair is the first CIHR-funded trial in pelvic reconstructive surgery in Canada. It has made great strides to encourage collaborations from urogynecologists across BC and Canada; collaborators include Dr. Darren Lazare (Fraser Health), Dr. Geoffrey Cundiff (UBC), Dr. Fariba Mohtashami (Fraser Health), Dr. Chelsea Elwood (UBC), Dr. Momoe Hyakutake (University of Alberta), Dr. Erik-Jens Walter (McGill University) and Dr. Maryse Larouche (McGill University). Co-investigators include Dr. Joel Singer, Dr. Lori Brotto and Dr. Wei Zhang.

<http://obgyn.ubc.ca/dr-roxana-geoffrions-cihr-project-grant-comet-composite-outcomes-of-mesh-vs-suture-techniques-for-prolapse-repair-a-randomized-controlled-multicentre-trial/>



New Division Head – Division of General Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Feb. 19, 2018

Dr. Fariba Mohtashami is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. She completed her Canadian Credentials at UBC in 2009 and followed her professional goal by a formal Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery, under Dr. J. Thiel. We look forward to working with her in her role as Division Head.

<http://obgyn.ubc.ca/new-division-head-division-of-general-obstetrics-and-gynaecology/>



The 1st Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Surgical Treatment of Apical Prolapse. December 4, 2017

Fundamentals of surgery, including laparoscopic anatomy, dissection, and suturing, were reviewed at the “1st Advanced Workshop on Gynecologic Laparoscopic Anatomy and Surgical Treatment of Apical Prolapse”, organized and chaired by Dr. Fariba Mohtashami, with highly selected international faculty.

<http://obgyn.ubc.ca/the-1st-advanced-workshop-on-gynecologic-laparoscopic-anatomy-and-surgical-treatment-of-apical-prolapse-chaired-by-dr-fariba-mohtashami/>



Luncheon Round Table Invited Expert Talk by Dr. F. Mohtashami: (from the official hard copy program) Laparoscopic Uterosacral Vault Suspension: Anatomy and Comparison of Various Surgical Techniques were presented in an informal setting to OBGYNs from around America and the world at the **45th AAGL Global Congress**, Washington, DC.

November 12, 2017



Dr. Fariba Mohtashami Receives Best Preceptor Award

Dr Fariba Mohtashami was awarded the best preceptor award by the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG) in recognition of her preceptoring ability at the Annual APOG Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, Dec.16, 2015

Dr Fariba Mohtashami Receives Best Preceptor Award
Dr Fariba Mohtashami was awarded the best preceptor award by the Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada in recognition of her assistance at the Annual APOG Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop, 2015. [Read More](#)