WEBSITE (ICS AND IUGA) REVIEW

Dear Colleague,

RE: PROPOSED JOINT IUGA/ICS STANDARDIZATION & TERMINOLOGY DOCUMENTS

It has become standard practice to invite the memberships of ICS and IUGA to comment on any new proposals for joint IUGA/ICS (or ICS/IUGA) Standardization and Terminology documents. This has occurred by online publication through both ICS and IUGA websites for a period of not less than 4 weeks. Comments can be either made online or directed to the corresponding author. All comments will be reviewed by the full authorship of each document as part of the consensus process used to create the documents. **All reviewers will be acknowledged in the document**.

AN INTERNATIONAL UROGYNECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (IUGA) / INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY (ICS) JOINT TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO NATIVE TISSUE FEMALE PELVIC FLOOR SURGERY

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BRIEF OVERVIEW: This is a follow-up joint IUGA/ICS document to the January 2011 publication of Terminology and Classification of Complications directly related to the use of Prostheses and Meshes in Female Pelvic Floor Surgery. The Category (C), Time (T) and Site (S) Classification style is again used. There have been requests by researchers for such a document which will then allow, with the earlier document, comparison studies to be made on complications from the different types of female pelvic floor surgery.

Photographic examples of complications from native tissue female pelvic floor surgery (with brief clinical descriptive notes) are requested for inclusion in the document as case examples. Again, all will be acknowledged in the final version of the document.

TIMING OF WEBSITE PUBLICATION

AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT FROM 3RD TO THE 31ST OCTOBER, 2011

Yours Sincerely,

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