GROUPS REAFFIRM POSITION ON USE OF VAGINAL MESH FOR SURGICAL TREATMENT OF STRESS URINARY INCONTINENCE

August 16, 2016 -- The American Urological Association (AUA), the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS), the International Continence Society (ICS), the International Urogynecological Association (IUGA), the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS) and the Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) together representing more than 84,000 urologists, gynecologists and other healthcare professionals that provide care to women with stress urinary incontinence (SUI), reaffirmed their collective support for the use of mid-urethral slings, including synthetic polypropylene mesh slings, for the surgical treatment of SUI.

Synthetic polypropylene mesh sling placement is the most common surgery performed for SUI, and is recognized in clinical practice guidelines as a standard of care for this condition. For more information regarding the groups’ positions, see:

American Urological Association (AUA) Position Statement on the Use of Vaginal Mesh for the Surgical Treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Practice Bulletin Urinary Incontinence in Women

American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) and the Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) Position Statement on Mesh Midurethral Slings for Stress Urinary Incontinence

Patients should be appropriately counseled regarding this surgical procedure and potential complications associated with the use of these devices.

The following patient advocacy groups have endorsed this statement: National Association for Continence (NAFC) and the Women’s Health Foundation.

For more information, visit:

AUA: www.AUAnet.org  ACOG: www.ACOG.org  AUGS: www.AUGS.org