Carolinas HealthCare System is one of the nation’s leading and most innovative healthcare organizations. CHS provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of more than 650 care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, healthcare pavilions, physician practices, destination centers, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and hospice and palliative care.

Advanced Surgical Specialties for Women
Carolinas Medical Center’s division of Advanced Surgical Specialties for Women, led by Dr. Kevin Stepp, focuses on advanced urogynecology care and innovative minimally invasive surgical techniques. Learn more by visiting www.cmc-mercy.org/womensservices.

Women’s Center for Pelvic Health
Located at Carolinas Medical Center – Mercy, the Women’s Center for Pelvic Health is a one of a kind center in the Southeast. The comprehensive center combines the expertise of a fellowship trained urologist, fellowship trained urogynecologist, specialty trained gynecologist, and women’s health physical therapists in one location. Our physicians create, study, and use the latest techniques to improve women’s health. Learn more by visiting www.cmc-mercy.org/pelvichealth.

Kevin Stepp, MD
Director, CMC Advanced Surgical Specialties for Women
Chief, Urogynecology and Minimally Invasive Gynecology Surgery
Co-Director, Women’s Center for Pelvic Health

Dr. Stepp is a pioneer in advanced gynecologic surgery and robotics. He is one of the few surgeons in the world performing single port laparoscopy for complex conditions such as severe endometriosis, large fibroids and pelvic reconstruction. Follow @drkevinstepp.
Course Description:
The conference will present and review the current information on specialty gynecology topics including adnexal masses, adhesion prevention and management, management of the obese patient, hysterectomy, vulvar disorders, mesh complications, endometriosis, pelvic pain, urogynecology and prolapse management. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to discuss and evaluate the latest advances in laparoscopic techniques and devices including single incision laparoscopy, microlaparoscopy, robotic surgery and electrosurgery.

The skills lab session with porcine tissue block and cadaveric specimens will provide hands-on experience with the latest instrumentation and optical systems. Participants will practice specific and fundamental techniques for single incision laparoscopic surgery, microlaparoscopy and laparoscopic suturing.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this course participants should be able to:
1. Review and understand pelvic anatomy for the laparoscopic surgeon
2. Recognize the current treatment options available for pelvic pain, vulvar disorders and endometriosis
3. Discuss current developments in the field of gynecology surgery and robotic surgery
4. Identify patients and characteristics that indicate risk of malignancy in ovarian neoplasms
5. Identify treatment options for women with stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse
6. Understand the major concepts of single incision laparoscopic surgery
7. Understand energy and electrosurgery in gynecology

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Conference Location and Lodging
Carolinas Medical Center – Mercy
2001 Vail Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28202

Hilton Charlotte Center City
222 East Third Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Participants are responsible for making their hotel reservations at 877-667-7213. Please mention group code GSC or group name Gynecologic Specialties Conference to receive the group rate prior to April 18, 2012.

You may also reserve your room online at http://tinyurl.com/HiltonGYN2012.

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***Agenda is subject to change***

PROGRAM
Thursday, May 17, 2012 – Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy
7:00 Breakfast/Registration
8:00 From conventional laparoscopy to single incision laparoscopy: My journey
8:20 What’s new in instrumentation for single port laparoscopy?
8:50 Techniques for abdominal entry with single port laparoscopy
9:20 Break
9:35 Basic procedures and getting started
10:00 Single port hysterectomy
10:30 Tips for advanced single port procedures
11:00 Ethical integration of advanced laparoscopic skills into your practice
11:15 Lunch
12:30 Lab
1:30 Evaluations/Adjourn

Friday, May 18, 2012 – Hilton Charlotte Center City
7:00 Registration / Breakfast / Visit exhibits
8:00 Welcome: The future is bright for gynecology
8:20 Anatomy for the laparoscopic surgeon
9:00 Understanding energy and electrosurgery in gynecology
9:30 Basic techniques for total laparoscopic hysterectomy
10:00 Questions and answers
10:15 Break / Visit exhibits
10:45 Approach to pelvic pain
11:15 Endometriosis: When and how to operate?
11:45 Evaluation and Management of Vulvar Pain
12:05 Questions and answers
12:20 Break / Pick up boxed lunch / Visit exhibits
12:45 Working lunch: Surgery observation and discussion
1:25 Principles of laparoscopic suturing and new techniques
1:45 Tips for hysterectomy for the large uterus
2:00 Questions and answers
2:30 Break / Visit exhibits
3:05 Urogynecology – Current concepts in prolapse management
3:35 She has a mesh complication, now what?
4:15 Current trends for stress incontinence
4:45 Questions and answers
5:00 Adjourn

Saturday, May 19, 2012 – Hilton Charlotte Center City
7:00 Breakfast / Visit exhibits
8:00 VideoFest / Discussion
8:30 Should I be conserving ovaries during hysterectomy?
9:00 Pearls to make vaginal surgery easy
9:30 What does the future hold for robotics surgery?
10:00 Questions and answers
10:15 Break / Visit exhibits
10:45 Laparoscopy for adnexal masses – When to refer
11:15 What’s new in adhesion prevention and management
11:45 Hemostatic agents
12:15 Questions and answers
12:30 Break / Pick up boxed lunch / Visit exhibits
1:00 Surgical pearls for laparoscopic myomectomy
1:30 Surgical considerations for the obese patient
2:00 Complications of laparoscopy and how to avoid them
2:30 Questions and answers
3:00 Evaluations / Adjourn

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REGISTRATION
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