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## Hologic Announces Innovative Collaboration with AAGL and Inovus Medical to Optimize OB-GYN Training



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*Partnership to Include Integration of Hologic Products, Specifically Designed for Gynecologic Care, into Hands-On Skills Education for OB-GYN Residents*

Hologic, Inc., a global leader in women's health announced an innovative new partnership with the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) and Inovus Medical. Hologic becomes the chief provider of hysteroscopes for AAGL's Essentials in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (EMIGS) hands-on hysteroscopy skills training for OB-GYN residents.

"At Hologic, we believe high-quality medical education can inspire positive change. Women's health technology has significantly improved over the years, but current training options have not taken these advancements into consideration. Through this innovative partnership, we aim to elevate minimally invasive gynecologic surgical training and improve women's healthcare by educating future OB-GYNs on newer treatment options for common gynecologic conditions," said Essex Mitchell, President of Hologic's Gynecologic Surgical Solutions Division.

AAGL, the premier global association in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, began offering the EMIGS-validated training and testing program in 2022 to provide a gynecology-specific cognitive and skills test that allows OB-GYN residents to meet the Surgical Skills Program Standard for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology examination. AAGL contracts with Inovus Medical, an award-winning designer and manufacturer of surgical training technologies, for the manufacturing and delivery of the hands-on training equipment for EMIGS.

Though not all residents will become minimally invasive gynecologic surgeons, nearly all will care for patients as practicing OB-GYNs. Considering that one in three women will suffer from abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB) in their lifetime<sup>1</sup> and up to 77% of women will develop uterine fibroids during their childbearing years,<sup>2</sup> Hologic aspires for every OB-GYN to know of all treatment options available for common gynecologic conditions, including laparoscopic and hysteroscopic solutions.

"Our collaboration with Hologic and Inovus provides the vital infrastructure needed to bring EMIGS to life," said Linda Michels, AAGL Executive Director. "This will allow us to provide equitable access to high-quality, hands-on training tools to future OB-GYNs."

In addition to providing one Omni<sup>®</sup> hysteroscope to all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education-approved residency programs, Hologic will loan one LapAR<sup>®</sup> and one HystAR<sup>®</sup> to all sites, as well as support software licensing that will power Inovus' connected training platform, Totum<sup>®</sup>. As part of the partnership, residents will also have the opportunity to train with Hologic's gynecologic surgical tools.

"We're excited to welcome Hologic into this partnership and integrate their Omni hysteroscopes into our surgical training technology and are confident the collaboration will further elevate EMIGS training in a meaningful way," said Elliot Street, M.D., Co-Founder and CEO of Inovus Medical.

"This collaboration will strengthen our ability to offer hysteroscopy simulation for our residents, and to integrate advanced tools to aid our trainees in pursuing excellence in surgical training," said Nash S. Moawad, M.D., EMIGS Chair.

Learn more about EMIGS at [www.aagl.org/emigs/](http://www.aagl.org/emigs/).

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