2014 Annual Report
Transforming lives through innovative and effective research for female pelvic floor disorders
Funding Research for Improved Outcomes of Pelvic Floor Disorders

The mission of the Pelvic Floor Disorder (PFD) Research Foundation is to transform the lives of women through the support of innovative and effective research that advances the prevention, treatment, and cure of female pelvic floor disorders.

History of the PFD Research Foundation

1997: The American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) and Kimberly-Clark create the June Allyson Foundation to recognize and support actress June Allyson’s contributions to incontinence awareness and education.

2001: The AUGS Foundation is formed to support research regarding the causes, prevention, cure, and treatment of urogynecologic disorders.

2006: The AUGS Foundation awards its first research grant.

2008: The June Allyson Foundation merges with the AUGS Foundation to better support research to determine the causes and management of pelvic floor disorders.

2010: The first patient education event is held in Long Beach, California.

2011: The Take the Floor: Voices for PFD website and online patient community is launched.

2012: The AUGS Foundation joins AUGS, the Foundation for Female Health Awareness, Boston Scientific Corporation, and Merck Consumer Care to form the PFD Alliance.

2013: The AUGS Foundation changes its name to Pelvic Floor Disorders Research Foundation (PFD Research Foundation). The mission is updated to reflect a new focus on research.

2014: The PFD Research Foundation, in conjunction with AUGS, announces the creation of the Junior Faculty Research Network. The Foundation also introduces the Legacy Circle and Donor of the Year to honor our most prestigious and generous donors.

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2014 by the Numbers

Every contribution to the PFD Research Foundation builds a stronger future for female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery and is a great way to honor the work and passion of those we respect.

A total of $356,063 in donations was raised by individual and corporate donors in 2014.

In 2014, 274 individuals donated to support the PFD Research Foundation, representing 14% of the AUGS membership.

Source of Funds

Corporate: 64%
Individual: 36%

Corporate donations: $227,000
Individual donations: $129,063
Total: $356,063

Grant Dollars awarded by year

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Recent Grant Recipient AUGS Abstract Presentations

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Looking to the Future

The PFD Research Foundation, together with the June Allyson Foundation, has awarded more than $1.5 million in grants to AUGS members since 1997. The Foundation serves the medical profession by supporting promising, innovative research regarding the causes, prevention, treatment, and cure of pelvic floor disorders. In 2015, the Foundation will continue our goal to build our research fund endowment to $1 million. We have currently reached more than $848,000 in funds and we believe we can achieve our goal in 2015. Once the endowment reaches its $1 million goal, the Foundation will be able to guarantee funding for two annual research grants in perpetuity.

The Foundation’s research funds are made available to qualified OB/GYN and urology fellows and junior faculty to pursue their research. The goals of this research grant program are to support the completion of research projects which will lead to publications and presentations at PFD Week (AUGS’ Annual Scientific Meeting) and to support the development of junior researchers in the field who will go on to obtain additional funding for future research on pelvic floor disorders.

A total of $145,000 in grants was awarded in the 2014 PFD Research Foundation grant cycle (June 2014 - June 2016) to support seven research projects conducted by our members.

In 2014, the Foundation offered the following grants:

**Thomas J. Benson Award in Neuromodulation Grant**
A two-year grant awarded to a fellow or junior faculty to support research or advanced training related to the clinical use of neuromodulation.

**FPMRS Faculty Research Award**
A two-year grant awarded to junior faculty for clinical/patient-oriented, educational, or lab-based/basic science research.

**PFD Research Foundation and ICA IC/PBS Research Grant**
A one-year grant awarded to a fellow or a junior faculty member of AUGS and ICA for research related to interstitial cystitis.

**PFD Surgical Research Grant**
A one-year grant awarded to a fellow or junior faculty for research related to prolapse or urinary incontinence surgery.

**Mesh/Graft Science in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Research Grant**
A two-year grant awarded to a fellow or junior faculty for research related to mesh/graft use or science.

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“During the time of limited federal funding for critical research, the PFD Research Foundation has remained at the forefront by providing pilot funding for critical research in FPMRS.”

– Gina Northington
2011 AUGS Research Scholars Grant Recipient
2014 Grant Recipients

PFD Surgical Research Grant

**Lindsay C. Turner, MD**
Magee Womens Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
*The Impact of IV Acetaminophen on Postoperative Pain in Women Undergoing Pelvic Organ Prolapse Repair*

PFD Research Foundation and ICA IC/PBS Research Grant

**Judy M. Choi, MD**
University of California, Los Angeles
*Chronic Stress Affects the Micturition Pathway via the Peripheral Corticotropin-Releasing Factor (CRF) Pathway*

FPMRS Faculty Research Award

**Keith T. Downing, MD**
Albert Einstein College of Medicine Montefiore Medical Center
*The Detection of Desmosines as a Surrogate Marker for Elastic Fiber Degradation in Pelvic Floor Connective Tissue*

Thomas J. Benson Award in Neuromodulation

**Benjamin J. Barenberg, MD**
University of Oklahoma
*Evaluation and Validation of an Integrated Interstim Training Curriculum for Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellows*

Mesh/Graft Science in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Research Grant

**Kathleen Chin, MD**
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
*Therapeutic Potential of Protease Inhibitors in the Vaginal Wall - Alternatives to Mesh*

**Robert S. Kelley, DO**
Mount Sinai Hospital
*Electrophysiologic Mapping of the Urinary Bladder*

**Margaret G. Mueller, MD**
Northwestern University
*Sacral Neuromodulation for Dual Incontinence (SaNDI): Ultrasound and Afferent Nerve Sensation Assessment*

“AUGS’ investment in young investigators will have big dividends as research is advanced in our field.”

– Tajnoos Yazdany
2008 Thomas Benson Award in Neuromodulation Recipient
2014 PFD Research Foundation Donor of the Year Award

The PFD Research Foundation presents the Donor of the Year Award to an individual in recognition of commitment to the Foundation’s mission of transforming the lives of women through the support of innovative and effective research that advances the prevention, treatment, and cure of female pelvic floor disorders.

Vincent Lucente, MD, MBA, FACOG
The Institute for Female Pelvic Medicine

In addition to his own generous donations, Dr. Lucente led a highly successful fundraising campaign for the Foundation in 2013 in memory of Robin Haff, RN, BSN, his clinical research nurse of nearly 17 years.

PFD Research Foundation Legacy Circle

The PFD Research Foundation is known for providing research support to advance the science of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS). Our success is a direct result of the dedicated group of individual and corporate donors that have supported the Foundation over the past eight years.

To recognize the efforts of our dedicated individual donors we have created the Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle is the most prestigious level of recognition by the Foundation, as it acknowledges those who have given over $25,000 in cumulative donations or designated the Foundation in their estate planning.

The term legacy was specifically chosen because of its meaning to reflect anything handed down from a predecessor, either a gift or a significant contribution to history. Without the legacy of these donors, the PFD Research Foundation would not have experienced continued success.

Inaugural 2014 Legacy Circle Inductees

Linda Brubaker, MD, MS

Andrew P. Cassidenti, MD

Vincent Lucente, MD, MBA, FACOG

“The PFD Research Foundation has been instrumental in allowing me to jump-start my career as an academic urogynecologist and independent investigator.”

– Autumn Edenfield
2011 PFD Research Foundation Fellow Research Award Recipient
Thank You to Our Corporate Donors

The PFD Research Foundation Research Grants Program is made possible through the generous support of our corporate supporters. In 2014, the Foundation raised $227,000 in corporate donations.

Thank You to Our Institutional Supporters

The PFD Research Foundation would like to thank the following institutions for their generous support in 2014.

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Tulane University School of Medicine
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
Yale University School of Medicine
Thank You to Our Individual Donors

The work of the PFD Research Foundation in female pelvic floor disorder research is made possible through the generous support of the following individuals. In 2014, the Foundation raised more than $129,000 from individual donations. We are grateful for their continued generosity and commitment to the prevention, treatment, and cure of female pelvic floor disorders.

(Recognized gifts from October 14, 2013 to December 31, 2014)

$5,000 - $9,999
- Kimberly Kenton
- Vicent Lucente

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- Catherine Bradley
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- Kris Strohbehn
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