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Educational Background

Education

1992	MD	University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago
1987	BA, Biological Sciences Minor in Art	The University of Chicago

Postdoctoral Training

2001-2004	Fellow in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Chapel Hill, NC
1992-1996	Resident in Obstetrics & Gynecology Cincinnati, OH University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Licensure Exams

2013-present	Annual recertification in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
2009-present	Annual recertification in Obstetrics & Gynecology
06/13	Board Certified in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery (First certification exam given in this specialty)
11/09	Re-certified in Obstetrics & Gynecology
11/98	Board Certified, Obstetrics & Gynecology

Professional Experience

2/2022- present	Founder and Medical Director at Park Avenue Urogynecology
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Faculty Academic Appointments

2023-present	Associate Professor	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology University of South Florida School of Medicine
2017-present	Associate Professor	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra
2005-2017	Assistant Professor	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Rush University Medical School (RUMS)

Appointments at Hospitals/Affiliated Institutions

2023-present	Attending Physician, Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery in Ob/Gyn Tampa General Hospital
2021-2023	Private practice Park Avenue Urogynecology

2017-2021	Attending Physician, Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery in Ob/Gyn Lenox Hill Hospital
2005-2017	Attending Physician, Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery in Ob/Gyn Rush University Medical Center (RUMC)

Other Professional Positions

2018-2019	Board member	Culture for One
2017-present	Co-Founder & Secretary –Treasurer	Freed & Kwon Medical Humanitarian Fund
2015-2017	Board member	Community Empowerment
2011	Advisory Board	Astella for OAB Medication
2007, 2014	Judge	Rush Ob/Gyn Resident Research Presentation

Major Administrative Leadership Positions

Local

2017-10/2021	Chief of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery	Lenox Hill Hospital
2011-2017	Division Director of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery at Rush University Medical Center	RUMC
2016	CME session leader for Obstetrical Trauma for The Program for Abdominal & Pelvic Health Organizer, moderator and speaker	RUMC
2007-2011	CME Director for Department of Ob/Gyn (2 hours per week x 42 weeks per year recruiting speakers, reviewing resident mortality and morbidity conference lists and applying for CME credentialing)	RUMC

Regional

2015-2017	Executive Committee Board Member, Secretary of Treasurer, for Chicago Gynecologic Society Planned CME events bi-annually and monthly invitation of speakers
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National and International

2019-2021	Vice-Chair of Foundation of International Urogynecological Assistance (FIUGA)
2019-2021	Board member of Foundation of International Urogynecological Assistance (FIUGA)
2015-2016	Surgical Leader for a 35-member group for Obstetrical Fistula Project for Operation Smile Developed a program and recruited multispecialty physicians, nurses, psychologists, and administrative support staff for comprehensive treatment of Congolese women with obstetrical fistula Created a Surgical Priority System for treatment of Obstetrical Fistula for Operation Smile

2016-2019 International Urogynecological Association (IUGA), Co-Chair for Ghana Fellowship Program

Committee Service

Local

2018-2021 Ob/Gyn Educational Committee at Lenox Hill Hospital
 2018-2021 Ob/Gyn QA Committee at Lenox Hill Hospital
 2017-2018 Ob/Gyn Executive Advisory Committee at Lenox Hill Hospital
 2008-2017 Rush Program for Abdominal & Pelvic Health representing Division of Gynecology & Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
 2014-2017 Ob/Gyn QA/QI Committee at RUMC
 2011-2017 Ob/Gyn Executive Advisory Committee at RUMC

National and International

2023-present American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology (ABOG) Practice Analysis Subject Matter Expert Panel
 2022-present American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology's (ABOG) Assessment Development Subcommittee in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery
 2022-present International Urogynecological Association Membership Committee
 2019-2021 Member of Future Site Committee for FIUGA
 2017-2020 Elected member of Working Group on Pelvic Floor Fistula for combined International Continence Society and International Urogynecological Association
 2016-2021 Committee member for Foundation for International Urogynecological Assistance (FIUGA)
 2017-2019 Ghana FPMRS Fellowship On-Site Director for Foundation for International Urogynecological Assistance (FIUGA)

Professional Societies

2019-present Inducted into Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS)
 2018-present NY Gynecological Society
 2017-present NY Urogynecological Society
 2015-present Member of International Continence Society
 2012-present Member of International Urogynecological Association
 2005-2017 Chicago Urogynecological Society
 2002-present Member of American Urogynecological Society
 1992-present Fellow, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Editorial Activities

Journal Reviewer

2020-present Reviewer Society Gynecologic Surgeon
 2020-present Reviewer International Continence Society
 Abstract Reviewer
 2017-present Reviewer Urogynecology Journal
 2016-present Ad hoc reviewer International Urogynecology Journal
 2016-present Ad hoc reviewer Techniques in Coloproctology

Honors and Prizes

2019-2023	Super Doctor New York	
2020-2022	Top Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgeon	
2010-2023	Top Doctor	
2021-2023	New York Times Super Doctor	
2019-2023	Castle Connolly Top Doctors	
2019	Recognized Member of Center of Excellence Gynecological Minimally Invasive Surgery	Lenox Hill Hospital/ Northwell Health
2019	Northwell Resident Teaching Award Northwell Health	Lenox Hill Hospital/ Northwell Health
2018	Patients' Choice Award	
2017	George Wilbanks, MD Leadership Award	Rush University Medical Center
2016	America's Top Ob/Gyn	
2015	Recognition Award from the Bolivian Municipal Government for resident/medical student teaching in Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery	Maternity Hospital, Trinidad, Bolivia
2015	APGO/CREOG National Teaching Award	Resident Teaching Award
2003	Berlex Foundation Scholar	
1996	Resident Research Award	

Report of Funded and Unfunded Projects

2010-2012	Prevalence of Abnormal Cystoscopic Findings in Patients with Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms Research advisor for chief resident research project, RUMC
2006-2008	Correlation between Cervical Incompetence and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Research advisor for chief resident research project, RUMC
2005-2006	Prevalence of Urinary Incontinence in Adolescent female Population Research advisor for chief resident research project, RUMC
2002-2003	Presented at Rush Research Day, awarded 2 nd place Fecal Incontinence Validation Questionnaire Study University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Telephone Survey Supported by Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Network
2001-2003	Oral presentation at American Urogynecologic Society Female Pelvic Health after Repeat Cesarean Section versus Vaginal Birth after Cesarean Section Retrospective Cohort Study comparing women's pelvic floor dysfunction after 2 different modes of delivery University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Oral presentation at American Urogynecologic Society Meeting in San Francisco
1994-1996	Correlation between the traditional PAP classification and the

Bethesda system
 Senior Resident Research Project
 University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Report of Local Teaching and Training
Teaching of Students in Courses

Rush University Medical School:

2015-2017 Lectures to Ob/Gyn student interest group
 2010 and 2014 Preceptor for 4th yr medical students
 2010-2017 Preceptor for 3rd year medical students

Formal Teaching of Residents, Clinical Fellows and Research Fellows (post-docs)

Lenox Hill Hospital

2017-2023 Lectures and monthly rotation to residents/medical students on FPMRS
 Fellow surgical teaching

Rush University Medical Center:

2008-2017 Lectures to incoming interns on female pelvic anatomy and pre-op, post-op
 management
 2008-2017 Teaching female pelvic surgery to Rush Ob/Gyn and urology residents
 and medical students in various global health trips annually
 2010 Resident education in TVT training
 Preparing for the lab and lectures (10 hours)
 2005-2007 Clinical anatomy and surgical skills training (CASST)
 Teaching faculty for development of a multicenter, multidisciplinary
 program Chicago Ob/Gyn residency programs

Clinical Supervisory and Training Responsibilities

2005-2017 Resident & medical student supervision and teaching both in the
 clinic/office and operating room setting
 4 full days of clinical teaching per week with both 2nd year and 4th year
 residents at Rush University Medical Center

 2019-2023 FPMRS Fellows, Resident & medical student supervision and teaching
 both in the clinic/office and operating room setting
 at Lenox Hill Hospital

 2023-present FPMRS Fellows, Resident & medical student supervision and teaching
 both in the clinic/office and operating room setting
 at the University of South Florida

Formal Teaching of Peers (e.g., CME and other continuing education courses)

2015 Speaker for Colorectal CME at Rush University
 Obstetrical Fistula in Sub-Saharan Africa
 2013 The Program for Abdominal Pelvic Health at Rush University CME
 Vaginal Mesh: The Devil is in the Details

2011	The Program for Abdominal Pelvic Health at Rush University CME Pelvic Trauma: Rush to Rwanda
2010	The Program for Abdominal Pelvic Health at Rush University CME Advances in Stress Urinary Incontinence in 2010?
2009	The Program for Abdominal Pelvic Health at Rush University CME What is the Role of the Vaginal Mesh in 2009?

Report of Regional, National and International Invited Teaching and Presentations
Invited Presentations and Courses

Local

11/22	Invited speaker for NY Gynecologic Society: Recognition and Treatment of Fistula
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Lenox Hill Hospital

05/20	Invited moderator for Northwell “ObGyn Summit: Innovations and Future Directions (cancelled due to COVID)
04/20	Invited speaker for NYCNA: Urinary Incontinence
05/19	Northwell “ObGyn Summit: Innovations and Future Directions
01/19	Advances on Surgical Treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence
01/18	Global Health: Challenges of Fistula Repair in Sub-Saharan Africa
	Grand Rounds for Department of Ob/Gyn
05/18	Global Health: Challenges of Fistula Repair in Sub-Saharan Africa
	Grand Rounds for Department of Urology

RUMC

05/16	Global Health: The Dark Secret of the Dark Continent
	Grand Rounds for Department of Ob/Gyn
02/14	Global Health Symposium: The Dark Secret of the Dark Continent
04/13	Grand Rounds for Department of Ob/Gyn
	Transvaginal Mesh
04/12	Medical & Surgical Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa
	Grand Rounds for Department of Preventive Medicine
12/09	Urinary Incontinence Evaluation for Primary Care Physicians
	Grand Rounds for Internal Medicine
09/06	Overactive Bladder
	Department of Geriatrics
04/06	Discussant for Annual Research Day at Rush University Medical Center
	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Regional

2016	Midwest Clinical Conference, Regional Conference
	Speaker for minimally invasive surgical management in FPMRS
2016	Speaker for Chicago Urologic Society, Regional conference

- 2009 Dark Secrets in a Dark Continent
Grand Rounds at St. Alexius Medical Center
Vaginal Mesh
Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology
- 2005 Grand Rounds at Cook County Hospital
Role of Gynecologist in Evaluation of Fecal Incontinence
- 2005 Anal and Urinary Incontinence After Vaginal Delivery
Sherman and St. Joseph in Ashville, NC
- 2004 Grand Rounds at Jamaica Hospital in Jamaica, NY
Fecal Incontinence
- 2003 Grand Rounds at St. Joseph Hospital in Asheville, NC
Fecal Incontinence
- 2003 Grand Rounds at New Hanover Hospital at Wilmington, NC
Ureteral Injury
- 2003 Grand Rounds at New Hanover Hospital at Wilmington, NC
Fecal Incontinence
- 2002 Grand Rounds at New Hanover Hospital at Wilmington, NC
Female Pelvic Health after Vaginal Delivery

National

- 2021 Poster presentation accepted on Assessment of Level of Fear in Adult
Patients Undergoing Elective Urogynecologic and Gynecologic
Procedures and Surgeries during the COVID-19 Pandemic using the
Validated Surgical Fear Questionnaire
AUGS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2020 She is on Call: Invited to discuss the Field of FPMRS and Global Health
via various Social Media
- 2019 Poster presentation accepted on Ovotesticular Disorder of Sexual
Development
SGS Annual Meeting, Tucson, Az
- 2016 Video Presentation on Robotic Excision of Urachal Diverticulum
Presented at AAGL Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fl
- 2003 Oral presentation on Fecal Incontinence Validation
Questionnaire Study
American Urogynecologic Society Annual Meeting, Hollywood, Fl
- 2002 Oral presentation on Female Pelvic Health after Repeat Cesarean Section
Versus Vaginal Birth after Cesarean Section
American Urogynecologic Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

International

- 2020 Invited to Bangladesh to lecture and teach Female Pelvic Reconstructive
Surgery for FPRMS Conference
Trinidad, Bolivia
- 2020 Panelist for Global Health for Annual IUGA Society Meeting
- 2018 Invited Speaker at FIGO (Federation of International Gynecology &
Obstetrics)
A Global Perspective on Prevention of Maternal Birth Injury
Annual Meeting, Rio, Brazil

2018	Presentation of Ghana Fellowship at IUGA Annual Meeting, Vienna, Austria
2017	Presentation of Ghana Fellowship at IUGA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
2017	Invited to Bolivian Medical School and Ob/Gyn Residency at The Maternal Hospital to teach Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Trinidad, Bolivia
2015	Invited to Bolivian Medical School and Ob/Gyn Residency at The Maternal Hospital to teach Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Trinidad, Bolivia
2013-present	Invited teaching faculty sponsored annually by International Urogynecologic Association to train fellows in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery Accra, Ghana (Only accredited FPMRS fellowship program in Sub-Saharan Africa)
2010-2014	Invited to Liberia by the Mount Sinai Global Health Program to teach gynecologic surgery to medical students and residents annually
2013-present	Speaker, Grand Rounds annually at University of Ghana Medical School in Accra, Ghana Department of Ob/Gyn

Report of Education of Patients and Service to the Community

Global Health Activities

2023	Invited to St.Anne's Hospital to teach Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Montego Bay, Jamaica
2020	Freed & Kwon Medical Humanitarian Fund/ FIUGA Invited surgical faculty to Dhaka, Bangladesh from the President of Bangladesh College of Ob/Gyn for site visit and surgical training to develop a Fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
2019	Freed & Kwon Medical Humanitarian Fund Trained 5 attending surgeons from Lubumbashi, DRC to treat obstetrical fistulas, 2 weeks
2018	Mission to Bolivia for surgical treatment of gynecologic and female pelvic floor disorders
2017	Mission to Bolivia for surgical treatment of gynecologic and female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2017	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment for women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2017	Invited surgical faculty from IUGA to Accra, Ghana as the Fellowship Program director for training fellows in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery including the obstetrical fistula, 2 weeks
2015	Appointed as the Obstetrical Fistula surgical team leader for Operation Smile, 2 weeks
2015	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment for women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week

2015	Surgical Mission to Haiti for surgical correction of hermaphroditic patient, 3 days
2015	Mission to Bolivia for surgical treatment of gynecologic and female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2014	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2014	Mission to Liberia with Mount Sinai Global Health Program in NYC for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 2 weeks
2013	Invited surgical faculty from IUGA to Accra, Ghana for training fellows in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery including the obstetrical fistula, 2 weeks
2013	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2013	Mission to Liberia with Mount Sinai Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 2 weeks
2012	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2012	Mission to Liberia with Mount Sinai Global Health Program in NYC for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 2 weeks
2011	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2011	Mission to Liberia with Mount Sinai Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 2 weeks
2010	International Organization for Women and Development Mission to Rwanda for obstetrical fistulas, 2 weeks
2010	Mission to Dominican Republic with Rush University Global Health Program for surgical treatment of women with female pelvic floor disorders, 1 week
2008	International Organization for Women and Development Mission to Niger for obstetrical fistulas, 2 weeks
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Report of Clinical Activities and Innovations

Current Licensure and Certification

05/04 -present State of Illinois (active)

05/00 -present State of NY (active)
 07/21- present State of FL (active)

Practice Activities

2017-present Ambulatory & inpatient Care and Surgery
 Lenox Hill Hospital
 Faculty surgeon, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
 Established a new Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery practice

2005-2017 Ambulatory, Inpatient and Surgical Care
 Rush University Medical Center
 Faculty surgeon, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
 Created Division of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS)
 Performed 5-10 cases/wk, evaluated >60 patients/wk
 Created patient pamphlets on evaluation and treatment of various female pelvic floor disorders
 Engaged in active communication and giving lectures to female pelvic floor physical therapists

Recognition

2020-2023 NYT SUPERDOCTORS
 2019-2023 Recognized as a Castle Connolly Top Doctors
 in NY Metro Area
 2011-2023 America's Top Doctors Award
 2011-2016 Vitals Compassionate Doctor Recognition
 2011-2019 Vitals Patient Choice Awards

Peer Reviewed Publications in Print or Other Media

1. Erica Lai¹, Cara L Grimes, Madison Kasoff², Yaniv Brailovschi¹, Tudi-Max Brown-Thomas², Harvey Winkler¹, Dominique Malacarne Pape², **Soo Kwon**¹ Assessment of Level of Fear in Adult Patients Undergoing Elective Urogynecologic and Gynecologic Procedures and Surgeries During the COVID-19 Pandemic Using the Validated Surgical Fear Questionnaire. *Female Pelvic Med Reconstr Surg* 2022 Mar 1;28(3): e88-e92.
2. McDonald KC, Borger P, Webman R, **Kwon SY**. Combined perineal hernia repair and abdominal parastomal hernia with mesh for sequela of an abdominoperineal resection. *Int J Abdom Wall Hernia Surg* 2021
3. Goh J, Romanzi L, Elneil S, Haylen B, **Kwon S**, et al. An International Continence Society (ICS) report on the terminology for female pelvic floor fistulas. *Neurourology and Urodynamics*. 2020;1–32. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nau.24508>
4. Freed JS, **Kwon SY**, Jacobs El H, Gottlieb M, Roth R. Which Country is Truly Developed? COVID-19 has Answered the Question. *Annals of Global Health*. 2020; 86(1): 51, 1-2
5. Zottola, C., Lai, E. & **Kwon, S.Y.** Lipoleimyoma masquerading as uterine prolapse. *Int Urogynecol J* (2020)

6. **S. Kwon**, C. Burks, J. Freed, J. Novo , D. El-Neemany , E. Kocjancic
Ovotesticular disorder of sexual development: a case report
American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology, March 2019 Volume 220, Issue 3,
Supplement, Pages S725–S726
7. Frazzini, Padilla PM, **Kwon S.** Robotic-assisted excision of a urachal diverticulum
Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology, 2017 Volume 23, Issue 7, S123.
8. **Kwon, S.Y.**, Brown, S., Hibbeln, J. Jeffrey Stephen Freed. Conservative management of
infected mesh following sacral-colpopexy
Int Urogynecol J, 2017 28: 875-879.
9. **Kwon, Soo** & C Latchamsetty, Kaylan & Benson, Jonas & Carreno, Megan. (2012).
Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor of the Urinary Tract Following a TVT. Female
Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery. 18. 249-51.
10. **Kwon, S.**, Visco, A., Fitzgerald, M. et al.
Validity and reliability of the Modified Manchester Health
Questionnaire in Assessing Patients with Fecal Incontinence
Dis Colon Rectum (2005) 48: 323.

Non-Peer Reviewed Scientific or Medical Publications/Materials in Print or Other Media

1. **Kwon, S.** The 5-Minute Obstetrics and Gynecology Consult
Chapter on Stress Urinary Incontinence. Philadelphia, PA: LWW 2007
2. **Kwon, S.** The 5-Minute Obstetrics and Gynecology Consult
Chapter on Surgery for Stress Urinary Incontinence, Philadelphia, PA: LWW 2007
3. **Kwon, S.** Vaginal Pessaries
Chapter on Outcomes of Pessary Use, CRC Press Boca Raton, Fl: 2020
4. Jeffrey S Freed, MD MPH FACS; Hannah S. Jacobs-El, MPH; **Soo Y. Kwon, MD**; Ram
Roth, MD
Global Health Security – Contemporary Considerations and Developments
Chapter Title: A Supposedly Developed Country’s Response to a Healthcare Crisis:
Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic for Future National Emergencies Sept. 2023