

**Comments from an Ob/Gyn resident who attended the conference,
“Debating the Issues of Hysterectomy in the 21st Century –
Robotics vs Traditional Surgery”**

“The recent Hysterectomy Conference here at MAHEC with Dr. Levy, Dr. Miller, Dr. Councill, and Dr. Daw was well attended by faculty, residents and students. As a resident, I learned quite a lot from each presenter and was extraordinarily grateful for the privilege to meet Dr. Miller and Dr. Levy, who both have held or hold prominent positions on a national and international level. At the conclusion of the conference I can’t honestly say that there was a winner of the debate, but I can say that here in Asheville, the MAHEC OB/GYN residents are receiving exceptional training in both the vaginal hysterectomy and the robotic hysterectomy. Here in Asheville we are lucky to have community faculty who have gone above and beyond to ensure that residents are well trained in the vaginal hysterectomy. We also have an incredible group of gyn-oncologists who help to ensure that we are well-trained in robotic hysterectomy as well. Regardless of what the future holds for benign gynecologic surgery, I can honestly say that the residents that are trained here in Asheville will be well-trained for all forms of the hysterectomy.”

– Laurel Berry, MD