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Doctor is authority in robotic gynecological surgery

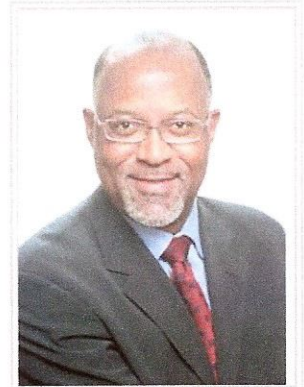
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WARREN TWP. — One of the nation's leading experts in robotic gynecological surgery, Dr. Michael Pitter, of Warren Township will be a featured presenter at this year's Global Conference of Minimally Invasive Gynecology on Friday, Nov. 16, in Washington, D.C.

The chief of gynecologic robotic and minimally invasive surgery at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Pitter's presentation will be on "Expanding the limits of Laparoscopic Myomectomy and Hysterectomy using the Da Vinci Robotic Four Arm System."

Pitter will present an abstract paper on "Robotic Assisted Gynecologic Surgery - Establishing a training criteria; minimizing operative time and blood loss"



Dr. Michael Pitter

Pitter and his wife have two children, a son who is a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School and a daughter, an alumnae of Watchung Hills who is not out of college and working with the financial services firm, Lehman Brothers. Pitter is also a member of the Caribbean Medical Mission, a non-profit organization that volunteers medical service to underserved communities in the United States and the countries of the Caribbean.

He has an international reputation as one of the world's foremost experts in this area. This year surgeons from countries as far away as the United Kingdom and Australia have traveled to Newark, to train with him and learn his robotic techniques.

Drs. Dwina Dobrowski and Martin Healy from Epworth Private Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, came to New Jersey this month to train with Dr. Pitter.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Pitter has shared with us his expertise," said Healy. "We want to provide to our patients at home the swift, less painful recoveries, reduced scarring and minimal blood loss that robotic surgery offers."

"Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has one of the largest Robotic Training Center's here in the Northeast," said Pitter, one of the first gynecologists to complete a robotic assisted laparoscopic hysterectomy in the state of New Jersey.

"This has been an incredible opportunity to develop and promote the safe and efficient use of robotics in gynecological surgery through research and supervised training," he said.

Added Pitter: "With minimally invasive surgery, patients are able to go home on the same day of surgery with quicker recovery for procedures such as myomectomies and/ or hysterectomies that would typically involve long hospital stays and long recovery periods. Surgeons from all over the world are eager to learn these techniques which offer such tangible benefits for their patients."

Physicians at Newark Beth Israel perform robotic surgery in more specialties than any other facility in the nation, including adult cardiac, adult urology, pediatric urology, gynecology, gynecologic oncology and general surgery, he said.

Newark Beth Israel is now the only facility in the Eastern United States and one of only three in the country to offer such comprehensive training.

Pitter combines his medical skill with his talent for teaching in the training of colleagues at Newark Beth Israel's robotic training center. He is also actively involved in programs at The Beth which demonstrate to elementary, high school and university students the wonders of robotic surgery.

Through the "Live from Robotic Surgery" program operated in conjunction with Liberty Science Center, Pitter has performed robotic surgeries at the hospital which are telecast live to students, and during which he answers questions about the procedures and surgical robotics in general.

The doctor's prowess in robotics is little surprise, considering he came to medicine as a second career. Before medical school, Pitter was trained as an engineer.

He is board certified in general obstetrics/gynecology, and received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and received his medical education at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

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