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Welcome to the Georgia Advanced Surgery Center for Women. We are Georgia’s only fully accredited surgical center providing women all minor and major gynecological surgeries in a true outpatient setting – and among only a few facilities in the entire country qualifying for “Center of Excellence” designation by the certification division of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, the premier standards-setting organization for our surgical specialty.

We specialize in laparoscopic and other highly advanced, minimally invasive surgical techniques that spare women costly hospitalization and unsightly incisions for hysterectomies, incontinence procedures, pelvic floor reconstruction and numerous other surgeries. Our state-of-the-art facility and expert, Board Certified surgeons offer you the highest level of gynecological treatment available, with far faster, less painful recovery than traditional surgery – plus a proven, convenient and cost-effective alternative to hospital-based care.
Expert Advantages
Surgery That’s Minimally Invasive to Your Body – and Life.

Laparoscopic and other minimally invasive techniques have revolutionized the way gynecological surgery can be approached, providing women numerous advantages over traditional surgery – including no unsightly incisions, minimal tissue damage and blood loss, less post-operative pain and discomfort, and a far faster recovery. The Georgia Advanced Surgery Center provides you several additional unique advantages over traditional surgery, as well as over other minimally invasive surgical centers, including:

*Safe, Same-day Surgery* – We are the only facility in Georgia, and among only a few in the U.S., performing all minor and major gynecological procedures as true outpatient surgeries. Even our hysterectomy patients safely return home the same day of surgery.

*No Costly, Inconvenient Hospital Stays* – Our unique surgical approach eliminates the need for hospitalization, as well as its associated higher costs and risks of infection.

*Super-Fast Recovery* – Our surgical techniques provide women the quickest possible recovery, with minimal downtime from work, family and friends. Our patients having hysterectomies or incontinence procedures, for example, can drive within two days and resume most activities within a week – versus two to three days of hospitalization and six to eight weeks of painful recovery with traditional surgery.

*Proven Approach* – The outstanding patient safety, outcomes and satisfaction with our surgical protocol have been validated by the American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopists (AAGL), the premier standards-setting organization for our surgical specialty.

*“Center of Excellence”* – Our advanced surgical techniques, combined with our rigorous standards for patient safety and commitment to excellent results, qualify our facility for this rare and prestigious designation by the AAGL’s certification division.

*Convenient, Comfortable Setting* – Located in the same medical building as our Ob/Gyn practice, just 45 minutes from Atlanta, our center provides patients a warm, easily accessible alternative to the often cold and overwhelming environment of hospitals.

“I had put off having a hysterectomy because friends of mine who’d had one had such long recoveries, like four to six weeks of not being able to do anything. I’m a caterer, and I couldn’t handle that. When I finally had the procedure, my experience was completely different. I was back at work two days later.”

Cindy Smith
TLH Patient
**Expert Services**  
**The Most Modern Surgical Solutions Available.**

We are dedicated to providing women with the very latest, safest and most-effective gynecological treatment and care available, and to ensuring that our patients have the best surgical experience and outcomes possible.

Our expert, Board Certified surgeons use laparoscopic and other highly advanced, minimally invasive surgical techniques to diagnose and treat numerous gynecological, pelvic and abdominal conditions, including abnormally heavy and/or painful periods, post-menopausal bleeding, incontinence (bladder leakage), overactive bladder, infertility, endometriosis, pelvic adhesions, fibroids, painful intercourse, pelvic organ prolapse, ovarian cysts, tubal sterilization and tubal reversal. These special surgical techniques enable all major and minor procedures for treating these conditions to be safely performed as same-day surgeries – eliminating the need for hospital stays and unsightly incisions, while also providing the fastest, least painful recovery possible. These procedures include:

- **Total laparoscopic hysterectomy (TLH), total vaginal hysterectomy (TVH) and laparoscopic supracervical hysterectomy (LSH)**
- **Hysteroscopic polypectomy, myomectomy and endometrial ablation – hysterectomy alternatives for treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding**
- **Laparoscopic myomectomy – for removing fibroid tumors**
- **Minimally invasive vagal sling (TVT) – for treatment of stress urinary incontinence**
- **Surgery for pelvic organ prolapse (dropping or vaginal bulging of female organs due to tissue weakness or injury), including vaginoplasty (pelvic floor reconstruction)**
- **Fertility-promoting surgery, including tubal reversal and salpingoneostomy (treatment of blocked tubes)**
- **Non-invasive sterilization (Essure procedure) and laparoscopic tubal ligation**
- **Ovarian surgery – for removing ovarian cysts and treating ovulation dysfunction**
- **Laparoscopic uterine suspension – for treatment of painful intercourse caused by “tipped” or “tilted backwards” uterus**
- **Interstim® – non-invasive treatment of overactive bladder**
- **Dilation & Curettage (D&C) – for removal of uterine polyps in treating abnormal bleeding, or for sampling uterine tissue for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes**
- **Dilation & Evacuation (D&E) for removal of unexpelled miscarriage tissue**

“My laparoscopic hysterectomy procedure took only a couple of hours. I went home that same day and was back at work within a week. I took only one prescribed pain pill after surgery – that’s how minimal the pain was.”

Tonia Lambert  
TLH Patient
Expert Surgeons
Recognized Leaders in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Our Board Certified gynecological surgeons are leading experts in the specialty of minimally invasive surgery, with 25+ years of combined experience in successfully performing thousands of these procedures. They routinely perform more laparoscopic surgery than any other practice in northwest Georgia, and have introduced numerous advancements in the specialty that have become the gold standard of treatment. They offer you the highest level of gynecological surgery and care available today.

Hugo D. Ribot, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.O.G.
Dr. Ribot is a Board Certified physician in the specialties of obstetrics and gynecology, and advanced operative laparoscopy. A 1981 graduate of Dartmouth College, Dr. Ribot received his medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1986. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals in 1990, receiving its first-ever annual “Best Laparoscopic Surgical Resident Award.” Dr. Ribot is the managing partner of Cartersville Ob/Gyn Associates where he has practiced since 1990, and the founder and medical director of the Georgia Advanced Surgery Center for Women.

Dr. Barfield is a Board Certified physician in the specialties of obstetrics and gynecology, and also performs advanced operative laparoscopy. Dr. Barfield completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals in 2004. He is a 2000 graduate of NOVA Southeastern University School of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed his internship at the Children’s and Women’s Hospital of the University of South Alabama. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology from the University of Georgia. He is a co-founder/owner and surgeon of the Georgia Advanced Surgery Center for Women, as well as a practicing physician at Cartersville Ob/Gyn Associates.

“I had a total laparoscopic hysterectomy and bladder suspension performed by Dr. Ribot. I went in at 6:30 a.m. and was back home six hours later. I had zero pain. If I had a desk job instead of being a nurse. I would have gone back to work the next day. If anyone who needs gynecological surgery doesn’t go to him, they’re wasting their time and money.”
Mary Lindley, R.N., B.S.N.
TLH and TVT Patient