What is a practical target for hysterectomy approaches other than abdominal?

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A high percentage of hysterectomies—70% or more—should employ approaches other than abdominal, according to 42% of OBG MANAGEMENT readers who answered our Instant Poll Online. Some commented that it’s time to target an even higher rate. Most studies show that, compared with abdominal hysterectomy, laparoscopic and vaginal hysterectomies entail shorter hospitalization and recovery, and less postop pain. On the other hand, laparoscopic hysterectomy takes longer, uses more equipment (which adds expense), and requires specialized surgical skills.

What is your opinion?

In the STAR trial, both raloxifene and tamoxifen reduced the calculated breast cancer risk by about 50%. SEE THIS MONTH’S EDITORIAL, PAGE 10

For a postmenopausal woman with an elevated breast cancer risk, would you be willing to prescribe raloxifene, 60 mg daily, for chemoprevention? □ YES □ NO

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