I am pleased to introduce this month’s video, from the Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Dr. Michelle Pacis addresses an increasingly important topic to minimally invasive gynecologic surgeons: removal of a previously placed hysteroscopic tubal occlusion device. The Essure hysteroscopic sterilization device offers a permanent alternative to laparoscopic sterilization; however, women may at some point in the future require their removal. Whether removal is desired or because of complications, gynecologic surgeons must be familiar with the surgical steps involved, along with their implications.

The following video was produced in order to demonstrate a systematic and reproducible technique for laparoscopic removal of an Essure device for women requesting this procedure. Key objectives of the video include:

1. review the techniques available to remove a hysteroscopic tubal occlusion device, as well as the contraindications and advantages/disadvantages of these approaches
2. discuss recommended imaging and materials required for the technique described and tips for their use
3. demonstrate the technique of salpingectomy with cornual resection and repair.

I hope that you find this month’s video helpful to your surgical practice.

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