

in its usual right subhepatic location with preoperative ultrasonography will provide a clue to the presence of this rare congenital anomaly. It is an overstatement to say that gallbladder ectopia is a strict contraindication to laparoscopic surgery, as is demonstrated by our case. The surgeon must locate the gallbladder accurately in each case before the operation, either by radionuclide scanning or ERC, and should anticipate modifications in the laparoscopic approach.

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Notices

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Interactive surgical symposium

The Mayo Clinic Scottsdale is sponsoring the Mayo Interactive Surgical Symposium, to be held at the Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Golf Club and Spa, Scottsdale, Ariz., from Feb. 12 to 14, 1998. The course directors are Drs. John Donohue and William Stone. The symposium will comprise interactive sessions designed to update the general surgeon on state-of-the-art issues in breast surgery, trauma and critical care, endocrine, gastrointestinal/hepatobiliary, and vascular and thoracic surgery. For information regarding CME credits, registration and fees contact: Sara Schnirring, Medical Education Office, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, 13400 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale AZ 85259, USA; tel 602 301-7552; fax 602 301-8323.

Colorectal disease in 1998

The Department of Colorectal Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Florida will present the 9th annual symposium entitled "Colorectal Disease in 1998. An International Exchange of Medical and Surgical Concepts." The symposium will be held at the Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Feb. 19 to 21, 1998 under the direction of Dr.

Steven D. Wexner. Simultaneous translation will be available in Spanish and Italian. Credits: 24.5 hours in Category I of the AMA Physicians' Recognition Award or may be substituted for AOE-CME Category II-A. Contact: Cleveland Clinic Florida, Department of Education, 2950 West Cypress Creek Rd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33309-1743, USA; tel 954 978-5056; fax 954 978-5539; jagels@cesmtp.ccf.org

Urogynecology and disorders of the female pelvic floor

The 7th annual course on urogynecology and disorders of the female pelvic floor, sponsored by the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, will be held from Mar. 26 to 28, 1998, at the Marriott's Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, Ariz. The course director will be Dr. J.L. Cornella. Contact: Sara Schnirring, CME Department, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, 13400 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale AZ 85259, USA; tel 602 301-4661; fax 602 301-8323.

Pediatric orthopedic review course

The 11th Sainte-Justine Pediatric Orthopedic Review Course (SPORC 1998), sponsored by the Université de Montréal and

the Canadian Orthopaedic Association, will be held from Apr. 15 to 18, 1998, at the Complexe Desjardins Hotel, Montreal. For further information contact: Dr. Thierry Benaroch, Secretary, SPORC '98, Hôpital Sainte-Justine, 3175, Côte Sainte-Catherine, Montréal (Québec) H3T 1C5; tel 514 345-4876; fax 514 345-4755.

Third biennial foot and ankle symposium

The third biennial foot and ankle symposium, sponsored by the Canadian Orthopaedic Association and the Department of Surgery, University of Toronto, will be held from Apr. 17 to 20, 1998, at the King Edward Hotel, 37 King St. E, Toronto. The symposium will focus on the assessment and treatment of foot disorders in adults and children. Topics will include conservative and surgical management and will emphasize audience participation. Speakers include: Drs. I. Alexander, A. Amendola, R. Claridge, J. Corless, E. English, S. Hansen, T.R. Daniels and G. Hunter. Credits: MOCOMP, Type II and AMA Category I. For further information contact: Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 150 College St., Room 121, Toronto ON; tel 416 978-2719; fax 416 971-2200.