

“Precise, almost mathematical knowledge of anatomy is a highly fertile source of surgical applications, suggesting new techniques and helping perfect and simplify existing surgical methods, making them less mutilating and more benign and, in short, raising surgery to the rank of true science”.

SALVADOR GIL-VERNET (1893-1987)

## Facebook extension for Pelviperineology discussion

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Dear colleagues!

As an extension to the discussion pages in Pelviperineology journal, we are creating a group in Facebook to discuss, analyse, debate, research on the pelvic floor and colon. Why? To return medical science to its basics, informed discussion, respectful, informed debate. It is the only way to counter what many of us perceive as an unhealthy retrograde step in specialist medical journals, to ‘standardize’ everything: endless definitions, ‘consensus statements’. Opinion has replaced science. ‘Definitions’ have replaced scientific research. Conforming has replaced independent thought. Conformist scorn has replaced contrary opinions, the mainstay of traditional science. Journals have ceased to be a forum for discussion. They have become a parade of conformist thought. Because of this, science has become ossified. Outdated ideas continue to prevail, yet another casualty of the political correctness which is poisoning our society. Original thought, new concepts, the very engines of progress, inevitably come into conflict with the ossified concepts which these ‘standardizations’ bring. Needless to say, new ideas do not find their way into these ‘traditional’ journals.

The journal ‘Pelviperineology’ is an outstanding exception. Since its inception, it has welcomed new ideas and scientific criticism thereof. The group we are establishing in Facebook is an extension of this philosophy. We cordially invite all interested colleagues to join us in these open discussions.

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