Abstract
The need for devising and implementing a rational and structured training, certification, and credentialing protocol in operative endoscopy has become obvious and anavoidable. Training and credentialing in gynecologic operative endoscopy today depends on the surgeon's and the surgical institution's goodwill and desire for excellence. If we as the concerned practitioners do not rapidly establish such guidelines, other interested parties, namely governments and third party payers will and are proceeding to do so unilaterally.

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