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To the Editor:

With a great deal of interest I read the article “Development of Flexible Culdoscopy” (J Am Assoc Gynecol Laparosc 6(4):487–490, 1999). I agree with the authors of this fine paper that “Culdoscopy is a simple procedure for the experienced laparoscopic surgeon” (p 488). I noticed that as part of this project the procedures included culdoscopy with laparoscopic correlation.

Since 1998 I have conducted a project combining laparoscopy or microlaparoscopy with culdoscopy. I call this technique culdolaparoscopy. The procedures were performed under general anesthesia. The objective of my project was different from those authors’; I did culdoscopy in lithotomy position in an attempt to avoid additional or larger abdominal ports. With this technique I have successfully performed appendectomies, cholecystectomies, hysterectomies, myomectomies, oophorectomies, and salpingo-oophorectomies.

I agree with the authors that culdoscopy must be revisited in light of new technology, not solely as a potential for an office procedure, but also as an assisted technique for major operative laparoscopy or microlaparoscopy.

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