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TWO YEAR PROGRAM

Description of Program:

Our 24-month fellowship accepts 3 new applicants every year (1 in Pereira and 2 in Medellin). Applicants will be accepted through the standardized AAGL fellowship application process which includes formal interviews, evaluation and acceptance through the match. Fellow applications will be screened and applicants will be asked to first undergo a web interview with Program director (Dr. Villegas-Echeverri) and assistant program director (Dra Cifuentes-Pardo). Final applicants can be asked to visit our institutions for one day where they will undergo face-to-face interviews with the director, assistant director, faculty, Hospital education director and current fellows. During this visit, they may tour our facilities and be given a chance to evaluate our program. Once the interview process is complete, the applicant names will be placed in a rank list submitted to the AAGL for the final match. The new fellows will be contacted by the director to confirm acceptance. After confirmation of acceptance, a letter of intent, contract, schedule request forms and other required documents will be finalized according to local and national and credentialing regulations.

Fellows will be expected to complete a 24 months training program. After this period, graduating fellows will be proficient in all aspects of minimally invasive gynecological surgery, including (but not limited to): complicated hysterectomies and myomectomies, complete/complex surgery for advanced stages of endometriosis, adnexal masses and surgical procedures for organ prolapse and chronic pelvic pain conditions. In addition, this is a clinically broad fellowship that allows postgraduate trainees to gain extensive experience in a variety of advanced gynecologic disorders such as chronic pelvic pain disorders (e.g. endometriosis, irritable bowel syndrome, interstitial cystitis), pelvic organ prolapse, vulvovaginal disorders (e.g. vestibulitis, vulvar dermatoses, vulvodynia, chronic vaginitis) and much more. Pain management will be taught in closely mentored clinical settings. Fellows will rotate through Gyn oncology, the urogyn clinic, the pelvic pain clinic and they will also see general gynecology patients. In addition, fellows will have dedicated operating room time as well as time protected for research and education activities. Post-graduate trainees will have the opportunity to rotate through different programs including other centers in Colombia and abroad. The training schedule will be based on a set curriculum; however, it will also be tailored each year to the educational and surgical training needs of each fellow. The fellows will also participate in a supervised laparoscopy simulation program.

This fellowship will place emphasis on academics by promoting fellow research, publication, and opportunity for direct one-on-one teaching of residents. Each fellow will be required to complete a research project, present at national / international meetings (including the Colombian national ObGyn meeting, the Colombian MIS Gyn chapter meeting, the AAGL annual meeting and/or the IPPS annual scientific meeting) and finalize a manuscript for publication by the end of the second year of the fellowship. Fellows will be required to attend weekly didactic core lectures which will not only focus on the above clinical topics but will also include specific lectures team work, leadership, research methodology, publication requirements and obtaining research funding. In addition, fellows are encouraged to attend weekly journal review, pre-operative case review, morbidity and mortality conference and grand rounds. Overall, each fellow will devote approximately 70% of their time to clinical / surgical duties and 30% to research and teaching projects. Eventually, the fellow will also be involved in teaching medical students and Ob-Gyn residents. Lastly, the fellows will be exposed to extensive mentorship in career development in order to prepare them for practice beyond fellowship in academic and non-academic environments.