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**MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL & WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL
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TWO YEAR PROGRAM

Description of Program:

Our program is comprised of 7 fellowship trained surgeons (Canada, United States and Brazil), one of whom specializes in Functional Pelvic Surgery & Neuropelvelology. The faculty make-up not only allows for high volume of complex cases, but the right type of volume, representing the breadth and experience that leave no gaps in their learning experience.

Year I:

In year one of the program, the principle focus will be in clinical and surgical experience. During this time, the fellow will also plan and initiate a research project within our MIS Gynaecology Research Group. There is no shortage of surgical volume – we have two neighbouring sites: Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) and Women’s College Hospital (WCH), both of which are part of the University of Toronto system. WCH is the first and only independent, academic ambulatory care hospital in Ontario with a primary focus on healthcare of women. While in the operating room, the fellows learn from a wide variety of cases such as laparoscopic and hysteroscopic myomectomy, deeply infiltrating endometriosis, laparoscopic hysterectomy and a variety of intrauterine procedures. These are all performed on an outpatient basis. The fellow will also supervise and teach residents in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as medical students while in the operating room. It is a part of their primary responsibility to be leaders in education and as a part of their escalated responsibility as fellows, they are provided with fellow-managed clinics and operating rooms where they function as the responsible physician.

The fellow also attends specialty clinics approximately once a week. They will be expected to investigate and evaluate patient care with the goal of diagnosis and overall enhancement of care.

They will also be required to fully understand detailed pelvic anatomy and energy sources. This academic year has the goal of establishing sound communicators, and patient advocates who are able to provide counseling, create and implement patient care programs for the future minimally invasive gynaecology, all in a professional manner.

Advocating clinical expertise will allow the fellow to become an advanced gynaecologic surgeon with proficiency in operative procedures. In addition to learning a “procedure”, we are particular about teaching the surgical philosophy that focusses on a superior understanding of abdomino-pelvic anatomy that is then used to accomplish any surgical objective. It is important for us to share knowledge on the organization of the operating room and standard procedures, fundamentals of surgical set-up, safe-entry techniques, instrumentation required for each surgical procedure, performance of the procedure and advanced surgical techniques along with any complications that may occur. Other key components for this portion would be pre-operative and post-operative management, counseling skills and prevention and management of complications related to pelvic surgery.

Year II:

The second year of fellowship builds upon year one, as they are given more responsibility and act as independent clinicians, with a fellow clinic that is held twice a month and a day a month in the operating where they function as the most responsible person.

We have instituted the process of dedicated elective time during the second year, tailored to the need and interest of the fellow. The options are fairly flexible and range from opportunities within the

department (Urogynaecology, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology and Neuropelveology) and are investigating other avenues within the department of Surgery.

Education

The fellow is expected to attend the monthly education session, monthly MIGS interhospital rounds, bimonthly research rounds and weekly department grand rounds. The fellow also attends a hand on cadaver course (laparoscopic pelvic dissection) at St. Louis University (SLU) in year 1)

Research

Research training and projects will be an important factor for successful completion of this fellowship. The fellow will be required to initiate, design, and implement an independent research project under the supervision of faculty. It is expected the fellow will disseminate their research through presentation and peer reviewed publication. Each fellow must demonstrate a full understanding of how clinical research is conducted.

They will have the opportunity to participate in both national and international conferences and presentations such as those hosted by AAGL, CanSAGE (Canadian Society for the Advancement of Gynecologic Excellence) or SOGC (Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada).