FELLOWSHIP

Accreditation Period: *2022-2024*

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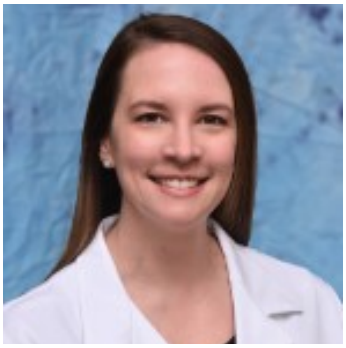

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TWO YEAR PROGRAM

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2-Year Program			
Optional Degrees:	☐ MPH	☐ MBA ☐ MS ☐ Other:	☒ None
Number of Faculty			
	GYN Faculty: 2	UROGYN Faculty: 1	
	REI Faculty: 1	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 1	
	GU Faculty: 0	General Surgery Faculty: 0	
	Colorectal Faculty: 0	Other: -	
Residency Program Affiliation:	☐ Yes	☒ No	
Computer Simulation Center:	☒ Yes	☐ No	
Training Labs			
	☒ Cadaver lab	☐ Animal Lab	☐ None
	☒ Dry Lab	☒ Robotics	
Office Surgery:	☒ Yes	☐ No	
Contract/Agreement Letter:	☒ Yes	☐ No	
	Stipend PGY-5 or 6: ☒ Yes ☐ No		
	Resident Teaching ☐ Yes ☒ No		
	Benefit Package: ☒ Yes ☐ No		
	OB obligation: ☐ Yes ☒ No	If yes, please describe obligation.	
	Junior Faculty ☐ Yes ☒ No	Attending Privileges ☒ Yes ☐ No	
	Moonlighting: ☒ Yes ☐ No	Non-compete clause: ☐ Yes ☒ No	
	Malpractice: ☒ Yes ☐ No	Meeting support: ☒ Yes ☐ No	
	Malpractice tail coverage: ☐ Yes ☒ No	Other coverage obligations- specify:	
Accept J1 & H1Visa applicants	☒ Yes	☐ No	
Dedicated Research Hours:	Hours/per week: Protected research time will be provided in the form of a 4 week block per year, as well as 1-2 half days a month depending on clinical duties. Hours/per month: dependant on clinical block		
Protected Academic:	Hours/per week: 1 Hours/per month: 4		
Clinical Focus/Special Interest			
	☒ Reproductive Surgery	☒ Oncology	
	☒ Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	☒ Pelvic Reconstruction	
	☒ Robotic Surgery	☐ Pediatric/Adolescent	
	☒ Hysteroscopic Surgery	☐ Other:	

Description of Program:

Program requirements

− Completion of MD based US or Canadian Accredited Ob/Gyn residency training program and must be eligible to sit for the ABOG certification examination
− Eligible for unrestricted California medical license
− Accepts International Medical graduates with ECFMG certification

Program Description

The goal of the fellowship program is to train applicants in advanced endoscopic procedures (advanced laparoscopy, operative hysteroscopy, vaginal surgery, and robotic assisted surgery). Surgical exposure would include general gynecology, as well as Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) in oncology, urogynecology and infertility. The goal of the different specialty exposure is to have fellows become comfortable in all spaces of the pelvis, as well as master a variety of different surgical techniques.

All involved faculty are fellowship trained, 3 of which are trained AAGL MIGS surgeons. The fellow would be expected to assess patients in clinic, create a treatment plan, and book surgery with the supervising attending when necessary. With UCR Women's health clinic being a referral site for the community, most patients seen in clinic are referred for advanced MIS. With the art of vaginal surgery becoming almost extinct, the introduction of a MIGS surgeon to a urogynecologist will help enhance their vaginal skills. In addition, although we all aim to complete surgical procedures via a minimally invasive approach, occasionally open surgery is necessary to address certain pathology or complications. Fellows must feel comfortable performing open surgery in order to master all aspects of surgical technique. Exposure to gyn oncology surgery will allow for performing complex open surgeries.

Rotations will include:

- 4 three-month blocks per year. Block assignments:

Block 1: MIGS/ REI

block 2: MIGS/ GYN-ONC

Block 3: MIGS/ URO-GYN

Block 4: MIGS/ Research