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UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER
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TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-Year Program		<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year Program	
Optional Degrees: <input type="checkbox"/> MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None			
Number of Faculty			
	GYN Faculty: 4	UROGYN Faculty: 4	
	REI Faculty: 5	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 5	
	GU Faculty: -	General Surgery Faculty: -	
	Colorectal Faculty: -	Research: 1	
Residency Program Affiliation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Computer Simulation Center: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Training Labs			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> None
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotics	
Office Surgery: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Contract/Agreement Letter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Stipend PGY-5 or 6:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Resident Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Benefit Package:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	OB obligation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe obligation. Low risk OB + GYN call – 1 Friday night, 1 Saturday 24-hour per month
	Junior Faculty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attending Privileges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Moonlighting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Non-compete clause: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Malpractice:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Meeting support: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Malpractice tail coverage:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other coverage obligations- specify: Pager call for MIGS faculty practice with attending back up
Accept J1 Visa applicants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Accept H1 Visa applicants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Dedicated Research Hours: Hours per week: 6-8 hours Average Hours per month: 24-32			
Protected Academic: Hours per week: 2-4 Average Hours per month: 12 hours			
Clinical Focus/Special Interest			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Oncology	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric/Adolescent	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopic Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Program Description

The Scibetta Fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery is a two-year fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York. The fellowship program was founded in 2007 to provide advanced training in laparoscopic management of complex benign gynecology. The program has developed into a comprehensive training program through expanded surgical breadth and incorporation of educational and research activities.

Surgical Experience

Our primary goal is to develop our fellows into advanced gynecologic surgeons who can confidently tackle complicated pelvic disorders severe adhesive disease, advanced-stage endometriosis, uterine fibroids, congenital anomalies, and chronic pelvic pain via minimally invasive surgery. Fellows operate with fellowship faculty three days per week on average. The majority of surgical cases are performed via conventional or robot-assisted laparoscopy. Vaginal, mini-laparotomy, and open approaches are offered as appropriate. Hysteroscopic surgery is performed with MIGS fellowship faculty as well as REI faculty. We collaborate with colorectal surgery, thoracic surgery, and urology as needed for complex cases, particularly those involving deeply invasive endometriosis. The fellows also complete a four-week rotation with GYN Oncology.

Office Practice

Fellows spend about one day per week in the office setting. Fellows see and evaluate patients referred for complex minimally invasive surgery and for chronic pelvic pain. As chronic pelvic pain is a common reason that patients seek surgery, seeing these patients allows our fellows to become excellent diagnosticians who are able to determine which patients may benefit from surgery and which require other interventions before or instead of proceeding with surgery. We plan for graduated responsibility in evaluating and caring for patients in the office setting so that fellows are ready to see a full panel of patients independently upon completion of the program.

Didactic Learning & Research

In addition to department, division, and fellowship educational sessions, our fellows benefit from our department-wide curriculum for fellows. A week-long research bootcamp is scheduled early in training. Fellowship Fridays occur monthly, addressing writing skills and professional development.

Fellows are required to complete a research project, present at a national meeting, and complete a manuscript for publication in accordance with FMIGS program requirements. Our research curriculum is structured to ensure completion of all requirements and is strengthened by the support of the OBGYN Research Division.

Fellow as Teacher

Fellows gain experience teaching residents and medical students in multiple settings, including outpatient clinics, operating rooms, simulation, and didactic sessions. Fellows are expected to present their research project at departmental grand rounds during their second year. They are encouraged to present on a topic of their choosing during their first year. Fellows co-lead resident laparoscopic Olympics annually.

Location

The University of Rochester Medical Center is nationally ranked in many specialties and is the only academic medical center in the Greater Rochester area, serving as a tertiary and quaternary referral center for Western and Central New York and beyond. Rochester is big enough to offer an array of cultural, recreational and leisure activities, and intimate enough to live affordably and navigate easily. With a cost of living significantly below the national average and proximity to the state's beautiful Finger Lakes region, many who come here to train decide to stay.