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## STAMFORD HOSPITAL STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT



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### **TWO YEAR PROGRAM**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2-Year Program</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3-Year Program</b>	
<b>Optional Degrees:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None			
<b>Number of Faculty:</b>			
	GYN Faculty: 4	UROGYN Faculty: 2	
	REI Faculty: 1	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 3	
	GU Faculty:	General Surgery Faculty:	
	Colorectal Faculty:	Other:	
<b>Residency Program Affiliation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Computer Simulation Center:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Training Labs:</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> None
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotics	
<b>Office Surgery:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Contract/Agreement Letter:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Stipend PGY-5 or 6:	<input 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. Call
	Junior Faculty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attending Privileges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Moonlighting:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Non-compete clause: <input checked="" 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:
<b>Accept J1 Visa applicants</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Accept H1Visa applicants</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Dedicated Research Hours:</b> Hours/per week: 8 Hours/per month: 32			
<b>Protected Academic:</b> Hours/per week: 5 Hours/per month: 20			
<b>Clinical Focus/Special Interest:</b>			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oncology	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pediatric/Adolescent	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopic Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

**Description of Program:**

The OB/GYN fellowship program is designed to train future experts in minimally invasive gynecologic surgical techniques, with a focus on developing regional, national, and international leaders in this field. Graduates of the program will possess the skills and knowledge necessary to serve as independent specialists and consultants in advanced benign minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, while also contributing to ongoing research and teaching efforts.

To achieve these goals, the program is structured around a series of blocks, each of which focuses on a specific set of skills and provides fellows with exposure to a variety of clinical scenarios. The curriculum is organized around four primary components: didactics, simulation, research and clinical/surgical experience. Fellows will receive extensive didactic training in gynecological knowledge acquisition, research methodology, quality improvement techniques, and teaching skills. They will also have the opportunity to engage in simulated surgical scenarios to hone their technical skills before working with real patients. The primary surgical experience will be with the divisional members of general gynecology, gynecologic oncology, urogynecology, and general surgery to gain a broader understanding of the field. Throughout the program, fellows will gain extensive clinical experience working in the office, evaluating surgical candidates, conducting preoperative evaluations, and managing postoperative care. They will also rotate through Urogynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology to gain additional clinical experience, working alongside attending physicians to progressively take on greater surgical responsibility, ultimately functioning as the first assistant while allowing residents to serve as primary surgeons.

By the end of the program, fellows will possess a well-rounded set of skills and experiences that will enable them to pursue leadership roles in academic departments or community settings. They will also be able to serve as a valuable resource for their OB/GYN colleagues, contributing to ongoing research efforts and advancing the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.