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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT

FACULTY



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TWO YEAR PROGRAM



2-Year Program	
Optional Degrees: <input type="checkbox"/> MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: certificate <input type="checkbox"/> None	
Number of Faculty:	
GYN Faculty: 5	UROGYN Faculty: 1
REI Faculty: 0	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 3
GU Faculty: 0	General Surgery Faculty: 0
Colorectal Faculty: 1	Other:
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotics <input type="checkbox"/> None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe obligation.
Junior Faculty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Moonlighting:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Malpractice:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Malpractice tail coverage:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Attending Privileges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Non-compete clause:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Meeting support:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other coverage obligations- specify: coverage of MIGS practice	
Accept J1 Visa applicants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Accept H1 Visa applicants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Dedicated Research Hours:	Hours/per week: 8 Hours/per Month: 32
Protected Academic:	Hours/per week: 1-2 Hours/per Month: 4-8
Clinical Focus/Special Interest:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oncology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric/Adolescent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopic Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Gynecologic ultrasound

Program Description:

The Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) fellowship is designed to educate a subspecialist in obstetrics and gynecology in advanced benign minimally invasive gynecologic surgery for them to be an independent specialist and a consultant to other surgeons upon graduation. UConn Health is a state hospital and a leading referral center for complex gynecologic conditions. The fellow will acquire the advanced minimally invasive skills that will allow them to treat many complex gynecologic conditions. Fellows will be trained by sub-specialty providers to ensure competence in the full spectrum of gynecologic surgery including robotic, laparoscopic, vaginal, vaginal natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery (vNOTES), advanced hysteroscopy, and open surgery when indicated.

The MIGS division works closely in conjunction with the REI division and the focus is on reproductive surgery involving fertility promoting and fertility sparing treatment of endometriosis, uterine myomas, uterine anomalies, and adnexal diseases. Our MIGS fellowship will also allow for the opportunity to advance the fellows skills in gynecologic ultrasound specifically in 3D imaging for preoperative evaluation and diagnosis. The fellows will graduate with the ability to establish a leadership role in advancing minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and advanced endoscopic surgical research.

Fellows will rotate with and work in conjunction with many different subspecialty faculty in order to learn the importance of multidisciplinary care and gain more surgical and clinical experience. During the gynecologic oncology rotation, the fellows will be further exposed to complex minimally invasive surgery and exploration of the retroperitoneal space. On the rotation in female pelvic reconstructive surgery, fellows will be exposed to treatment for pelvic floor disease and incontinence. The experience of working closely with urogynecology, urology, and colorectal surgery will allow the fellows to feel more comfortable in recognition and management of urinary or gastrointestinal tract complications. The fellows will also have research support and protected research time.

The primary goal of the fellowship is to provide exceptional education to the MIGS fellows. Graduating fellows will be adequately trained to pursue a career in academic medicine or clinical practice. The program will allow for progression of skills and meeting all program requirements. The fellow will spend 50% of their time at UConn Health and 50% of their time at our affiliate hospital, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center alternating between both sites to allow for a broad clinical experience. The fellows have continuity clinic at each site and are in the operating room on an average of four days a week with one day of protected research time. Each week the fellow operates with MIGS, urogynecology, and gynecology oncology faculty depending on which hospital they are rotating at.

Fellows participate with core faculty members, in a multidisciplinary surgical planning conference where fellows gain experience interpreting pelvic imaging and developing a team based approach to surgical care. Fellows also participate in pre-op conference, M&M (monthly), journal clubs, and grand rounds. The MIGS Fellows Didactic sessions are dedicated to fellow education and on average occur 3 times a month where MIGS faculty lecture on the AAGL FMIGS educational objectives and reading list. There are also joint lectures and joint journal clubs that occur with all of the FMIGS programs in Connecticut. Protected time for faculty directed simulation is built in to the fellow's curriculum. The fellow also participates in simulation events that are designed for the resident physicians as faculty.

Fellows are expected to be actively involved in teaching the obstetrics and gynecology residents as well as the UConn Health medical students in both the clinic and operating room setting. They also assist with surgical simulation training for the residents and medical students.

For additional information, please feel free to contact us or visit our website at: [Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Fellowship | Graduate Medical Education \(uconn.edu\)](#)