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VIRGINIA MASON FRANCISCAN HEALTH

Seattle, WA



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TWO-YEAR PROGRAM



2-Year Program	
Optional Degrees:	MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Number of Faculty	
	GYN Faculty: 3 UROGYN Faculty: 0
	REI Faculty: 1 ONCOLOGY Faculty: 2
	GU Faculty: 0 General Surgery Faculty: 0
	Colorectal Faculty: 0 Other: close working relationships with outside REI groups and VMMC general surgery, colorectal and urology faculty
Residency Program Affiliation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Computer Simulation Center:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Training Labs	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver lab <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe obligation.
	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 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:
Accept J1 & H1Visa 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: 4 Hours/per month:
Clinical Focus/Additional Training	
	<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 type="checkbox"/> Pediatric/Adolescent
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopic Surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Vaginal surgery, vNOTES

Description of Program:

The MIGS Fellowship at Virginia Mason Franciscan Health is a high-volume academic community program with a goal of training excellent clinicians, surgeons and leaders in our field.

Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle is a tertiary care facility with an excellent quality and safety reputation. There are several residencies and fellowships based here at Virginia Mason. Our core MIGS fellowship faculty currently consists of 3 general/minimally invasive gynecologists, 2 gynecologic oncologists and 1 reproductive endocrinology surgeon. Over the course of two years in the fellowship, each fellow will average 3.5 days in the OR, 0.5 day in clinic and 1 day of research each week. The fellows work as a team to manage the day-to-day running of gynecologic surgical services, as well as covering emergencies and inpatient consultations. Most clinical work is located at the main Seattle campus however we do have two state-of-the-art surgical centers in the community (a short drive from Seattle) to utilize for minor OR cases.

Our fellows have excellent case volumes of both major and minor OR cases as well as office hysteroscopy. Fellows consistently reach and exceed FMIGS case targets by the end of just their first year. Our patient population and pathology are diverse here in the Pacific Northwest. Cases frequently include complex pathology referred from Alaska, Montana and rural parts of Washington. Our team does a good mix of laparoscopic, robotic and vaginal surgery along with complex operative hysteroscopy. One of the highlights of our program is the fellows' MIGS continuity clinic where they evaluate and manage patients independently, with attending mentorship for surgical cases. This allows for valuable autonomy while also getting to take advantage of surgical mentorship.

Surgeons, as well as colleagues in all specialties are top-notch here at Virginia Mason. We consistently work collaboratively to do complex multidisciplinary cases with our General surgery, Colorectal and Urology/FPMRS partners. Opportunities exist to rotate with these service lines, or to do other elective rotations of interest, especially in the second year.

Educational opportunities consist of weekly rotating conferences: MIGS M&M, preoperative case conferences, GynOnc Tumor Board, journal club, research meetings and AAGL didactics. Fellows prepare for some of these conferences while others are attending-led. We have opportunities to interact with residents and students in both the OR and clinic settings.

Scientific inquiry and research is highly valued and is supported by the faculty as well as the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason. Fellows are expected to be self-starters in their research endeavors and our curriculum is directed based on their interests. They will be expected to submit at least one manuscript for publication during their two-year fellowship. Surgical videos and abstracts are frequently presented by our fellows at annual meetings such as SGS and AAGL. Fellows will be expected to attend the Fellow's bootcamp, AAGL annual meeting and participate in required FMIGS scholarly activity.