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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



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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: 0
		REI Faculty: 1	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 0
		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Training Labs			
		<input checked="" 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
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 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: Monthly gynecology call
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: 8			
Hours/per month: 32			
Protected Academic: Hours/per week: 4			
Hours/per month: 16			
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:

Description of Program:

The Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the Washington University in St. Louis is a two-year program training gynecologic surgeons in the management of complex gynecologic diseases. The most common conditions treated by the core faculty are severe endometriosis and large leiomyoma. Fellowship training will include laparoscopic, robotic, and vaginal surgery addressing a wide range of pathology. Not only will fellows graduate with expertise in complex surgical pathology, they will also be able to manage patients with complicated medical conditions, extensive surgical histories, and very high BMIs.

The fellowship is structured so that trainees operate three days a week. Their outpatient experience will include time in faculty clinics and in a fellows-run MIGS clinic. Fellows will primarily rotate between the core faculty: four high volume gynecologic surgeons, three of whom are fellowship-trained and one of whom has been a practicing gynecologic surgeon for over 25 years. Fellows will split time equally between two clinical sites: Barnes Jewish Hospital and Missouri Baptist Hospital. Both locations are affiliated with Washington University in St. Louis. Fellows will rotate with faculty in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Washington University in St. Louis every other month throughout fellowship in order to gain experience in complex operative hysteroscopy. Fellows will complete a rotation with colorectal surgery during their second year of fellowship.

As fellows develop as surgeons, they will learn how to be effective surgical teachers. Our fellows will be given graduated teaching responsibility culminating in fellows acting as the primary teaching assistant for residents during complex pelvic surgery. This fellowship will also provide specific guidance teaching skills such as how to provide substantive feedback and how to set appropriate goals for learners. Fellows present Grand Rounds to the OBGYN Department and participate in various multi-disciplinary educational conferences including a GYN Radiology conference, benign gynecology pathology conference, and an endometriosis conference. They will participate in the surgical skills curriculum including an annual cadaver lab, pig lab, and Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) teaching.

The fellows will collaborate with a faculty member with protected research time. This mentor will help them define research objectives and ensure that they meet their research goals. Fellows will have an average of one protected research day weekly and will meet with their research mentor monthly. Our fellows should produce a surgical video and a review article as well as complete an original research project by the end of their second year. Fellows are expected to submit this original work for publication. These endeavors will be supported by the Division of Clinical Research within the Department of OBGYN. The Division of Clinical Research provides support ranging from IRB submission, statistical analysis, and manuscript editing. In addition to contributing to the body of medical literature, fellows will also develop their ability to evaluate and interpret studies. They will complete a statistics course and will participate in MIGS journal club every 6 weeks.

In summary, The Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery program at Washington University in St. Louis intends to commence training on or around July 1, 2023. The program will graduate fellows with expertise in the management of complex gynecologic conditions, command of multiple minimally invasive surgical modalities, excellent clinical and teaching skills, and an active engagement in research.