

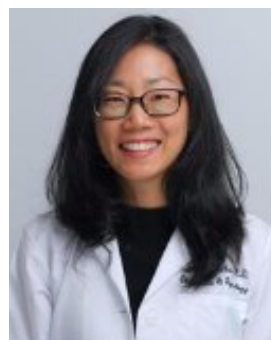


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TWO YEAR PROGRAM

Description of Program:

The ChristianaCare Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery is a 2-year program set in a high-acuity, community-based academic tertiary care center in Newark, Delaware. Our MIGS fellowship aims to provide comprehensive clinical, surgical, and academic training for future leaders in our field.

The MIGS Fellow works closely with fellowship trained surgical subspecialists in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, Urogynecology, Gynecologic Oncology, and other fields to expand their knowledge and expertise in treating complex benign gynecologic conditions, especially those with surgical management. Patient care occurs in the operating room, inpatient, and ambulatory settings to develop a well-rounded knowledge of disease management, preoperative planning, minimally invasive gynecologic procedures, and post-intervention care. Clinical knowledge is enhanced in our dedicated fibroid clinic and endometriosis clinic. In the first year, fellows will rotate with MIGS faculty to gain experience in laparoscopy, robotic surgery, hysteroscopy (including in-office hysteroscopy), and vaginal surgery, including a one-month rotation on Urogynecology. In the second year, fellows may participate in subspecialty surgical rotations with Urogynecology, Gyn Oncology, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, and Colorectal services.

Dedicated research time is allotted weekly so that the fellow may meet the requirement to submit a manuscript for publication in both years. Research is supported by mentorship through our MIGS Division and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Successful completion of a statistical course is also required. There is an option to complete a Master's in Clinical Research for interested and motivated fellows. Collaboration with outside institutions is encouraged where appropriate.

Fellows are expected to actively participate in the education of residents, students, and colleagues, in the OR, office, and the simulation lab. At a monthly journal club, fellows and faculty will review current literature likely to impact the field of MIGS. Fellows provide resident didactics on relevant MIGS topics 2-3 times annually, and informally in the operating room throughout their training. Fellows are required to complete an institutional robotics simulation curriculum and assist in simulation training for residents and students on the MIGS rotation, including EMIGS/FLS training, robotics, and human cadaver labs annually.

Financial support for the fellowship comes from departmental and institutional stipends as well as earned salary from OB/GYN Emergency Department shifts (one 8-hour shift weekly and two 12-hour weekend shifts every 4 weeks). These obligations are scheduled outside of regular clinical hours to optimize the fellows' educational experience. Malpractice, health, dental, and disability insurances are provided by the institution. Fellows receive an annual stipend for travel and fellowship-related conferences. Additional OB/GYN ED shifts may be added to fund other educational programs if desired.