

## IUGA Fellowship and Observership Host Site Directory

### AUSTRALIA

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<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> <p>The Royal Women's Hospital Pelvic Floor Unit consists of a multidisciplinary team that provides care for women with a variety of pelvic floor conditions including but not limited to urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, mesh complications and lower bowel problems. Clinically, the candidate would have exposure and access to specialty urogynaecology and perineal clinics (including 3D and 4D pelvic floor ultrasound) in addition to exposure to mesh ultrasound.</p> <p>Research is robust and fostered at the Women's. The department has been fortunate to have been awarded with multiple institutional specific, urogynaecologic societal and national funding awards in the recent past. All Pelvic Floor Unit faculty members participate in research, where projects have been presented nationally and internationally.</p>
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> <p>Novel and innovative conservative and surgical management of pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence, mesh complications, recurrent urinary tract infections, urinary microbiome, vaginal microbiome, perineal care, mesh 3D and 4D ultrasound, development of new practice guidelines and clinical research.</p>
<b>Special Requirements:</b> <p>Observerships (variable lengths of time) and fellowships (1-2 years) available</p>
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> <p>1-3 months</p>
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> <p>Yes</p>
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

<b>Program Director: Prof. Peter Dwyer, MB, BS, FRANZCOG, CU</b>
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<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the female lower urinary tract and pelvic floor
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Multidisciplinary treatment of urinary and fecal incontinence. Prospective randomised studies.
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Fellowship 2 years medical registration in Australia; hands on observerships 1-6 months
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> 1-2 months
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Yes
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

<b>Program Director: Anna Rosamilia, MD</b>
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<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Multidisciplinary Pelvic Floor Unit in public and private setting.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> RCT's sling and POP surgery; including 3D US assessment. Close collaboration with Monash University/MIMR/CSIRO POP tissue engineering; shared research projects with Mercy Hospital for women.
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Current overseas fellowship available June 2025, with interviews 1 year before. Long preparation period including visa/medical board registration and English test (IELTS) requirement. No salary but remuneration available via private surgical assisting.
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> 2 years for fellowship preferred. Observership at candidate's discretion depending on availability
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Basic accommodation available near hospital or university can be obtained at market rates.
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

<b>Program Director: Ka Lai (Clara) Shek, MBBS, PHD, FHKCOG, FHKAM (O&amp;G), FRCOG, FRANZCOG</b>
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<p><b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b>  Pelvic Floor Clinic and Perineal Clinic on Mondays (pm) and all day Thursdays. Five all day urodynamic clinics every 4 weeks where visiting scholars will have opportunities to perform hands on training. Research projects to study associations between pelvic floor functional anatomy and pelvic floor dysfunction.</p>
<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b>  Pelvic floor imaging, effects of childbirth on the pelvic floor structure and function, imaging of meshes and slings used in pelvic floor reconstructive surgery.  Facilities to perform transperineal ultrasound imaging in all clinics. Local facilities including computers, softwares for post processing of ultrasound volume data and statistical softwares are available to support visiting scholars undertaking research projects.</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b>  Need to meet and fulfill the visa requirement and to obtain an observership status with Liverpool Hospital with the assistance of the hospital's administrative staff.</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b>  6-9 months</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b>  We can try to provide information on accommodation.</p>
<p><b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes</p>
<p><b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes</p>

## AUSTRIA

<p><b>Program Director: Prof. Dr. Heinz Koelbl, MD</b></p>
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<p><b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b>  Clinical: full spectrum of state-of-the-art urogynecologic diagnostic work-up and treatment.</p>
<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b>  Polypharmacy, 3D ultrasound, proteomics, clinical-outcomes research, biomarkers of pelvic-floor-dysfunction, Evolution medicine</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b>  Proficiency in German and/or English.</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b>  3 months</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b></p>

Yes
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

## BRAZIL

<b>Program Director: Leonardo R. P. S. Bezerra</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> Professor of Superior Teaching of the Federal University of Ceará, Department of Maternal and Infant (2014) I. Professor of Graduate in the Federal University of Ceará Surgery. It is currently Supervisor of the Medical Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternity School Assis Chateaubriand the UFC. Holds the position by the Care Management Health, Hospital, Maternity School Assis Chateaubriand, the Federal University of Ceará, affiliate Ebserh. He was a member of the Teaching and Evaluation Committee FEBRASGO-AMB. He has a PhD in Health Sciences (Gynaecology) (2006) and Master of Health Sciences (2002) both from the School of Medicine of the Federal University of São Paulo with specialization in Urogynecology and Vaginal Surgery. Degree in Medicine from the Federal University of Ceará (1995) and Medical Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Federal University of Ceará (1999). Specialist degree in Obstetrics and Gynecology TEGO (1999) and Practice Certificate in Urodynamics and urethrocytostcopy (2001). He has experience in Medicine, with emphasis on Gynaecology and Obstetrics, acting in Urogynecology and pelvic floor dysfunction, minimally invasive Gynecologic and Laparoscopy, Vaginal Surgery, Endometriosis, geital Prolapse, female urinary incontinence, urodynamics female
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Urogynecology service and pelvic floor dysfunction with a multidisciplinary team. We offer outpatient visits and conducting female urodynamics, pelvic floor physiotherapy to electrotherapy techniques and muscle training for the pelvic floor muscles. We performed surgical procedures for the treatment of disorders of the pelvic floor and the vaginal Laparoscopic route. We conducted Slings, sacrospinous fixation, laparoscopic promontofixação, work with prostheses, among others. We are the leading regional center of reference for the treatment of urinary incontinence, genital prolapse using prosthesis and native tissues. Furthermore we are also references in the treatment of chronic pelvic pain and deep endometriosis with laparoscopy and coloproctologics procedures for treatment of endometriosis.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Surgical procedures for the treatment of disorders of the pelvic floor and the vaginal Laparoscopic route Pelvic floor physiotherapy to electrotherapy techniques and muscle training for the pelvic floor muscles Treatment of chronic pelvic pain and deep endometriosis with laparoscopy and coloproctology procedures for treatment of endometriosis
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Training in medical residence of Gynecology and Urology, some expertise for laparoscopic procedures.
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> The ideal estimated length of time would be four weeks. The minimum time will be four to eight weeks and may last up to 6 months, depending on interest and availability of the fellowship / observership
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b>

Our hospital does not offer lodging but as it is located in a neighborhood where many students living there, there is wide availability of hotels and hostels nearby. If the fellow interested in getting the sea, as in Iracema Beach, or in downtown, there is Metro and Bus transport very close
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

<b>Program Director: Dr Jorge M. Haddad</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD in Gynecology by Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo (1999)</li> <li>• Chairman of Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Section of Gynecology and Obstetrics Department at Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil (2005-2016)</li> <li>• President of IUGA (2021-2022)</li> <li>• Past President of Brazilian Urogynecology Society (UROGINAP)</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Our Division of Urogynecology and Pelvic floor dysfunction offers surgeries and cystoscopy (twice a week), outpatient visit - four days per week ( around 20 patients in each period of the day), urodynamic study- three times per week and ultrasound 3 and 4D- once a week). Physiotherapy for pelvic floor dysfunctions - Three times per week.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Urinary incontinence, genital prolapse, urogenital fistulas, overactive bladder, painful bladder syndrome and recurrent urinary infection-- Diagnosis and treatment.
<b>Special Requirements:</b> We require fellow had been finished OB/GYN or Urology medical residency.
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> From 4 weeks to 1 year
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Yes
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> No
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

## CANADA

<b>Program Director: Chantale Dumoulin</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelvic floor rehabilitation</li> <li>• Randomized trial</li> <li>• PFM morphological and functional measurements</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observership for nurses, physio, medical students, fellows for conservative management</li> <li>• This site does NOT offer surgical observation or experience</li> <li>• Randomized control trials on conservative management</li> <li>• Clinical prediction rule development</li> </ul> <p>Systematic reviews</p>
<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> PFM morphology and function, aging pelvic floor in women, urinary incontinence, menopause, gait and UI, POP</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b> Interest in conservative management, interest in women's health and aging</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> Observership 1 month Fellowship 6 months and more</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Yes</p>
<p><b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes</p>
<p><b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes</p>

## CHILE

<p><b>Program Director: Dr Carlos Bennett R. - Dra Melissa Cifuentes A</b></p>
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<p><b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> Gynecology and Obstetrics department of University of Valparaiso, which is a public institution of higher education. The clinical campus corresponds to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Carlos van Buren Hospital, with a number of beds of 21 and 80 gynecologic surgeries per month.</p>
<p><b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> The program has five theoretical modules that are made online and a clinical-surgical internship of two weeks.</p>
<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Ginecológica and Urológica surgery, Pelvic Floor Unit, Urodynamics, open and close medical attention.</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b> College degree, specialist degree, personal interview (online) and resume</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> The estimated period to complete the application process is two weeks since the personal interview (online).</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Yes, we can guide the applicants with accommodation near the institution when they do the internship.</p>
<p><b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes</p>
<p><b>Observers accepted:</b> No</p>

## FRANCE

<b>Program Director: Michel Cosson, MD, PhD</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> Vaginal surgery for POP and GSI without meshes, laparoscopic sacropexies clinical research on vaginal and laparoscopic pop surgeries
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Assist to the surgeries in the OR, multidisciplinary meetings for difficult cases every 2 weeks, assist to dynamic MRI, urodynamics, perineal sonography
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Fundamental research on biomechanical modelization of female pelvic cavity
<b>Special Requirements:</b> For a fellowship, the diploma must be recognized by France to be able to assist and perform surgeries. Observership is less than 2 months. Fluency in French is required.
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> Fellowship : 6-12 months Observership : 1 to 2 months
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Possible to rent a room in the hospital
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

## IRELAND

<b>Program Director: Professor Barry O'Reilly</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> The department of urogynaecology is led by Professor Barry O'Reilly with 2 other consultant colleagues Dr. Suzanne O'Sullivan and Ms. Orfhlaith O'Sullivan. We offer broad experience in all facets of urogynaecology and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery including simple and complex urodynamics, anal manometry and 3D endoanal ultrasound, a large surgical throughput with transvaginal, abdominal and robotic surgery (a dedicated robot for the gynaecology department). We are an accredited subspecialty training centre by EUGA.
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> We have a strong track record in clinical and basic science research and have fostered strong collaborations within Ireland, Europe and Australia. There are many research opportunities for prospective fellows and we encourage all fellows to complete a research project for publication if not for a higher degree.

<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Our subspecialty training program (EUGA approved) combines a full training in urogynaecology and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery with relevant aspects of urology and colorectal surgery. We are an approved European epicentre in gynaecological robotic surgery</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b> Enthusiasm and research interest. Must comply with requirements for registration with the Irish Medical Council.</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> Observership can be for up to 3 months and fellowship from 1 year or 2-3 years for subspecialty training (this is a funded/ salaried position)</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> The accommodation office at University College Cork will facilitate this.</p>
<p><b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes</p>
<p><b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes</p>

## ISRAEL

<p><b>Program Director:</b> Gil Levy MD, FACOG</p>
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<p><b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> The Fellowship/Observership is flexible in length between 6 weeks to 6 months. The program offers a comprehensive approach to clinical evaluation and management of women with disorders of the pelvic floor including urinary and fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, defecatory dysfunction and voiding dysfunction. Surgical management emphasizes vaginal and minimally invasive approaches. The unit is fully computerized, and the data base provides many unique research opportunities. The hospital was opened in November 2017 with state-of-the-art equipment and serves as a tertiary referral center for pelvic organ disorders. Our division treats a unique large community with high average parity causing high rate of pelvic floor dysfunction pathology. Urogynecological problems including severe urogenital prolapsed, urinary and fecal incontinence, chronic pelvic pain and other lower urinary tract disorders. The Division provides all diagnostic and therapeutic options including physical therapy, non-surgical treatment, sacral neuromodulation and surgery (vaginal, abdominal and laparoscopic). The Teaching Team includes two urogynecologists, a colorectal surgeon, a urologist and a pelvic floor physiotherapist.</p>
<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Apart of the large of volume of clinical activities, clinical research in the field of pelvic organ prolapse, quality of life, sexual function and urinary incontinence is supported.</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b> Basic knowledge of English is important for the daily clinical work with staff and patients.</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> 6 months</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b></p>



Currently the hospital cannot provide lodging but will help in securing reasonably priced accommodation near the hospital.

**Fellows accepted:** Yes

**Observers accepted:** Yes

## JAPAN

**Program Director: Jimmy Nomura, MD, PhD**

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**

Laparoscopic sacarocolpopexy: 300 cases/year  
Transvaginal POP repair: 150 cases/year  
Mid-urethral sling: 100/year  
Hydrodistention: 100/year

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**

The Urogynecology Center in Kameda Medical Center is a famous leading center of urogynecology in Japan. As a high-volume center that performs more than 800 surgeries per year, we provide specialized and state-of-the-art treatment for pelvic floor disorders, such as pelvic organ prolapse and female urinary disorders.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**

Urogynecology, female urology, laparoscopy, research, pelvic floor ultrasound, urodynamic study

**Special Requirements:**

Good level of spoken and written English. Various documents will be required for the clinical observership applicant.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**

The Observership is flexible in length between 3-12 weeks.

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**

The hospital will assist in the search of securing accommodation for the duration of the observership.

**Fellows accepted:** No

**Observers accepted:** Yes

## SOUTH AFRICA

**Program Director: Dr. Stephen Jeffery**

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**

Multi-disciplinary unit with excellent Urogynaecological, Urological and Colo-rectal exposure. We also have an excellent working relationship with our physiotherapy Department. Extensive experience in the full range of vaginal and laparoscopic pelvic floor surgery. Our unit is actively involved in IUGA and has presented our research at IUGA meetings and we have published in the IUGA journal.
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Broad range of exposure to all aspects of Urogynaecology.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> We have established an excellent Urogynaecological service in a developing country and IUGA fellows will benefit from our local expertise in overcoming challenges of working in a resource poor setting.
<b>Special Requirements:</b> None
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> 6 months
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Yes
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

## TAIWAN

<b>Program Director: Professor Tsia-Shu Lo, MD</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> The Urogynecology Division of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Chang Gung Hospital was established in 1996. It has published more than 200 SCI articles, conducted more than 30 research projects, and recruited more than 35 foreign doctors for urogynecological training in past 15 years.
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Out-patient clinics, Urodynamics, Pelvic ultrasound, Physiotherapy, Out-patient cystoscopy, Botox intra-vesical therapy and Pelvic reconstructive surgery (Vagina, Laparoscopy and Robotic) Basic science and animal research center.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> The northern hospital campus consisted of three hospital training sites. It offers Out-patient Clinics Facility, Urodynamics Lab, Physiotherapy Center, Ultrasonography Lab, Out-patient cystoscopy center and Animal Research Study Lab.
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Good level of English. Clinical fellowship applicants need to comply with Taiwan Medical & Health Regulation.
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> Clinical & Research Fellowship: one year, minimum Observership: 4 weeks minimum
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b>

Hospital lodging is provided.
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Yes
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

## UNITED KINGDOM

<b>Program Director: Dudley Robinson, MD</b>
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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> Over 30 years' experience in conservative, pharmacological and surgical management of pelvic floor disorders in women. Multi-disciplinary team of 13 highly experienced health care professionals. Strong emphasis on research, teaching and training.
<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Full range of investigations of lower urinary tract dysfunction and assessment of complex urogynaecological cases. Observation in operating theatres, participation in multi-disciplinary meetings, scanning clinics, general gynaecology outpatients' clinics and the opportunity to work with the nurses and physiotherapists and observe conservative management and patient education and counselling.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Refractory OAB, failed surgery, combined urogynaecology/urology /colorectal surgery for complex cases. We perform a wide range of investigations including, subtracted cystometry, video urodynamics and ambulatory urodynamics
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Good level of spoken and written English.
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> Places get booked very quickly and unit will often have a waiting list of a year for observership placements.
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Hospital has very limited affordable accommodation available but there are many rental/Airbnb properties locally.
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> No
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes

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<b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b> Team of 3 urogynaecologists provide extensive opportunities for clinical and surgical work and research.

RCOG Subspecialty training centre. BSUG-accredited unit for clinical service
<p><b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b></p> <p>Out-patient clinics including perineal/joint clinic with colorectal surgeons (2 per month) and joint clinics with urologists (every 2 months), urodynamics, conservative treatment experience, physiotherapy, tibial nerve and sacral nerve root stimulation, out-patient intravesical Botox and urethral injectables/bulking, Nurse-led pessary clinics. Midwife-led OASI clinic.</p> <p>Work closely with colo-rectal colleagues with regular MDT meetings to review complex cases and proctograms and with pain management team for vaginal/pelvic pain patients.</p> <p>Anorectal physiology investigation including manometry and endoanal ultrasound by Colorectal nurse specialist and consultant.</p> <p>Surgery: full range of urogynaecological procedures offered including laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy. Participation in clinical trials e.g. prolapse surgery, obstetric anal sphincter injury and maternal birth trauma, drug trials.</p>
<p><b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b></p> <p>Maternal Birth trauma including Obstetric anal sphincter injury prevention; prolapse surgery; facilities include dedicated out-patient lab for urodynamics and conservative treatments.</p>
<p><b>Special Requirements:</b></p> <p>Will need limited registration with the UK General Medical Council. No funding available for accommodation.</p>
<p><b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b></p> <p>Variable depending on the experience of the trainee.</p>
<p><b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b></p> <p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Fellows accepted:</b> No</p>
<p><b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes</p>

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<p><b>Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:</b></p> <p>The urogynaecology department at Addenbrookes hospital, Cambridge, has three dedicated Consultant Subspecialist Urogynaecologists, my colleagues Dr. Ivilina Pandeva, Dr Hayser Lucena and myself. I am a subspecialist fellowship trained urogynaecologist having trained at Cambridge university hospital. We have a high quality tertiary urogynaecology service offering treatment of primary and recurrent urogynaecological conditions and a twice monthly MDT for complex cases. We have ongoing active clinical research projects and we work closely with our colorectal and urology colleagues and have facilities for conventional and video urodynamics and a dedicated ambulatory urogynaecology clinic. We perform a wide range of vaginal, laparoscopic robotic and open abdominal procedures for prolapse and urinary incontinence and also run monthly clinics for patients with obstetric anal sphincter injuries after childbirth including endoanal ultrasound scanning. Our unit also has a successful and much sought after urogynaecology subspecialty fellowship training programme. Our unit is also one of the 8 nationally commissioned mesh removal centres in the UK.</p>
<p><b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b></p>

We perform 300 prolapse and incontinence procedures annually including laparoscopic/robotic sacrocolpopexy/hysteropexy and sacrospinous fixations, colposuspension and autologous fascial sling. We also perform total laparoscopic hysterectomies for patients without prolapse. We have a dedicated ambulatory unit where we perform outpatient cystoscopies, paraurethral injections and intravesical botox twice monthly. We offer conventional and video urodynamics and we have a dedicated MDT twice monthly to discuss complex cases which is well attended by clinicians including urologists, colorectal specialist and physiotherapist, urogynaecology nurse specialist and continence advisors. We have a monthly perineal clinic for managing childbirth related urogynaecological conditions including fecal incontinence and we offer bladder instillations for PBS/IC. We have an active clinical research programme. We have an active R&D department with support of a research nurse and library facilities for literature search and statistical support. The candidate will get very good exposure to laparoscopic/robotic sacrocolpopexy and sacrospinous fixation procedures, urodynamics, dedicated urogynaecology and perineal clinics and MDT.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**

Cambridge is a world class University and the town is centered around the university colleges and very picturesque. London is within easy commuting distance. Addenbrookes hospital and the biomedical campus is a world renowned medical and research institution. The range of urogynaecology conditions treated and the management options offered in our unit cover all the current available treatment options.

**Special Requirements:**

Should be self-funded for subsistence, occupational health clearance fees, etc. Non-funded post.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**

8-10 weeks

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**

Lodging at current market rate may be available onsite via medical staffing department. Cambridge being an university city, there is a large variety of student lodging also available via letting agents.

**Fellows accepted:** No

**Observers accepted:** Yes

**Program Director: Dr. Pallavi Latthe – NO VACANCIES UNTIL JULY 2024**

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**

1000 urodynamics a year- laboratory, video and ambulatory  
Flexible cystoscopy clinics  
Range of continence and prolapse surgeries  
Research active unit

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**

Specialist urogynecology, joint urology, colorectal, care of elderly clinics

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**

Ambulatory cystoscopy (Botox, Bulkamid) clinics

Inpatient bladder drill

Pelvic floor physiotherapy – labial nerve stimulation, OASIS clinics, bladder instillations

**Special Requirements:**

**Should be self-funded for subsistence, occupational health clearance fees, etc. Non-funded post**

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**

**1-2 months**

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**

**Fellows accepted: Yes**

**Observers accepted: Yes**

UNITED STATES

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<b>Clinical and/or research activities offered:</b> Basic research in animal model of voiding dysfunction. Clinical research in overactive bladder. Lower urinary tract reconstruction.
<b>Areas of special interest and local facilities:</b> Female urology; female pelvic medicine; reconstructive surgery; neuro-urology
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Observership minimal requests below 30 days. Fellowship requires J-1 visa (about 6-12 months)
<b>Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:</b> Varies
<b>Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?</b> Varies
<b>Fellows accepted:</b> Only Research
<b>Observers accepted:</b> Yes <b>*THIS SITE HAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ACCEPTING OBSERVERS DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.</b>

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**

Integrating a global perspective within the section of FPMRS requires input from a number of sources such as study/travel experiences for faculty to learn about the world, as well as an integration of international content within the curriculum or through interactions with international researchers. Another way is to host international researchers who share their life and work experiences with us. The Research Scholar Program provides such an experience for our program as well as the visitors. The Research Scholar Program is open to practicing physicians, educators, or basic scientists who wish to come to INOVA Fairfax in Washington DC area and study with on-site faculty mentors in the section of FPMRS. The scholars may come to learn and perform research on 3d Pelvic floor ultrasonography or perform other basic science research conducted within our section. If you are an international research scholar, your J1 visa will not allow you to have any patient contact. These scholars will provide learning objectives for their time in residence and the International office will assist them with a J-1 visa, finding suitable housing and transportation, office space and access to facilities such as the library. No certificate is awarded. We do not assess a fee and the scholar will not be paid. This will be a rigorous program for those who intend to perform extensive research and publication. Three weeks of vacation per year is permitted. The scholar should come with own funding. A grant from the International Urogynecologic Association (IUGA) [www.iuga.org](http://www.iuga.org) is an option. The length of study can vary from 6 months to 2 years depending on your level of expertise. Interested applicants need to fill an application as posted on our site at <http://urogynecologist.com/fellowship/researchscholarprogram.html>.

- 1) We will put them in touch with the immigration officers for J1 visa processing.
- 2) They will need to complete on-line citi research training, and on-site training upon arrival to INOVA.
- 3) A complete knowledge of Microsoft, database building, and SPSS/SAS database processing or statistics will be helpful.

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**

Anatomy, Imaging, 3D Ultrasound, Biomedical Engineering, Biomechanics

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**

**Special Requirements:**

Complete fluency in English. Ability to write technical manuscripts. MD, PhD, PT, Sonographers are accepted. A personal statement detailing the scholar's goals along with their CV, 3 letters of recommendation and application form is required.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**

Generally pretty quick. The visa processing is the time consuming part of the process.

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**

We can try. Washington DC is a relatively expensive area to live in, but the hospital is about one mile away from the local Metro station. Arrangement for housing and transportation is the sole responsibility of the individual. There is an Extended Stay America hotel within walking distance of the INOVA Fairfax Hospital.

**Fellows accepted:** Yes

**Observers accepted:** No