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*Trainees Per Year:* 1

*Program Length:* 3 years

*Specialty Certification:* Completion of Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology or Urology in an accredited program.

*Program Description:* The fellowship program in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of North Carolina is a three-year program. One fellow is accepted at the first year level each year. The educational objectives are:

To prepare the Fellows to provide excellent clinical care, medical and surgical, in the comprehensive evaluation and management of women with pelvic floor disorders, including urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, neurogenic bladder, defacatory dysfunction, fecal incontinence, and complex benign conditions such as vesicovaginal and rectovaginal fistulas and congenital anomalies.

To provide the fundamental research and analytical skills necessary for a successful career as an academic leader in Female Pelvic Medicine/Reconstructive Surgery and to nurture a drive towards independent scientific investigation.

To promote skills in teaching, curriculum development, and management essential for excellence as future educators, mentors, and leaders in this field.

The goal of the Fellowship is to train physicians to assume the role of consultant as clinicians and surgeons while promoting the academic goals of teaching and research within this rapidly advancing subspecialty. This is accomplished through a multidisciplinary team approach to patient care involving nationally and internationally recognized experts in GI Medicine, Urology, Colorectal Surgery, and Neurology. The diverse referral patient population cared for by this team allows for training in multiple surgical modalities including vaginal, abdominal, laparoscopic, and robotic approaches. In addition, the medical care offered to patients allows for advanced training in physical therapy, pain management, neuromodulation, and pharmacotherapy. This collaborative effort encourages a diverse range of clinical and scientific viewpoints and experiences.