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*Trainees Per Year:* 1

*Program Length:* 3 years

*Specialty Certification:* ABOG; Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

*Special Interest Areas:* Pelvic floor disorders including defecatory dysfunction, pelvic organ prolapse, sexual dysfunction, and complicated urologic and colorectal problems. Research and collaboration with a variety of other disciplines including urology, colorectal surgery, gynecology, neurology, and plastic surgery.

*Program Description:* The fellowship training program in FPMRS at the University of Cincinnati and The Christ Hospital is a comprehensive multidisciplinary training program jointly accredited by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Urology. The goal of our program is to train physicians interested in pursuing a career in academic medicine. Clinical and surgical experience includes how best to evaluate and manage patients with a variety of pelvic floor disorders including urinary and defecatory dysfunction, pelvic organ prolapse, sexual dysfunction, and complicated urologic and colorectal problems. Our program has a strong emphasis on research and collaboration with a variety of other disciplines including urology, colorectal surgery, gynecology, neurology, and plastic surgery. The Urogynecology service at both campuses is well established and receives a large number of complex referrals from a large geographic area. A full complement of diagnostic modalities including video urodynamics, colorectal imaging, anal manometry, and endoanal ultrasound are all available and housed in a center at the Christ Hospital dedicated to the evaluation of female pelvic floor disorders. Fellows receive hands-on training on all diagnostic modalities and learn how to perform pelvic floor rehabilitation. Surgical volume is extensive and provides a breadth of experience

with traditional vaginal surgery, laparoscopy, and robotic procedures, as well as reconstructive procedures of the lower urinary and gastrointestinal tract.