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*Year Program Initiated:* ACGME Accredited 2012

*Trainees Per Year:* 1

*Program Length:* 3 years

*Number of Graduates:* 13

*Specialty Certification:* ACGME

*Program Description:* The curriculum includes 12 months of research and 24 months of clinical training. Clinical rotations include urogynecology (at Johns Hopkins and at Greater Baltimore Medical Center), urology, and colorectal surgery. Surgical experience includes training in vaginal, abdominal, laparoscopic and robotic surgery. Office procedures include diagnostic cystoscopy, intravesical Botox, urethral bulking, complex urodynamic studies, posterior tibial nerve neuromodulation, and other procedures. Multidisciplinary collaborations provide experience in neurourology, reconstructive urologic procedures, management of functional bowel disorders, and surgical treatment of colorectal disorders (including rectal prolapse and fecal incontinence). Johns Hopkins fellows receive formal training in research methods, with an emphasis on study design. Fellows have the opportunity to gain experience in grant writing under the mentorship of experienced faculty members. Thesis research can include clinical or basic science research. Fellows can receive study design and statistical support through our NIH-funded research core. Each fellow presents a formal thesis defense in order to prepare for FPRMS board certification. Additional experience is provided in scientific writing and the scientific peer review process. Fellows

also are prepared for academic careers via full participation in research projects, presentations at national meetings, grant writing and scientific publications.