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Trainees Per Year: 3

Program Length: Two years for Urology, Three years for OB/GYN

Specialty Certification: ABOG eligible/certified

Special Interest Areas: Major research presentations at national and international meetings. Urology, gynecology, female pelvic medicine, and sexual medicine.

Program Description: The FPMRS Fellowship, which is accredited by the ACGME, is a three-year gynecology program or two-year urology program designed to provide intensive training in advanced open, vaginal, laparoscopic and robotic reconstructive procedures for board certified or board eligible graduates of OB/GYN and urology residency programs. In addition, exposure to advanced minimally invasive and invasive surgery will be provided. Fellows will also be exposed to sexual medicine, pelvic pain and pelvic floor dysfunction, gastroenterology, geriatrics and physical therapy. The three years are structured to facilitate the fellow's training to emphasize clinical activity as a junior faculty member, to initiate and perform research, and to participate in didactic education with all members of the department. FPMRS fellows will be expected to attend and participate in the OB/GYN didactic sessions and conferences, and the monthly Journal Club and research meetings shared with the departments of Urology and Surgery. Fellows are required to complete a scholarly contribution to be presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Urodynamics and Female Urology, the American Urogynecologic Society, as well as to the department and the University. The FPMRS fellowship is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The primary inpatient site is Hahnemann University Hospital, and our outpatient clinical sites are located at the Center City campus and at Christiana Care Health System in Newark, Delaware.

The objective of the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) fellowship program is to produce superiorly trained experts in FPMRS who will excel in all aspects of the field including comprehensive surgical and medical care, clinical research, basic science research and teaching to further this rapidly advancing specialty. These eminently qualified and caring physicians will excel in academic and private practice settings, establish themselves as recognized experts, and have the tools to further the fund of knowledge for treatment of women with pelvic floor disorders. Applicants for the fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery must be board eligible or board certified in obstetrics and gynecology or urology.