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Trainees Per Year: 1
Program Length: 2 years

Specialty Certification: McGill University Certification
Special Interest Areas: Early onset pelvic organ prolapse, anterior compartmental defects, interstitial cystitis, latent stress urinary incontinence, hysteropexy, novel resident teaching tools

Program Description: The MUHC Division of Urogynaecology & Pelvic Floor Reconstructive Surgery offers tertiary level care to patients with pelvic floor dysfunctions. A 2-year clinical and research fellowship training is offered to provide an understanding of female pelvic medicine. Conditions investigated and treated include urinary and fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, urogenital fistulae, pelvic visceral pain syndromes (particularly interstitial cystitis), and voiding and sexual dysfunctions. Management of pelvic floor dysfunction is carried out in a multidisciplinary fashion with involvement from members of the Divisions of Gastroenterology, Colorectal Surgery and Urology. Modalities offered include consultation services, pessary fitting, referral for levator muscle stimulation and biofeedback, multichannel urodynamic studies, outpatient cystoscopy, bladder installation therapy and pelvic floor ultrasound. Surgical procedures utilized include mid-urethral and pubo-vaginal slings, laparoscopic sacral colpopexy, transvaginal mesh procedures, xenograft augmentation, traditional vaginal hysterectomy with colporrhaphy, sphincteroplasty and fistula repair. Research projects are expected.