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*Trainees Per Year:* 1 Ob/Gyn per year: 3 years

*Special Interest Areas:* Female urology; female pelvic medicine; reconstructive surgery; neuro-urology

*Program Description:* This multidisciplinary fellowship is a combined program accepting candidates from Ob/Gyn. The fellowship was established based on the guidelines set forth by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and most recently received ACGME accreditation in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. This academic fellowship is combined with Kaiser Orange County. The fellows spend one year of their training at the Kaiser facilities, one year at the University Hospital and one year of dedicated research time. This provides a great breadth and depth of experience. Didactics include fellows lecture series, chapter reviews, journal club on a monthly basis, and pre-op surgical conferences, which are carried out on a weekly basis. Faculty includes eight FPMRS fellowship trained faculty, four colorectal surgeons, a gastroenterologist and two pelvic floor physical therapists. This comprehensive team provides extensive exposure and training in all aspects of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery, including da Vinci robotics, laparoscopic, vaginal, and open prolapse surgery, sacral nerve modulation, and pelvic floor physical therapy. Emphasis is placed on preparing fellows for a career in academics, and opportunities are available for post graduate studies in epidemiology and statistics. A certificate in Clinical Research can be obtained by taking the following courses: Introduction to Clinical Statistics, Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology and Medical Decision Making, Design and Analysis of Clinical Trials, and Research Ethics and Practice. Clinical and basic science research opportunities including stem cell research are available.