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*Year Program Initiated:* 2013

*Trainees Per Year:* 1

*Program Length:* 3 years

*Specialty Certification:* Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery accredited by ACGME

*Special Interest Areas:* The curriculum includes educational training in research methods and practical mentored experience in research, including grant writing, study design, data collection and analysis, and the presentation and publication of research results. The faculty includes well-established researchers with NIH-funded research programs. An elective international experience in surgical treatment of obstetric fistulas and other pelvic floor disorders is also available. Masters of Science in Clinical Investigation, Certificate in Translational and Clinical Investigation, and other graduate programs available through the University of Iowa Colleges of Medicine and Public Health.

*Program Description:* The University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC) offers a 3-year ACGME-accredited Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) fellowship. UIHC provides quaternary health care for the state of Iowa and the region, serving a complex referral patient population. Ambulatory clinics are located in or in close proximity to the hospital complex, where all inpatient care and surgical procedures are performed. The 3-year fellowship includes 24 months of clinical rotations, including Urogynecology, Urology and Colorectal surgery/GI, as well as 12 months of dedicated research time.

The program's goal is to train future FPMRS academic leaders, who will advance the healthcare of women through excellence in clinical care and scientific research. Close and longstanding clinical, teaching and research collaborations between the Urogynecology faculty and faculty in Urology, Colorectal Surgery, GI, and Radiology provide a strong multidisciplinary environment in which the fellow will learn the full spectrum of FPMRS clinical care. Fellows will learn a wide range of evaluation methods and surgical and non-surgical treatments for pelvic floor disorders.