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Program Length:

3 years

Program Description:

Northwestern is uniquely situated geographically in downtown Chicago with a strong brand in women's health care, research and academics in both Gynecology and Urology. The FPMRS Division at Northwestern University offers multidisciplinary treatment, research, and educational endeavors in female pelvic floor disorders where patients can benefit from the latest treatments and opportunities by participation in (1) clinical research trials for urinary incontinence, bowel control problems and pelvic organ prolapse; and (2) a state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary integrated, pelvic health center with experts from Urogynecology, Urology, Colorectal Surgery, Gastroenterology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy. A fundamental aim of the FPMRS Division is to train academic leaders in FPRMS from Obstetrics & Gynecology and Urology. We anticipate that our fellows will go on to advance women's pelvic floor health as skilled surgeon-scientists, by demonstration of excellence as mentors and educators, and by provision of outstanding clinical and surgical care. Our fellowship program balances in and out-patient clinical-surgical care, scholarship, and research, as we believe learning to balance these activities during training is crucial to on-going success as academic leaders. Our Integrated Pelvic Health Program (IPHP) brings together a multispecialty approach to pelvic floor disorders in one location. It is an interdisciplinary initiative amongst the Departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Urology, Colon & Rectal Surgery, Physical Medicine

Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy. In the setting of the IPHP, we perform cystoscopy, multichannel urodynamics, fluoro-urodynamics, anorectal manometry, 3-D transanal ultrasonography and care for patients with multiple co-morbid pelvic floor disorders. Clinical and surgical training includes treatment of urinary incontinence, anal incontinence, urinary (bladder and ureteral) and rectal fistulas, pelvic organ prolapse, congenital anomalies/neovagina creation, postpartum perineal issues, and colorectal pelvic floor dysfunction involving a complex referral patient population. There is also strong emphasis on research and collaboration with other clinical and basic science departments. We accept one fellow per year (3-year program) with a full complement of 3 fellows. Fellows will be accepted from Obstetrics & Gynecology and Urology backgrounds based on qualifications.