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IUGA Fellowship and Observership Host Site Directory

AUSTRALIA

Program Director: Prof Hans Peter Dietz, MD, PhD
University of Sydney, Nepean Clinical School **Nepean Hospital** **PO Box 63 Penrith** **Penrith NSW 2750**
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Clinical and/or research activities offered: Over 500 new Urogynae patients per year, over 500 Urodynamic tests, over 1000 pelvic floor 4D US.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: World leader in pelvic floor imaging
Special Requirements: Adequate English language skills
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 3 months
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes- student accommodation at A$ 130 per week
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

Program Director: Prof. Peter Dwyer, MB, BS, FRANZCOG, CU
Mercy Hospital for Women **Burgandy Rd Heidelberg** **Melbourne, Australia**
Telephone: 61-3-94162469 **Fax:** 61-3-94162472 **Email:** pdwyer@hotkey.net.au **Website:** http://www.mercy.com.au/
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the female lower urinary tract and pelvic floor
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Multidisciplinary treatment of urinary and fecal incontinence. Prospective randomised studies.
Special Requirements: Fellowship 2 years medical registration in Australia; hands on observerships 1-6 months
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 1-2 months
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes

Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

Program Director: Anna Rosamilia, MD
Monash Health **c/o Suite 8 Cabrini hospital,** **83 Wattletree Rd Malvern 3144** **Victoria, Australia**
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Clinical and/or research activities offered: Multidisciplinary Pelvic Floor Unit in public and private setting.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: RCT's sling and POP surgery; including 3D US assessment. Close collaboration with Monash University/MIMR/CSIRO POP tissue engineering; shared research projects with Mercy Hospital for women.
Special Requirements: Current overseas fellowship available Dec 2015. Long preparation period including visa/medical board registration and English test (IELTS) requirement. No salary but some remuneration may be available via private surgical assisting
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 2 years for fellowship preferred. Observership at candidate's discretion depending on availability
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Basic accommodation available near hospital or university can be obtained at market rates.
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

AUSTRIA

Program Director: Prof. Dr. Heinz Koelbl, MD
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Clinical and/or research activities offered: Clinical: full spectrum of state-of-the-art urogynecologic diagnostic work-up and treatment.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Polypharmacy, 3D ultrasound, proteomics, clinical-outcomes research, biomarkers of pelvic-floor-dysfunction, Evolution medicine
Special Requirements: Proficiency in German and/or English.

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 3 months
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

BRAZIL

Program Director: Leonardo R. P. S. Bezerra
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Professor of Superior Teaching of the Federal University of Ceará, Department of Maternal and Infant (2014) l. Professor of Graduate in the Federal University of Ceará Surgery. It is currently Supervisor of the Medical Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternity School Assis Chateaubriand the UFC.Holds the position by the Care Management Health, Hospital, Maternity School Assis Chateaubriand, the Federal University of Ceará, affiliate Ebserh. He was a member of the Teaching and Evaluation Committee FEBRASGO-AMB. He has a PhD in Health Sciences (Gynaecology) (2006) and Master of Health Sciences (2002) both from the School of Medicine of the Federal University of São Paulo with specialization in Urogynecology and Vaginal Surgery. Degree in Medicine from the Federal University of Ceará (1995) and Medical Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Federal University of Ceará (1999). Specialist degree in Obstetrics and Gynecology TEGO (1999) and Practice Certificate in Urodynamics and urethrocystoscopy (2001). He has experience in Medicine, with emphasis on Gynaecology and Obstetrics, acting in Urogynecology and pelvic floor dysfunction, minimally invasive Gynecologic and Laparoscopy, Vaginal Surgery, Endometriosis, geital Prolapse, female urinary incontinence, urodynamics female
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Urogynecology service and pelvic floor dysfunction with a multidisciplinary team. We offer outpatient visits and conducting female urodynamics, pelvic floor physiotherapy to electrotherapy techniques and muscle training for the pelvic floor muscles. We performed surgical procedures for the treatment of disorders of the pelvic floor and the vaginal Laparoscopic route. We conducted Slings, sacrospinous fixation, laparoscopic promontofixação, work with prostheses, among others. We are the leading regional center of reference for the treatment of urinary incontinence, genital prolapse using prosthesis and native tissues. Furthermore we are also references in the treatment of chronic pelvic pain and deep endometriosis with laparoscopy and coloproctologics procedures for treatment of endometriosis.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Surgical procedures for the treatment of disorders of the pelvic floor and the vaginal Laparoscopic route Pelvic floor physiotherapy to electrotherapy techniques and muscle training for the pelvic floor muscles Treatment of chronic pelvic pain and deep endometriosis with laparoscopy and coloproctology procedures for treatment of endometriosis
Special Requirements: Training in medical residence of Gynecology and Urology, some expertise for laparoscopic procedures.

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: The ideal estimated length of time would be four weeks. The minimum time will be four to eight weeks and may last up to 6 months, depending on interest and availability of the fellowship / observership
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Our hospital does not offer lodging but as it is located in a neighborhood where many students living there, there is wide availability of hotels and hostels nearby. If the fellow interested in getting the sea, as in Iracema Beach, or in downtown, there is Metro and Bus transport very close
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

Program Director: Dr Jorge M. Haddad
Hospital das Clinicas da Universidade de São Paulo **Rua Eneas de Carvalho Aguiar** **São Paulo/ Brazil**
Email: jorge_milhem@uol.com.br
Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: • PhD in Gynecology by Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo (1999) • Chairman of Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Section of Gynecology and Obstetrics Department at Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil (2005-2016) • Latin American representative of IUGA (2015-2016) • Chairman of Urogynecology Committee of Federação Brasileira de Ginecologia e Obstetrícia. (2014- 2016)
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Our Division of Urogynecology and Pelvic floor dysfunction offers surgeries and cystoscopy (twice a week), outpatient visit - four days per week (around 20 patients in each period of the day), urodinamic study- three times per week and ultrasound 3 and 4D- once a week). Physiotherapy for pelvic floor dysfunctions - Three times per week.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Urinary incontinence, genital prolapse, urogenital fistulas, overactive bladder, painful bladder syndrome and recurrent urinary infection-- Diagnosis and treatment.
Special Requirements: We require fellow had been finished OB/GYN or Urology medical residency.
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: From 4 weeks to 1 year
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

CANADA

Program Director: Chantale Dumoulin
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: • Pelvic floor rehabilitation • Randomized trial • PFM morphological and functional measurements
Clinical and/or research activities offered: • Randomized control trials on conservative management • Clinical prediction rule development • Systematic reviews
Areas of special interest and local facilities: PFM morphology and function, aging pelvic floor in women, urinary incontinence, menopause, gait and UI, POP
Special Requirements: Interest in conservative management, interest in women's health and aging
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Observership 1 month Fellowship 6 months and more
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

CHILE

Program Director: Dr Carlos Bennett R. - Dra Melissa Cifuentes A
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Gynecology and Obstetrics department of University of Valparaiso, which is a public institution of higher education. The clinical campus corresponds to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Carlos van Buren Hospital, with a number of beds of 21 and 80 gynecologic surgeries per month.
Clinical and/or research activities offered: The program has five theoretical modules that are made online and a clinical-surgical internship of two weeks.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Ginecológical and Urológica surgery, Pelvic Floor Unit, Urodynamics, open and close medical attention.
Special Requirements: College degree, specialist degree, personal interview (online) and resume
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: The estimated period to complete the application process is two weeks since the personal interview (online).
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?

Yes, we can guide the applicants with accommodation near the institution when they do the internship.
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: No

FRANCE

Program Director: Michel Cosson, MD, PhD
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Vaginal surgery for POP and GSI with and without meshes, laparoscopic sacropexies clinical research on vaginal and laparoscopic pop surgeries
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Assist to the surgeries in the OR, multidisciplinary meetings for difficult cases every 2 weeks, assist to dynamic MRI, urodynamics, perineal sonography
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Fundamental research on biomechanical modelization of female pelvic cavity
Special Requirements: For a fellowship, the diplomae must be recognized by France to be able to assist and perform surgeries Observership is less than 2 months
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Fellowship : 6-12 months Observership : 1 to 2 months
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Possible to rent a room in the hospital
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

IRELAND

Program Director: Professor Barry O'Reilly
Cork University Maternity Hospital **Wilton Road** **Cork, Ireland**
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: The department of urogynaecology is led by Professor Barry O'Reilly with 2 other consultant colleagues Dr. Suzanne O'Sullivan and Ms. Orfhlaith O'Sullivan. We offer broad experience in all facets of urogynaecology and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery including simple and complex urodynamics, anal manometry and 3D endoanal ultrasound, a large surgical throughput with transvaginal, abdominal and robotic surgery (a dedicated robot for the gynaecology department). We are an accredited subspecialty training centre by EUGA.

Clinical and/or research activities offered: We have a strong track record in clinical and basic science research and have fostered strong collaborations within Ireland, Europe and Australia. There are many research opportunities for prospective fellows and we encourage all fellows to complete a research project for publication if not for a higher degree.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Our subspecialty training program (EUGA approved) combines a full training in urogynaecology and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery with relevant aspects of urology and colorectal surgery. We are an approved European epicentre in gynaecological robotic surgery
Special Requirements: Enthusiasm and research interest. Must comply with requirements for registration with the Irish Medical Council.
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Observership can be for up to 3 months and fellowship from 1 year or 2-3 years for subspecialty training (this is a funded/ salaried position)
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? The accommodation office at University College Cork will facilitate this.
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

ISRAEL

Program Director: Gil Levy MD, FACOG
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Clinical and/or research activities offered: The Fellowship/Observership is flexible in length between 6 weeks to 6 months. The program offers a comprehensive approach to clinical evaluation and management of women with disorders of the pelvic floor including urinary and fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, defecatory dysfunction and voiding dysfunction. Surgical management emphasizes vaginal and minimally invasive approaches. The unit is fully computerized, and the data base provides many unique research opportunities. The hospital was opened in November 2017 with state-of-the-art equipment and serves as a tertiary referral center for pelvic organ disorders. Our division treats a unique large community with high average parity causing high rate of pelvic floor dysfunction pathology. Urogynecological problems including severe urogenital prolapsed, urinary and fecal incontinence, chronic pelvic pain and other lower urinary tract disorders. The Division provides all diagnostic and therapeutic options including physical therapy, non-surgical treatment, sacral neuromodulation and surgery (vaginal, abdominal and laparoscopic). The Teaching Team includes two urogynecologists, a colorectal surgeon, a urologist and a pelvic floor physiotherapist.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Apart of the large of volume of clinical activities, clinical research in the field of pelvic organ prolapse, quality of life, sexual function and urinary incontinence is supported.
Special Requirements: Basic knowledge of English is important for the daily clinical work with staff and patients.
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 6 months

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Currently the hospital cannot provide lodging but will help in securing reasonably priced accommodation near the hospital.
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

SOUTH AFRICA

Program Director: Dr. Stephen Jeffery
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Multi-disciplinary unit with excellent Urogynaecological, Urological and Colo-rectal exposure. We also have an excellent working relationship with our physiotherapy Department. Extensive experience in the full range of vaginal and laparoscopic pelvic floor surgery. Our unit is actively involved in IUGA and has presented our research at IUGA meetings and we have published in the IUGA journal.
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Broad range of exposure to all aspects of Urogynaecology.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: We have established an excellent Urogynaecological service in a developing country and IUGA fellows will benefit from our local expertise in overcoming challenges of working in a resource poor setting.
Special Requirements: None
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 6 months
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

TAIWAN

Program Director: A/Professor Tsia-Shu Lo, MD
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:

The Division of Urogynecology of Chang Gung Hospital was established since 1996. She has published most papers, conducted most research projects and recruited most foreign doctors for Urogynecological training in Asia.
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Out-patient clinics, Urodynamics, Pelvic ultrasound, Physiotherapy, Out-patient cystoscopy and Pelvic reconstructive surgery. Basic science and animal research center
Areas of special interest and local facilities: The northern hospital campus consisted of three hospital sites. It offers Out-patient Clinics Facility, Urodynamics Lab, Physiotherapy Center, Ultrasonography Lab and Animal Research Study Lab.
Special Requirements: Good level of spoken and written English. Clinical fellowship applicant must comply with requirements for Taiwan Medical & Health Regulation.
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Clinical & Research Fellowship: Minimum one year; Observership- Minimum 4 weeks
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Hospital lodging is provided based on vacancy.
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

THAILAND

Program Director: Suvit Bunyavejchevin
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: • First Urogynecology center in Thailand • First training site for Thai doctor in Fellowship training for FPMRS • 20 years experiences of caring Urogyne problem in Thai women
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Urogynecology clinic: OPD Urodynamic clinic Urogynecology surgery Journal Club and Topic Review
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Urogynecology
Special Requirements: Must speak fluent English
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Only observership available, 1 month
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes, with fee.
Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

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UNITED KINGDOM

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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Over 30 years' experience in conservative, pharmacological and surgical management of pelvic floor disorders in women. Multi-disciplinary team of 13 highly experienced health care professionals. Strong emphasis on research, teaching and training.
Clinical and/or research activities offered: Full range of investigations of lower urinary tract dysfunction and assessment of complex urogynaecological cases. Observation in operating theatres, participation in multi-disciplinary meetings, scanning clinics, general gynaecology outpatients clinics and the opportunity to work with the nurses and physiotherapists and observe conservative management and patient education and counselling.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Refractory OAB, failed surgery, mesh complications, combined urogynaecology/urology /colorectal surgery for complex cases. We perform a wide range of investigations including, subtracted cystometry, video urodynamics and ambulatory urodynamics
Special Requirements: Good level of spoken and written English.
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Places get booked very quickly and unit will often have a waiting list of a year for observership placements.
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Reasonably priced lodgings are available through the hospital accommodation team.
Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

Program Director: Professor Robert M. Freeman, MD
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Team of 3 urogynaecologists provide extensive opportunities for clinical and surgical work and research.
Clinical and/or research activities offered:

Out-patient clinics including perineal/joint clinic with colo-rectal surgeons (2 per month) and joint clinics with urologists (every 2 months), urodynamics, conservative treatment experience, tibial nerve stimulation. Regular MDT meetings. Surgery: full range of urogynaecological procedures offered. Participation in clinical trials e.g. prolapse surgery, obstetric anal sphincter injury, drug trials. Team has its own research co-ordinator and statistician.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Obstetric anal sphincter injury prevention; prolapse surgery; facilities include dedicated out-patient lab for urodynamics and conservative treatments.
Special Requirements: Will need limited registration with the UK General Medical Council. No funding available for accommodation.
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Variable depending on the experience of the trainee.
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Yes
Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

Program Director: Ranee Thakar, MB.BS, MD, FRCOG and Abdul Sultan, MB.CHB, MD, FRCOG
Croydon University Hospital **Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor Reconstruction Unit** **530 London Road,** **Croydon, Surrey CR7 7YE UK**
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:
Clinical and/or research activities offered: An observer will be able to attend urogynaecology clinics, the dedicated postpartum one stop clinic, pessary clinic for pelvic organ prolapse and the combined pelvic floor clinic (clinics done with the colorectal surgeons) in addition to attending theatre sessions. A fellow will be able to participate in all of the above and will need to complete a research project
Areas of special interest and local facilities: In addition to general urogynaecology, the unit is known for its expertise in childbirth related pelvic floor trauma, female sexual dysfunction and disorders related to the posterior compartment. The services are provided in a dedicated unit which has facilities to perform urodynamic studies, pelvic floor and anal sphincter ultrasound and anorectal manometry
Special Requirements: Fellowship- Needs to have registration with the General Medical Council Observership- Nil
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Fellowship- Minimum one year Observership- 2 - 6 week

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Reasonably priced lodging may be possible subject to availability
Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

Program Director: Mr Rod Teo and Professor Douglas Tincello, MD
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Leicester hosts one of the most successful and established tertiary referral Urogynaecology centres in the UK; we have trained three subspecialists in the UK and have internationally recognized research output.
Clinical and/or research activities offered: The unit runs three urogynaecology clinics per week with at least three operating sessions per week. All procedures are performed, including midurethral tapes and colposuspension for incontinence, vaginal reconstructive surgery, with or without mesh, and sacrocolpopexy. Currently, our laparoscopic surgery facility is limited, but we are supra-regional referral centre for fistula surgery. There are established multidisciplinary clinics with both urology and colorectal surgery which run on a monthly basis. Research activity includes both clinical and laboratory studies which are ongoing and continually evolving.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Leicester is one of Britain's most culturally diverse cities, with a large Asian Indian (Gujarati) population, and significant minorities of African peoples, Afro-Carribeans, and Eastern Europeans. Leicester is about an hour from central London and the Peak District, Sherwood Forest and Birmingham are all close. Leicester has several important tourist attractions: the National Space Centre, New Walk Museum (Roman artifacts), and of course the burial place and bones of Richard III. Leicester Tigers Rugby club and Leicester City Football club form part of the sporting heritage of the city.
Special Requirements: Various documentation will be required in advance: CV Proof of eligibility to undertake the placement/work in the UK (e.g. copy of passport with valid visa; there may be additional requirements depending on which country candidate is from) Overseas local police report (for child protection/previous convictions) GMC clearance may be required
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Up to three months
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? It may be possible to secure hospital accommodation for the duration of the observership, although married accommodation is in short supply.
Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

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Program Director: Dr. Ashish Pradhan
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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: The urogynaecology department at Addenbrookes hospital has two dedicated Consultant urogynaecologists, Dr Mark Slack and myself. I am a subspecialist fellowship trained urogynaecologist having trained at Cambridge university hospital. We have a high quality tertiary urogynaecology service offering treatment of primary and recurrent urogynaecological conditions and a twice monthly MDT for complex cases. We have ongoing active clinical research projects and we work closely with our colorectal and urology colleagues and have facilities for conventional and video urodynamics and a dedicated ambulatory urogynaecology clinic twice monthly. We perform a wide range of vaginal, laparoscopic and open abdominal procedures for prolapse and urinary incontinence and also run monthly clinics for patients with obstetric anal sphincter injuries after childbirth including endoanal ultrasound scanning. Our unit also has a successful and much sought after urogynaecology subspecialty fellowship training programme.
Clinical and/or research activities offered: We perform 300 prolapse and incontinence procedures annually including laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy/hysteropexy and sacrospinous fixations, tension free tapes, colposuspension and autologous fascial sling. We also perform total laparoscopic hysterectomies for patients without prolase. We have a dedicated ambulatory unit where we perform outpatient cystoscopies, paraurethral injections and intravesical botox twice monthly. We offer conventional and video urodynamics and we have a dedicated MDT twice monthly to discuss complex cases which is well attended by clinicans including urologists, colorectal specialist and physiotherapist, urogynaecology nurse specialist and continence advisors. We have a monthly perineal clinic for managing childbirth related urogynaecological conditions including fecal incontinence and we offer bladder instillations for PBS/IC. We have an active clinical research programme and have current projects looking at patients experience with prolapse surgery and outpatient cystoscopy. I am also the PI for a multicentre RCT looking at vault support in prolapse surgery. We have an active R&D department with support of a research nurse and library facilities for literature search and statistical support. The candidate will get very good exposure to laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy and sacrospinous fixation procedures, urodynamics, dedicated urogynaecology and perineal clinics and MDT.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Cambridge is a world class University and the town is centered around the university colleges and very picturesque. London is within easy commuting distance. Addenbrookes hospital and the biomedical campus is a world renowned medical and research institution. The range of urogynaecology conditions treated and the management options offered in our unit cover all the current available treatment options.
Special Requirements: None
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: 8-10 weeks

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Lodging at current market rate may be available onsite via medical staffing department. Cambridge being an university city, there is a large variety of student lodging also available via letting agents.
Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

UNITED STATES

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Clinical and/or research activities offered: Basic research in animal model of voiding dysfunction. Clinical research in overactive bladder. Lower urinary tract reconstruction.
Areas of special interest and local facilities: Female urology; female pelvic medicine; reconstructive surgery; neuro-urology
Special Requirements: Observership minimal requests below 30 days. Fellowship requires J-1 visa (about 6-12 months)
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: Varies
Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? Varies
Fellows accepted: Only Research
Observers accepted: Yes

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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site: Integrating a global perspective within the section of FPMRS requires input from a number of sources such as study/travel experiences for faculty to learn about the world, as well as an integration of international content within the curriculum or through interactions with international researchers. Another way is to host international researchers who share their life and work experiences with us. The Research Scholar Program provides such an experience for our program as well as the visitors. The Research Scholar Program is open to practicing physicians, educators, or basic scientists who

wish to come to INOVA Fairfax in Washington DC area and study with on-site faculty mentors in the section of FPMRS. The scholars may come to learn and perform research on 3d Pelvic floor ultrasonography or perform other basic science research conducted within our section. If you are an international research scholar, your J1 visa will not allow you to have any patient contact. These scholars will provide learning objectives for their time in residence and the International office will assist them with a J-1 visa, finding suitable housing and transportation, office space and access to facilities such as the library. No certificate is awarded. We do not assess a fee and the scholar will not be paid. This will be a rigorous program for those who intend to perform extensive research and publication. Three weeks of vacation per year is permitted. The scholar should come with own funding. A grant from the International Urogynecologic Association (IUGA) www.iuga.org is an option. The length of study can vary from 6 months to 2 years depending on your level of expertise. Interested applicants need to fill an application as posted on our site at http://urogynecologist.com/fellowship/researchscholarprogram.html.

1) We will put them in touch with the immigration officers for J1 visa processing.
2) They will need to complete on-line citi research training, and on-site training upon arrival to INOVA.
3) A complete knowledge of Microsoft, database building, and SPSS/SAS database processing or statistics will be helpful.

Clinical and/or research activities offered:
Anatomy, Imaging, 3D Ultrasound, Biomedical Engineering, Biomechanics

Areas of special interest and local facilities:

Special Requirements:
Complete fluency in English. Ability to write technical manuscripts. MD, PhD, PT, Sonographers are accepted. A personal statement detailing the scholar's goals along with their CV, 3 letters of recommendation and application form is required.

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
Generally pretty quick. The visa processing is the time consuming part of the process.

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
We can try. Washington DC is a relatively expensive area to live in, but the hospital is about one mile away from the local Metro station. Arrangement for housing and transportation is the sole responsibility of the individual. The is an Extended Stay America hotel within walking distance of the INOVA Fairfax Hospital.

Fellows accepted: Yes

Observers accepted: No