

Cooper University Hospital/Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

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Description: Our program provides our fellows during their three-year training with a multidisciplinary approach to training in pelvic floor disorders including urinary and fecal incontinence, other benign bladder disorders, pelvic organ prolapse, pelvic floor dysfunction, female sexual medicine, congenital anomalies, as well as the requisite investigative and scholarly skills, to begin a career in academic FPMRS. Our program has an active didactic schedule with special focus not only on research and clinical expertise but also on the business of medicine. Fellow's education experience is enhanced through outside rotations at Thomas Jefferson University and Christiana Care and through monthly virtual didactics and in person meetings with invited speakers. Surgical education includes a balance of vaginal and abdominal, laparoscopic and robotic techniques. Our program hosts annual NJ/Philly Regional Fellow Education. Fellows have the opportunity to pursue their FPMRS interests in global medicine as there are opportunities for international health electives in Ghana. Unique opportunities include a laparoscopic dry lab, exposure to the robotic simulator, and collaborative research opportunities with Cooper University Hospital and Cooper Medical School of Rowan University clinicians and basic scientists. Our division's faculty is well respected nationally for their skills in vaginal reconstructive surgery and they are considered key opinion leaders in their field. They are founders of international mission organizations that provide much needed care to women around the world. Former fellows have had the opportunity to provide mission work around the world and these numerous unique opportunities continue to enhance our program.

Urogynecology Faculty: Saifuddin T. Mama, MD, Division Head FPMRS

Babak Vakili, MD, Vice Chair of Gynecologic Surgery, Christiana Care

Howard Goldstein, DO Director of Education and Research Urogynecology and Pelvic Surgery,

Christiana Care

Emily Saks, MD, Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery, Christiana Care

Matthew Fagan, MD Director of Undergraduate Education, Christiana Care

Urology Faculty: Ronak Gor, MD, Surgeon Urology

Female Urologist: Alana Murphy, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Colorectal Faculty: Michael E. Kwiatt, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery

Plastic Surgery: Martha Matthews, MD, Division Head Plastic Surgery

Research Faculty: Michael DiSanto, PhD, Director of Research in Urology, Krystal Hunter, MBA, biostatistician, and Elena Safronova, MD, Manager of Clinical Research

Physical Therapy: Michelle Stroud, PT

Application Process: ERAS