University of Louisville School of Medicine
Department of OB/GYN & Women’s Health
Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

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Description:

The three-year accredited ACGME fellowship program offers clinical, teaching, and research experience while providing comprehensive training to diagnose and treat conditions of pelvic organ prolapse, urinary and fecal incontinence, and voiding and defecatory dysfunction.

Surgical education includes a rare balance of vaginal, open, and laparoscopic, and robotic techniques, including opportunities to train on a dual console of the DaVinci Si robot. The program offers comprehensive education in procedural treatments for the pelvic floor such as sacral neuromodulation, urethral bulking injection, posterior tibial nerve stimulation, operative cystoscopy, and pessary use. The combination of mentorship from two subspecialty-trained FPMRS physicians, urologists, and colorectal surgeons allows for a varied and comprehensive education.

Unique opportunities include both a dry lab dedicated to gynecologic surgery learners and a fresh cadaver laboratory that includes a full laparoscopic setup. The fellowship is supported by an OBGYN department with a strong history and particular focus in gynecologic surgery, and boasts FPMRS faculty within department leadership. Fellows participate in mentored basic science and clinical research projects with faculty mentors within the divisions of FPMRS, colorectal surgery, urology, engineering, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, and more.

Fellows prepare for careers in private practice and academic settings.

Requirements: Completion of an ACGME approved residency in obstetrics and gynecology or urology.

Number of Fellows: 1 per year
Program Length: 3 years
Application Process: Via ERAS with three letters of recommendation
Application Deadline: April 1, 2017
Interview Dates: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 and Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Physician Faculty:

FPMRS Faculty: Sean L. Francis, MD, Kate Meriwether, MD
Urology Faculty: Murali Ankem, MD, Jamie Messer, MD, Ryan Malone, MD

Colorectal Surgery: Peter Deveaux, MD, Russell Farmer, MD, Jeffery Jorden, MD

Research: Zhenmin Lei, MD, PhD, Jeremy Gaskins, PhD

Nurse Practitioner: Healther Lange, APRN