

Stanford University

Fellowship Program Name: Stanford Fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

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Description: The Stanford Fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) is a unique program, equally dividing time between urogynecology and urology, with four fellowship-trained faculty in these fields. The clinical time also includes rotations with colorectal surgery and geriatrics, for a comprehensive education regarding the care of female patients. Instruction in urogynecology, female urology, neurourology and pelvic pain are emphasized, with extensive clinical and surgical training.

The FPMRS faculty see more than 800 new patients per year, perform more than 400 urodynamic studies per year and more than 500 surgeries per year. Stanford Hospital and Clinics offers state-of-the-art urologic, urogynecologic, neurodiagnostic and radiologic evaluations, including the latest da Vinci robot system, as well as state-of-the-art video urodynamic equipment for the comprehensive care of the FPMRS patient. With several clinical trials relating to urinary incontinence, pelvic floor dysfunction, pelvic organ prolapse, and pelvic pain, fellows will be exposed to the newest treatments, in addition to the standard of care treatments for women with genitourinary disorders. Ample opportunity exists for both clinical and basic science research, in either urology or urogynecology. Collaborative efforts also exist with gastroenterology and colorectal surgery.

The uniqueness of our program lies in the curriculum, which includes equal experience in female urology and urogynecology, with rotations in colorectal surgery and gastroenterology to provide a comprehensive experience in FPMRS. Graded responsibility is given to the fellow with respect to clinical evaluation, operative experience and resident teaching – under the supervision of the FPMRS faculty.

For those applicants from an Obstetrics and Gynecology program, the fellowship is three years and for those from a Urology program the fellowship is two years. There are a maximum of two fellows in the program per year and they rotate on different specialties, thereby minimizing the clinical and operative experience for each fellow.

Fellowship Program Faculty:

Urogynecology: Eric Sokol, M.D. and Bertha Chen, M.D.

Urology: Craig Comiter, M.D. and Christopher Payne, M.D.

Colorectal Surgery: Kim Rhoads, M.D.