

## University of Alabama at Birmingham SOM

**Fellowship Program Name:** Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery

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**Program Offer:** A 3 year fellowship for gynecologists and 2 or 3 years for Urologists. The program is ACGME compliant and accredited. Each fellowship includes 12 month of research, with 24 or 12 months of clinical rotations in Urogynecology, Urology, and Geriatrics. A Colorectal Surgery rotation is optional. The Fellowship faculty includes four Urogynecologists, two Urologists, three Geriatric Specialists, Colorectal Surgeons, and a Radiologist. Fellows are trained in the evaluation and treatment of women with all pelvic floor disorders. Both surgical and non-surgical approaches to treatment are emphasized. Surgery includes vaginal, abdominal, laparoscopic and robotic approaches. Fellows are also prepared for academic careers via full participation in research projects, grant development, presentations at national meetings, and journal publications.

**Other Degrees or Curricula Offered:** Masters in Science in Clinical Research; School of Public Health; or other Graduate degrees if approved. Fellows who plan academic careers and are completing our program or other accredited programs have the opportunity to apply for a NICHD sponsored Women's Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) Career Scholar Award, which is available at UAB. Scholars will be sponsored for up to five years of mentored research in basic, translational or clinical aspects of women's health, combined with clinical work. Ongoing evaluation of all competencies is performed with appropriate feedback given to and received from the fellows.

**Requirements:** Completion of ABOG or ABU accredited Resident Program; ABOG or ABU certification or eligible for certification

**Program Length:** Gynecologist - 3 years; Urologist - 2 or 3 years

**Number of Fellows:** 3 - 4

**Fellowship Program Director:** R. Edward Varner, MD

**Urogynecology Faculty:** R. Edward Varner, MD; Holly E. Richter, PhD, MD; Robert Holley, MD; Alicia Ballard, MD; David R. Ellington, MD

**Colorectal Faculty:** Jamie Cannon, MD, Melanie Morris, MD

**Urology Faculty:** Keith Lloyd, MD; Tracey S. Wilson, MD

**Geriatric Faculty:** Patricia Goode, MD; Kathy Burgio, PhD; Alayne Markland, DO

Clinical practitioners: Jeanine McCormick CRNP

**Application Process:** ERAS