

ACGME ACCREDITED FPMRS FELLOWSHIP UCLA GEFGEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Participation by

-colorectal surgery, gastroenterology, radiology, and physical therapy

PROGRAM OFFERS

3-Year Fellowship for ABOG Board Certified or Eligible Gynecologists

2-Year Fellowship for ABU Board Certified or Eligible Urologists

At UCLA we have one of the few fully integrated Urology and Gynecology FPMRS Fellowships. Fellows from both Gynecology and Urology train side-by-side in the same program on the same rotations with the same faculty at our Center for Women's Pelvic Health on our Westwood Campus. We believe this provides the most balanced, multi-disciplinary training in all areas of FPMRS. Our goals are to prepare candidates for subspecialty certification and for a career in academic medicine as well as to prepare our fellows for a busy clinical practice while training the future thought leaders in FPMRS in both Urology and Gynecology. At the completion of the program all fellows will have fulfilled the requirements for board certification in FPMRS by ABOG or ABU.

Our clinical program includes:

- Extensive experience in evaluation and treatment of all FPMRS conditions in a high-volume health care system including a safety net county hospital (Olive View- UCLA Hospital) and world class university hospital (Ronald Reagan Medical Center) with emphasis on individualized treatments for our patients.

- Robust training in female pelvic reconstructive surgery including experience in vaginal, laparoscopic, robotic, and open approaches to common conditions such as vaginal prolapse, urinary and fecal incontinence, fistula repair, urethral reconstruction and complex lower urinary tract reconstruction and urinary diversion.

-An emphasis on lower urinary tract dysfunction, both non-neurogenic and neurogenic, and complex urodynamic and videourodynamic testing.

-A global health elective to an affiliated training program in Uganda led by Dr. Christopher Tarnay under the auspices of Medicine for Humanity.

-Experience with our GI, colorectal, radiology, and physical therapy colleagues and joint conferences for collaborative treatment of complex pelvic floor conditions.

-A diverse patient population at three different clinical sites: UCLA Westwood Campus, UCLA Santa Monica, and Olive View- UCLA Medical Center, our LA county facility.

-A comprehensive interactive didactic program including seminars, lectures, research meetings and joint interdisciplinary case presentation conferences, regional journal clubs, and formal preoperative conferences.

-A strong research program led by Dr. Lenore Ackerman who leads a basic science lab and meets with the fellows weekly to supervise and mentor myriad research projects both basic science and clinical research also mentored by all faculty. The Gynecology curriculum includes 12 months of protected research time scheduled in 1 month intervals.

Our fellowship is approved for a total of 6 fellows. Each academic year we accept one 3-year position for a gynecology FPMRS fellow and one or two 2-year positions for a urology FPMRS fellow.

Application Process:

ERAS – Electronic Residency Application Service

1st Round Interview Participant. Applicants should review the FPMRS website (URL here) for important details about the application process. Applications will be submitted via ERAS. For Gynecology applicants, CREOG scores must be emailed to yrojas@mednet.ucla.edu