University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

Fellowship Program Name: University of California, San Diego (& Kaiser Permanente - Integrated)

Fellowship Program Director: Emily S. Lukacz, MD, MAS

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Description: Our three-year fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery is offered under the direction of Dr. Emily S. Lukacz (UCSD) and Dr. Keisha Dyer (Kaiser Foundation Hospital). The joint training program was developed by Dr. Charles Nager (UCSD) and Dr. Karl Luber (Kaiser Foundation Hospital) in 2000. The program's faculty includes Drs. Lukacz, Nager, Alperin, Albo, Brubaker, Santiago-Lastra, and Catanzarite at UCSD and Drs. Dyer, Menefee, Luber, Diwadkar, Tan-Kim, and Ferrante at Kaiser.

The educational objective is to train the next generation of leaders in urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery. While there is a strong clinical component to the fellowship, the focus is to prepare graduates for careers in academic medicine and teaching. The fellow will be welcome to participate in ongoing research but he/she will also be encouraged to develop his/her own ideas and to plan, execute, analyze, and report on these subjects. Presentations are expected at the American Urogynecological Society meeting (AUGS). The fellowship is accredited by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and (ABOG) the American Board of Urology (ABU).

The fellowship is jointly (50/50) shared and funded by UCSD and Kaiser Permanente, San Diego. This combined program takes advantage of the strengths of each institution and diversifies the educational experience and training of the fellow with broad exposure to several faculty members. It is expected that the fellow will spend approximately 50% of their clinical time at UCSD and 50% of their clinical time at Kaiser. The clinical experience will be approximately 50% ambulatory and 50% operative. The diverse faculty provide training in the full spectrum of incontinence and prolapse surgical procedures including open, vaginal, laparoscopic, and robotic approaches.

We offer a structured Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training (CREST) program. Beginning in Year 1, it is expected that the fellow will attend a 2-year course that meets every Wednesday from 4-6 pm. This course is a comprehensive program that covers the following topics over 24 months: Patient Oriented Research I, Basic Epidemiology, Health Services Research, Basic Biostatistics, Advanced Biostatistics, Data Management and Informatics, Patient-Oriented Research II, and Advanced Epidemiology.
In addition to the CREST course, other educational activities include: UCSD Patient Care conferences, NIH (UITN/PFDN) Research Meetings, Kaiser Patient Case Conferences, research mentor meetings, bimonthly comprehensive chapter review of our specialty using major textbooks, Urogynecology Seminars: 7-8 lectures annually covering topics essential to the specialty, and Journal Club every month.

Our San Diego site participates in both the NIH/NIDDK Urinary Incontinence Treatment Network and the NIH/NICHD Pelvic Floor Disorders Network. Fellows will participate in the ongoing clinical trials of these networks and are encouraged to develop their own area of research interest to develop into a thesis presentation.

**Other Degrees or Curricula Offered:** Masters in Advanced Studies in Clinical Research with a few additional courses after completing CREST coursework; Ellis Wyer endowment to fund a global health elective.

**Requirements:** Graduate of accredited US or Canadian residency training program

**Program Length:** 3 years for Ob/Gyn and Urology applicants

**Number of Fellows:** 1 per year

**UCSD Faculty:**
- Emily S. Lukacz, MD
- Charles W. Nager, MD
- Marianna Alperin, MD
- Linda Brubaker, MD, FACOG
- Michael E. Albo, MD
- Yahir A. Santiago-Lastra, MD
- Tatiana Catanzarite, MD

**Kaiser Faculty:**
- Keisha Y. Dyer, MD
- Shawn Menefee, MD
- Karl M. Luber, MD
- Gouri Diwadkar, MD
- Jasmine Tan-Kim, MD
- Kimberly Ferrante, MD

**Colorectal Faculty:** Marco Tomassi, MD (Colorectal Surgery, Kaiser Permanente); Daniel Klaristenfeld, MD (Colorectal Surgery, Kaiser Permanente)

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2019
**Interview Date:** Saturday, May 18, 2019

**Application Process:**
Application to University of California (San Diego) Medical Center Program, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (OB/GYN) – Accreditation ID: 2210522003 may be made through ERAS. For more information on the application process, please visit AAMC: Applying to Fellowships with ERAS.

We recommend early submission as interviews will be offered in a rolling fashion. Applications must be complete before the file is considered for review by the program director. Please confirm all documents are submitted in a timely fashion. Interviews will be offered on **Saturday, May 18, 2019**. We are unable to accommodate individual interview options on other dates.
In addition to the ERAS application, please submit the following documents to ERAS:

- Photo (optional)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement
- At least two Letters of Recommendation (one of these must come from the Residency Program Director or Department Chairperson).
- USMLE Transcripts, Step 1, 2 and 3
- CREOG Scores
- Current email address

In order to be considered for our interview process your completed application packet must be received by ERAS no later March 1, 2019

Note: We are involved in the National Resident Match Program (NRMP). To register for the fellowship matching process, please go to the NRMP web site at www.nrmp.org