

University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

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

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Description: Our three-year fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery is offered under the direction of Dr. Emily Lukacz (UCSD) and Dr. Keisha Dyer (Kaiser Foundation Hospital). The program's faculty includes Drs. Mike Albo, Marianna Alperin, Charles Nager and Yahir Santiago-Lastra at UCSD and Drs. Gouri Diwadkar, Karl Luber, Shawn Menefee, and Jasmine Tan-Kim at Kaiser. While there is a strong clinical component to the fellowship, the focus is to prepare graduates for careers in academic medicine. The fellowship is jointly shared and funded by UCSD and Kaiser. The combined program takes advantage of the strengths of each institution and diversifies the educational experience and training of the fellow. During each of the three years, there are three rotations of four months each: 1) UCSD Clinical, 2) Kaiser Clinical and 3) Research and Electives. Drs. Dan Klaristenfeld and Marco Tomassi are the faculty teachers for our Kaiser Colorectal rotation. The training program is committed to train graduates to be skilled in the full spectrum of prolapse and incontinence operations including vaginal, abdominal, 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, regular research mentor meetings, twice monthly comprehensive review chapter by chapter of our specialty using major textbooks, Monthly Urogynecology Seminars, Formal lectures every month for 24 months on 24 topics essential to the specialty, and Journal Club every month – 1st Tuesday Evening.

Our San Diego site participates in the NIH/NICHD Pelvic Floor Disorders Network. Fellows will participate in the ongoing clinical trials of this network 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

Urogynecology Faculty: Marianna Alperin, MD; Gouri Diwadkar, MD; Keisha Dyer, MD; Karl Luber, MD; Emily Lukacz, MD; Shawn Menefee, MD; Charles Nager, MD and Jasmine Tan, MD

Colorectal Faculty: Daniel Klaristenfeld, MD and Marco Tomassi, MD

Urology Faculty: Michael Albo, MD; Ithaar Derweesh, MD; T. Mike Hsieh, MD; A. Karim Kader, MD, PhD; Christopher Kane, MD; Charles Lakin, MD; C. Lowell Parsons, MD FACS; J. Kellogg Parsons, MD, MHS, FACS; Kyoko Sakamoto, MD; Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD and Joseph D. Schmidt, MD.

Application Deadline: Rolling review of applications up until **March 1, 2017**

Application Process:

Application to the University of California San Diego Fellowship Program in Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery may be made through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). For more information on the ERAS application process, please visit the AAMC website at: <https://www.aamc.org> and click on the ERAS prompt.

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 two dates: **Saturday, April 22 and Saturday, May 6, 2017.** We are unable to accommodate individual interview options on other dates.

In addition to the ERAS application, please forward the following documents to ERAS:

- Photo (optional)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation (One 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, 2017**

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