

UMass - Memorial Medical Center

**Fellowship Program Name:** University of Massachusetts - Memorial Medical Center

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**Description:** The University of Massachusetts fellowship offers integrated training in the management of pelvic floor dysfunction. Fellows are trained in vaginal, laparoscopic (including robotic) and abdominal approaches to the surgical management of pelvic floor dysfunction. There are currently two surgeons and one CNM/PhD faculty member in the FPMRS division. In addition to the intensive surgical training, fellows will gain experience in non-surgical modalities including pessary use, behavioral and pharmacologic therapies, as well as pelvic floor physical therapy.

Fellows also rotate through the essential related disciplines of urology, colorectal surgery, and plastic surgery with additional experiences in physical therapy and electrophysiology. A weekly Resident and Fellow clinic runs throughout the 3-year fellowship. The FPMRS fellows interact extensively with the OB/GYN residents and medical students as clinical instructors and classroom educators. Current research includes both clinical and basic science research. Fellows are mentored in research methodology and scientific investigation, and bimonthly research meetings ensure continual progress towards research goals. The fellows regularly present original research at national meetings. There is an active collaboration with the extensive basic-science and translational research resources of UMass Medical School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The abundance of high-quality academic institutions in Central Massachusetts, including Tufts College of Veterinary Medicine and Clark University, have provided additional creative research opportunities to prior fellows.

**Other Degrees or Curricula Offered:** Interested fellows are encouraged to enroll in either a Masters in Clinical Investigation degree program or Master's of Public Health through UMass Medical School, a convenient option that can be completed during the 3-year fellowship.

**Requirements:** Successful completion of an OB/GYN or Urology Residency program or equivalent training that confers eligibility for an unrestricted Massachusetts medical license.

**Program Length:** 3 years

**Fellowship Program Director:** Michael Flynn, MD

**Number of Fellows:** 2 fellows/3 years

**Application Process:** ERAS