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**Description:** This multidisciplinary fellowship is a combined program accepting candidates from Ob/Gyn. The fellowship was established based on the guidelines set forth by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and ACGME. This academic fellowship is combined with Kaiser Orange County. The fellows spend one year of their training at the Kaiser facilities, one year at the University Hospital and one year of dedicated research time. This provides a great breadth and depth of experience. Didactics include fellows lecture series, chapter reviews, journal club on a monthly basis, and pre-op surgical conferences, which are carried out on a weekly basis. Faculty includes nine FPMRS fellowship trained faculty, three colorectal surgeons, a gastroenterologist and two pelvic floor physical therapists. This comprehensive team provides extensive exposure and training in all aspects of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery, including da Vinci robotics, laparoscopic, vaginal, and open prolapse surgery, sacral nerve modulation, and pelvic floor physical therapy. Emphasis is placed on preparing fellows for a career in academics, and opportunities are available for post graduate studies in epidemiology and statistics. A certificate in Clinical Research can be obtained by taking the following courses: Introduction to Clinical Statistics, Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology and Medical Decision Making, Design and Analysis of Clinical Trials, and Research Ethics and Practice. Clinical and basic science research opportunities including microbiome research are available. We accept applications through ERAS, follow the same timeline, and require the following: application; current curriculum vitae; personal statement of why you wish to study Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery; three (3) letters of reference from physicians with whom you have worked during your residency training, one (1) of which should come from the department chairperson or residency program director; recent photo; and USMLE transcripts.

**Other Degrees or Curricula Offered:** Opportunities through Biomedical and Translational Science (BATS) are available for a Masters in Clinical Research.

**Requirements:** All fellow applicants should have satisfactorily completed an Ob/Gyn residency approved by the American Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (CRCPSC).

**Program Length:** 3 years – Ob/Gyn

**Number of Fellows:** 1 Ob/Gyn per year

**FPMRS Faculty:** Felicia L. Lane, M.D., Bhummy Dave-Heliker, M.D., Taylor J. Brueseke, M.D., Gamal Ghoniem, M.D., Noelani Guaderrama, M.D., Emily Whitcomb, M.D., Jennifer Lee, M.D., Dena Moskowitz, M.D., Neha Sudol, M.D.

**Colorectal Faculty:** Steven D. Mills, M.D., Joseph Carmichael, M.D., Dorna Jafari, M.D.

**Application Deadline:** Our program will follow the application deadlines and invitation dates as listed on the AUGS website each year.

**Application Process:** Application to the University of California Irvine 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 AAMC website at: <http://www.aamc.org> and click on the ERAS prompt. 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. Please visit our website for interview dates: <https://www.obgyn.uci.edu/fpmrs-fellowship.asp>. We are unable to accommodate individual interview options on other dates. In order to be considered for our interview process, your completed application packet must be received by ERAS no later than the AUGS deadline: <https://www.augs.org/education/fellowship-application-key-dates/>.

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](http://www.nrmp.org).