

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

Kaiser Faculty:

Keisha Y. Dyer, MD
Shawn Menefee, MD
Gouri Diwadkar, MD
Jasmine Tan-Kim, MD
Kimberly Ferrante, MD
Tatiana Catanzarite, MD

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

Application Deadline: Monday, March 1, 2021

Interview Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021

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](#).

Applications must be complete before the file is considered for review. Please confirm all documents are submitted in a timely fashion. The University of California SOM Deans reached a consensus to offer

universal remote/virtual interview for academic year 2020-2021. We will offer remote/virtual interviews on **Saturday, April 17, 2021**. We are unable to accommodate individual interview options on other dates.

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

- Photo
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement
- At least three Letters of Recommendation. One of these must come from the Residency Program Director and/or Department Chairperson.
- USMLE Transcripts, Step 1, 2 and 3
- CREOG Score Reports
- Current email address

In order to be considered for our interview process your completed application packet must be received by ERAS **no later than March 1, 2021**.

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