

Fellowship Program Name: Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Campus

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Description: The primary goal of the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) fellowship is to provide fellows with advanced training in the surgical and medical care of patients with pelvic floor disorders. Also to provide an in-depth experience in clinical research sufficient to allow the pursuit of an academic career within Urogynecology/Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery).

Our program benefits from collaborative, collegial relationships between the Departments of Urology, OB-GYN, Colorectal Surgery, Rehabilitation Medicine, Colorectal Surgery, and Gastroenterology. This training includes a large surgical volume and a diverse range of clinical experiences; including extensive training in vaginal surgery and both 'straight stick' and robotic-assisted laparoscopic approaches. Fellows' broad-based exposure to clinical Urogynecology/Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery is marked by progressive responsibility both in the clinic and hospital settings. The fellows work with six Board-certified FPMRS specialists with different areas of expertise, colorectal surgeons and GI specialists recognized for their work in anal incontinence and defecatory dysfunction, and a pelvic rehabilitation/ pelvic pain specialist.

Faculty:

FPMRS Faculty, Department of Urology: Bilal Chughtai, M.D., Richard Lee, M.D., Dolores Lamb, PhD, Patrick Culligan, M.D.,

FPMRS Faculty, Department of OB-GYN: Tirsit Asfaw, M.D., Saya Segal, M.D.

Colorectal Faculty: Kelly Garrett, M.D.

Gastroenterology Faculty: Amir Soumekh, M.D.

Pelvic Rehabilitative Medicine Faculty: Jaclyn Bonder, M.D.

Requirements:

1. At least three letters of recommendation; with one from the department chair and one from the residency program director at your current institution
2. Current photo (head/shoulder)
3. All application documents must be submitted in ERAS by their designated deadline

Program Length: 3 years for OB-GYN residency graduates
2 years for Urology residency graduates

Number of Fellows: 1 per year

Application Process: We participate with the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) on the December application cycle. Applicants may begin applying and programs begin receiving applications starting December 1. You must also register with the National Resident Match Program (NRMP) @ www.nrmp.org to participate in the ERAS Match.

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OB-GYN applicants should send CREOG scores to Tonya McKnight at tom9011@med.cornell.edu