Fellowship Program Name: University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics

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Description:

The overarching aim of this ACGME-accredited fellowship program is to produce outstanding clinician-scientists who act as leaders, healers, consultants, educators and researchers in the field of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery and who will provide comprehensive and compassionate care to female patients faced with pelvic complications and diseases. As the only multidisciplinary program in the state, there is an existing dynamic collaboration between Urogynecology, Female Urology, Gastroenterology, Colorectal Surgery, Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy and Nutrition Therapy through the Women’s Pelvic Wellness Program.

Fellows will receive advanced surgical training with vaginal, abdominal, laparoscopic and robotic procedures, as well as highly specialized clinical experience in evaluating, diagnosing, managing and treating conditions affecting the female pelvic floor including urinary incontinence, lower urinary tract disorders, fistula repair, pelvic organ prolapse, congenital anomalies, mesh complications and colorectal dysfunction.

In addition, fellows will further their analytical and scientific research skills by conducting a research project with relevant application to the advancement of FPMRS care and treatment, resulting in the submission of a manuscript for publication. It is expected that this research will serve as the thesis for FPMRS board certification.

Urogynecology Faculty: Christine Heisler, MD, MS; Heidi Brown, MD, MAS; Dobie Giles, MD, MS

Urology Faculty: Wade Bushman, MD, PhD; Tracy Downs, MD; Sarah McAchran, MD

Colorectal Faculty: Charles Heise, MD; Raymond King, MD

Gastroenterology Faculty: Lisa Jones, MD, MPH
**Requirements:** Successful completion of an accredited residency program in either obstetrics and gynecology or urology.

**Program Length:** Three years for obstetrician-gynecologists; two or three years for urologists.

**Number of Fellows:** Three, one fellow per year.

**Application Process:** Applications are submitted through ERAS. Candidates must include a personal statement, photo and three letters of recommendation from the following: chair of current program, residency program director and an FPMRS specialist. Registration with NRMP is also required.

**Application Submission Deadline:** March 1