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Length of Fellowship (years): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-year <input type="checkbox"/> 2-years		
Optional Degrees: <input type="checkbox"/> MPH <input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Number of Faculty:		
	GYN Faculty: 2	UROGYN Faculty: 1
	REI Faculty: 2	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 2
	GU Faculty:	General Surgery Faculty:
	Colorectal Faculty: 1	Other:
Residency Program Affiliation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Computer Simulation Center: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Labs:		
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Office Surgery: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Contract/Agreement Letter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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Accept J1 & H1Visa applicants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Dedicated Research Hours: yes		
Clinical Focus/Additional Training:		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: oncology



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Bridgeport Hospital, Reproductive Endocrinology
Anthony Santamauro, M.D.
Bridgeport Faculty
Scott Thornton, M.D.
Bridgeport Colo-rectal Surgery Faculty
Mark Laser, M.D.
Gynecologic laparoscopy, pelvic floor dysfunction
Elisabeth A. Erekson, M.D., M.P.H. Assistant Professor
Yale Urogynecology Group

1-Year Program

Description: Our gynecologic endoscopy program is a one-year comprehensive program incorporating clinical, research, and educational activities. Bridgeport Hospital is a community teaching program with Yale University affiliation. We currently perform over 3,800 gynecologic procedures per year. Our Minimally Invasive Surgery Program is a high volume service that covers the breadth of gynecologic endoscopy as well as complex abdominal and vaginal surgery. The fellow will benefit from the experience of active surgeons whose collective focus includes a full spectrum of laparoscopic, hysteroscopic, and minimally invasive procedures including infertility, urology, colorectal, gynecologic oncology and general gynecology. Exposure to robotic-assisted laparoscopy is a vital component of our fellowship program.

The director of the fellowship program, Dr. Masoud Azodi, is an associate professor of Gynecologic Oncology and the director of the Micro-invasive and Robotic Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine gynecologic oncology section. He is also the chief of Gynecologic Oncology at Bridgeport Hospital. Over the past several years, he has become the community's leading expert in gynecologic laparoscopic surgery, performing over 600 robotic cases since 2006 and has a vast experience with conventional laparoscopy. Most of his cases are referred from general gynecologists, for not only malignancy, but also complicated surgical challenges including large myomatous uteri, extensive adhesive disease, and/or endometriosis. He performs 7-10 endoscopic procedures per week. His passion for minimally invasive surgery has inspired many residents and attending physicians in the community. He has won many awards for his excellence in resident education.

Harold J. Suer, MD, is the chairman of the Bridgeport Hospital Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. He is a fellowship-trained REI and long time ABOG board examiner. He is actively involved with resident education. Currently, he runs a weekly pre-op clinic for house staff to book complicated laparoscopic and hysteroscopic cases with him. He has many years expertise in difficult laparoscopic procedures and enjoys working with residents to improve their surgical dexterity and skills.

Dr. Anthony Santamauro is the director of gynecologic endoscopy at Bridgeport Hospital. In addition, he is the director of the Infertility Institute in Bridgeport. He has a longstanding interest in minimally invasive surgery as well as infertility. He has been a co-director of the annual GYN endoscopy course for the past twelve years. The fellow will participate as an attendee and preceptor for lab sessions at this course. He is an expert in management of endometriosis.

Dr. Dan-Arin Silasi is a part of the Gynecology Oncology Group at Yale University. He is also an attending at Bridgeport Hospital. He is very active in clinical research in minimally invasive surgery and has proven himself to be an exceptional resident teacher.

Dr. Scott Thornton is a prominent colorectal surgeon at Bridgeport Hospital. He will support the general surgery aspect of the fellowship, allowing the fellow extensive experience in enterolysis, bowel repair and resection. He is an expert in laparoscopic colorectal surgery. He has been named as Best Doctor in multiple issues of New York Magazine and won multiple awards for resident education.

Dr. Mark Laser is a private faculty in the obstetrics and gynecology department and has special interest in urogynecology procedures and micro-invasive surgery.

Dr. Elisabeth Erikson a part of the Urogynecology Group at Yale University. She is also an attending at Bridgeport Hospital. She is very active in clinical research in minimally invasive surgery and has proven herself to be an exceptional resident teacher. She has joined our fellowship faculty list starting January 1st, 2011 to increase the fellow's exposure and teaching in urogynecological procedures including pelvic floor reconstruction.

Dr. Peter S. Marcus will join our faculty list starting July 2011 to help with general laparoscopic teaching and research.

FELLOWSHIP CURRICULUM

Gaining proficiency in all advanced gynecologic procedures is expected. These would include LSH, TLH, laparoscopic myomectomy, laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy, suburethral slings, hysteroscopic myomectomy, and colorectal surgery. Robotic experience in hysterectomy, sacrocolpopexy, myomectomy, and retroperitoneal oncologic staging will be included in the programs.

Teaching activities will include resident instruction in endoscopic technique using an advanced skills laboratory and supervision of basic endoscopic procedures. Participating in departmental grand rounds, didactic educational programs, monthly journal clubs, biweekly tumor boards and weekly conferences is expected. The required research project may take advantage of the many clinical or basic research opportunities ongoing in the division or may be uniquely designed by the fellow with faculty supervision. The Yale OB/GYN department will be supportive of fellow research projects will result in national presentations and peer-reviewed manuscripts. Protected academic research time is incorporated into the post-graduate training program.

A unique feature of this program is not only the incorporation of training in robotics as it applies to gynecologic procedures but due to the nature of the practice, the fellow will have exposure to gynecological malignancies and assist in laparoscopic staging and radical surgery for malignancies. There are no gynecologic oncology fellows based at Bridgeport Hospital, making the busy surgical volume of the Gynecologic Oncology Section all potential cases for learning by the gynecologic endoscopy fellow.

Overall, this program will train the fellow for general gynecologic micro-invasive surgery using conventional laparoscopy, robotic-assisted laparoscopy, and hysteroscopy. They will also have extensive experience with gynecologic oncology procedures, reproductive endocrine procedures, urogynecologic procedures, complex gynecologic surgeries and advanced endometriosis cases. Our fellow will also work with an experienced colorectal surgeon performing laparoscopic bowel procedures.

Fellow will spend an average of 2-3 days in surgery per week. Individuals can expect to be in the office/clinic an average of 1 day per week. Around 1.5 days per week will be reserved for research time.

Fellows will have teaching responsibilities as they relate to the training of not only 12 house staff in the obstetrics and gynecology residency program but also physicians both in the academic and community settings. Post-graduate trainees will have the advantage of being exposed to a wide variety of resources available at Yale University. These resources include the ability to pursue master level degrees in the areas of public health and clinical investigation.

Surgical laboratories with established gynecology protocols will also be readily available for both inanimate and animate training and research.

Upon completion of this program, the fellow will be competent in a full spectrum of endoscopic surgical techniques and be qualified to serve as a consultant in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery in an academic or private setting.

SCHEDULE

Monday: Colorectal surgery/Office with Dr. Silasi/Research
Tuesday: Surgery with Dr. Silasi/Dr. Azodi/Dr. Erekson and other faculties
Wednesday: Surgery with Dr. Azodi/Dr. Silasi and other faculties
Thursday: Didactics/Office with Dr. Azodi/Surgery with other faculties
Friday: Research

CASE LOAD

Operative Laparoscopy – 60
Diagnostic Laparoscopy – 30
Operative Hysteroscopy – 30
Diagnostic Hysteroscopy – 30
Abdominal Hysterectomy – 15
Abdominal Myomectomy – 5
Vaginal Hysterectomy - 15
Vaginal Repair Procedures – 20
Incontinence Procedures – 15
Da Vinci cases – 110
Laparotomy – 20

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

GYN Pre-op Conference
MIS/PPP didactics (2nd & 4th week of each month)
OB/GYN Department M & M (1st week of each month)
OB/GYN Faculty Meeting
Grand Rounds (Thursday of each month)
Tumor Board (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month)

DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE

GYN Pre-op Conference: The gynecology service will meet on a weekly basis to discuss the planned surgical procedures for the week. The pre-operative evaluation and the indications for all resident patients and all hysterectomies are reviewed. This conference allows the residents and fellows to review the appropriate pre-operative evaluation of most gynecologic surgical procedures, to discuss alternative treatment options, and the appropriate informed consent process.

OB/GYN Department M & M Conference: This department-wide morbidity and mortality conference is presented by the senior resident on each service.

MIS Didactics: The MIS division will meet 2 times per month for a didactic session to review topics of particular interest to our division. One session each month will be dedicated to review of a clinical topic outlined in the fellowship educational objectives.

OB/GYN Department Grand Rounds: This department-wide Grand Rounds is an excellent source of continuing medical education, covering a wide variety of topics relevant to obstetricians and gynecologists presented by experts in their respective topic domains. Bridgeport Hospital is an accredited CME provider.

TUMOR BOARD: All Gynecologic Oncology cases are presented in multi-disciplinary board.

JOURNAL CLUB: Selected articles will be presented once a month with detailed analysis.