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2-Year Program

Description: The fellowship is a two-year comprehensive gynecologic endoscopic program in advanced laparoscopy, hysteroscopy, and robotics. The fellow will operate with key faculty in GYN oncology, urogynecology, and advanced gynecologic endoscopy. Extensive gynecologic training under direct supervision of the program faculty is provided. Gaining proficiency in all advanced gynecologic procedures is expected. These would include LSH, TLH, laparoscopic myomectomy, laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy, suburethral slings, hysteroscopic myomectomy, endometrial ablations, and vaginal mesh procedures. Robotic experience in sacrocolpopexy, myomectomy, and retroperitoneal oncologic staging will be included in the program. Endometriosis, pelvic adhesive disease, and residual ovary surgery are major components of the program. Office experience will include urodynamics, cystoscopy, sonohystograms, office NovaSure, Thermachoice, and office Essure placement. The GYN minimally invasive surgery fellow will learn all aspects of gynecologic care including preoperative workup, technical aspects of surgical care, and postoperative care with clinic follow-up. The fellow will develop an advanced knowledge of retroperitoneal anatomy including surgical skills for dissection of pelvic vasculature, lymph nodes, and perivesical and perirectal spaces. In addition, the fellow will learn minimally invasive techniques for surgical treatment of pelvic floor prolapse and urinary incontinence.

Rotation with the MIS general surgery faculty is planned. This will allow development of additional skills and understanding of non-Gyn endoscopic surgical procedures.

Fellows will participate in medical student and resident education during rotations. Department educational conferences, M&M conferences and grand rounds will be attended. Animate and inanimate surgical labs are held for skill development.

Research opportunities are available through the Legacy Minimally Invasive Surgery Program. Fellows in bariatric surgery, general surgery, and gynecology are working on ongoing clinical projects.