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Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
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Accredited: 3 years

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2-Year Program

Description: This is a 2-year program that incorporates clinical, research and teaching responsibilities to develop the participant's skill and knowledge base in the performance of minimally invasive gynecologic procedures.

Our facility is a 645-bed Independent Academic Institution with an active Graduate Medical Education program. The unique component of our fellowship program is the extensive surgical volume at our institution. The fellow will be in the operative suite 3-4 days/week. Outpatient clinic will be 1-2 half days per week for intakes and postoperative care and rotate through general gynecology, and urogynecology. Protected time will be allotted for research activities.

Case Volume:

Our institution performs over 2,500 gynecologic surgeries per year. 494 are operative laparoscopies, 358 vaginal surgeries with pelvic floor or incontinence procedures and 177 cases for invasive cancer. Our Robotics program is one of the largest multidisciplinary programs in the country with representation from Colorectal Surgery, Urology and Pediatric Urology. Our current gynecologic robotic case volume is 156 per year. The fellow will be given graduated responsibility based on performance with in the fellowship. They can expect adequate volume to be credentialed in all facets of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Two days per week the fellow will work in the operating room with Dr. Charles Miller, internationally recognized expert in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, and his associate, Dr. Aarathi Cholkeri-Singh, herself a fellowship graduate.

Description of Conferences:

- a. Gynecologic Morbidity and Mortality
- b. Gynecologic Journal Club
- c. Departmental Grand Rounds

Coverage:

The fellow will be expected to participate in the Faculty In-House Call Program. Call will be one weekend day, one week day per month and one ½ day per week of resident clinic coverage. The fellow will function as faculty supervisor for resident activity during this time including ER admissions, surgical supervision and OB cases. The fellow will be responsible for management of the Resident Endoscopic Skills laboratory on a quarterly basis.

Research Project: The Fellow is expected to develop and pursue research projects during the fellowship. A ½ day per week will be allotted to this activity. The expectation is for the fellow to prepare a paper for submission to a peer reviewed journal and present their research at Department Grand Rounds.