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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		
Number of Faculty:		
	GYN Faculty: 2	UROGYN Faculty: 1
	REI Faculty: 1	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 2
	GU Faculty: 0	General Surgery Faculty: 0
	Colorectal Faculty: 1	Other:
Residency Program Affiliation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Computer Simulation Center: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Labs:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Office Surgery: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Contract/Agreement Letter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Salary: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (\$) <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Benefit Package: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	OB obligation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Moonlighting: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Non-compete clause: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Malpractice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Meeting support: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Malpractice tail coverage: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other coverage obligations- specify:
Accept J1 & H1Visa applicants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Dedicated Research Hours: 20%		
Clinical Focus/Additional Training:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: oncology

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 recently started as 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.

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 1.5 days per week. At least one half day 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

CASE LOAD

Operative Laparoscopy – 250
Diagnostic Laparoscopy – 53
Operative Hysteroscopy – 60
Diagnostic Hysteroscopy – 60
Abdominal Hysterectomy – 55
Abdominal Myomectomy – 20
Vaginal Hysterectomy - 32
Vaginal Repair Procedures – 30
Incontinence Procedures – 35
Da Vinci cases – 180
Laparotomy – 60
Conventional Laparoscopy – 120

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.