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2-year Program

Description: The fellowship at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix Arizona is structured for the applicant entering academic medicine. Our hospital is affiliated with the University of Arizona College of Medicine and Creighton University School of Medicine. The program has a strong emphasis in minimally invasive surgery. Included in the curriculum are rotations in advanced laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery, as well as advanced abdominal and vaginal surgery. In addition, fellows will have exposure to the latest advances in robotic surgery. Fellows will be trained in cystoscopy, ureteral stenting, ureteral reimplantation as well as laparoscopic bowel surgery. Surgical experience will be at St Joseph's Hospital, a freestanding ambulatory surgical center and office-based procedures. Upon graduation, fellows will be qualified to serve as a minimally invasive gynecologic surgery consultant.

Fellows will also have clinical exposure to the chronic pelvic pain clinic at St Joseph's Hospital where they will be exposed to all areas of pelvic pain, including the diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis, pelvic congestion syndrome, extensive adhesive disease and pudendal neuralgia.

Fellows will rotate with laparoscopic general surgeons and laparoscopic urological surgeons. Fellows will rotate with the Department's gynecologic ultrasonographer, and will be required to be knowledgeable in diagnostic gynecologic ultrasound and perform procedures, including, ultrasound guided aspirations and biopsies.

Fellow will be encouraged to do one basic science research project under the supervision of Dr Huang (Director of Research), and will be required to do one clinical project under the supervision of the faculty. The clinical project will be presented at AAGL annual meeting.

Fellow will be required to teach Obstetrics and Gynecology residents. Fellow will also be responsible for weekly Gynecologic Surgery conference. Fellow will prepare two Grand Rounds presentations during their Fellowships.

Fellow will be required to present at the annual meeting of AAGL. Alternatively SGS (Society of Gynecologic Surgeons), AUGS (American Urogynecological Society) or ACOG presentation will be accepted.

Fellow will attend courses in epidemiology, research design and biostatistics. This will be arranged for by Medical Education Office at St Joseph's Hospital in conjunction with Arizona State University.