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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: 12	UROGYN Faculty: 2
	REI Faculty: 6	ONCOLOGY Faculty: 4
	GU Faculty:	General Surgery Faculty:
	Colorectal Faculty:	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:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Lab
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Office Surgery: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Contract/Agreement Letter: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Salary: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (\$) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	Benefit Package: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Other coverage obligations- specify:
Accept J1 & H1Visa applicants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Canada has different forms)		
Dedicated Research Hours: one day per week		
Clinical Focus/Additional Training:		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hysteroscopy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelvic Reconstruction
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robotic Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:



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Accredited:

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1-year program with a provision to extend the training for an additional 6 months for research

Description:

The McGill fellowship program of Advanced Gynecologic Endoscopy is designed as a one-year integrated education leading to expertise in advanced laparoscopy and hysteroscopy.

Historically, endoscopic surgery was a major part of the fellowship program in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI), where fellows spent one year of surgical rotation. With the emphasis of assisted reproductive technology in the REI program, the rotation of REI fellows in surgery was reduced to 3 months. In addition, some advanced endoscopic operations such as laparoscopic hysterectomy is beyond the educational objectives of REI program. As of 2007, the fellowship program in Advanced Gynecologic Endoscopy stands as a separate entity. Dr. Tulandi who was the program director of REI fellowship until 2007 became the program director of Advanced Gynecologic Endoscopy fellowship. Recognizing the importance of Minimally Invasive Gynecology, in 2009, we developed a new division of Minimally Invasive Gynecology and Robotic Surgery.

The program has a high volume of advanced laparoscopy and hysteroscopy surgery including urogynecologic surgery. Drs. Merovitz (urogynecologist) and Marcoux (minimally Invasive Gynecologist) are new additions to the faculty. All faculty members operate at McGill University Teaching Hospitals, the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), the Jewish General Hospital and St. Mary's hospital. There are more than enough materials including for both fellows and residents. Fellows assist surgery in the operating room and gradually conduct advanced laparoscopic or hysteroscopic surgery under supervision. They will increasingly accept full responsibility for any surgical or medical management. The fellows in our program have a rather unique junior faculty like position, which will allow them to teach and augment residents and students experience.

A unique feature of our program is the incorporation of *fertility preservation* procedures to gynecologic endoscopy. These include laparoscopic ovarian suspension for young women undergoing pelvic radiation, and laparoscopic abdominal cerclage for women who have failed conventional vaginal cerclage. Currently, McGill University is one of a few institutions offering fertility preservation. Fellows will be involved and assist these reproductive operations.

We perform *laparoscopic suturing* on routine basis; for example suturing for tubal anastomosis, suturing of vaginal vault, and suturing of myomectomy incision. Fellow will perform or assist laparoscopic suturing at least 3 times per week. The program director operates at least two full days per week, the urogynecologist and other staff at least one day per week.

Fellows will become familiar with *diagnosis and medical and surgical management* of various gynaecologic and reproductive disorders including chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis, abnormal uterine bleeding, and pelvic mass. They will have an understanding of alternative non-surgical management, when and how to operate. They will learn how to prepare a patient before surgery, and to follow the patient post-operatively. They will learn how to avoid and manage complications. Fellows will have the responsibility of seeing patients in the clinic (at least 3 full day clinic weekly). Fellows are required to keep a logbook of surgical cases and submit it every 3 months.

Fellows take part in teaching of residents, and act as a consultant in the evening or weekends. Although, operating room provides the best teaching environment; if needed McGill University has a state of the art simulation center, where fellows could practice advanced technique such as laparoscopic suturing.

Our program does not tolerate *intimidation, harassment or abuse*. Should it occur, fellow would first discuss the matter with the program director. It will be then reported to the program committee, the postgraduate dean and the chair of the department. Appropriate and swift action will be carried out. This includes creating a special review committee consisting of physicians who are not directly involved with the program, a representative from the sponsoring country (if any), and Director of Professional Services of the hospital if patient is directly or indirectly involved. The committee will investigate all parties involved in the accusation, and make a recommendation to the postgraduate dean. The Associate Dean will relay the recommendation to the program director for appropriate action.