# 2-Year Program

**Optional Degrees:**
- [ ] MPH
- [ ] MBA
- [ ] MS
- [x] Other: Certificate of clinical research
- [ ] None

**Number of Faculty:**
- GYN Faculty: 5
- UROGYN Faculty:
- REI Faculty: 1
- ONCOLOGY Faculty:
- GU Faculty: General Surgery Faculty:
- Colorectal Faculty: Other:

**Residency Program Affiliation:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Computer Simulation Center:**
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

**Training Labs:**
- [ ] Cadaver lab
- [x] Animal Lab
- [ ] None
- [x] Dry Lab
- [ ] Robotics

**Office Surgery:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Contract/Agreement Letter:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Yearly Salary:**
- [x] Yes ($ customary for PGY 5&6)
- [ ] No

**Resident Teaching:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Benefit Package:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**OB obligation:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please describe obligation.

**Junior Faculty:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Attending Privileges:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Moonlighting:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Non-compete clause:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Malpractice:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Meeting support:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Malpractice tail coverage:**
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

**Other coverage obligations - specify:**

**Accept J1 & H1 Visa applicants:**
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

**Dedicated Research Hours:**
- Hours per week: 1-2 Days week/10 hours

**Protected Academic:**
- Hours per week: 1 day per week

**Clinical Focus/Special Interest:**
- [ ] Reproductive Surgery
- [ ] Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain
- [x] Robotic Surgery
- [x] Hysteroscopic Surgery
- [ ] Oncology
- [ ] Pelvic Reconstruction
- [ ] Pediatric/Adolescent
- [ ] Other: Myomectomy, Hysterectomy
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2-YEAR FELLOWSHIP

Description: The fellowship at Magee-Womens Hospital/University of Pittsburgh Medical Center is a two-year intense academic training program in gynecologic minimally invasive surgery. The fellow will benefit from the expertise, experience, and surgical volume of six faculty members dedicated to minimally invasive surgery with specialty and fellowship training in REI and MIGS. In addition to rigorous surgical education, the fellows also complete a certificate in either Clinical Research or Medical Education through University of Pittsburgh’s Institute for Clinical Research Education (http://www.icre.pitt.edu/degrees/degrees.html). With the inclusion of the Certificate Program, fellows will graduate with the necessary research training for a productive academic career.

Depending on the fellows’ course work and year of training, their schedule will be variable. Their time will be divided between:

- Operating Room – The fellows participate in all laparoscopic and hysteroscopic procedures brought to the OR by the faculty of the MIGS program. Their primary responsibility is to acquire advanced surgical skills through
hands-on experience, and secondarily they are expected to teach residents in the OR. Over the course of the two years, fellows spend on average three days a week in the OR.

- Office sessions with MIGS faculty – The faculty in the MIGS program have a large referral practice, and under the guidance of a faculty member, the fellows see new patients referred for surgery. The focus of these office sessions are on proper pre-operative evaluation and decision-making. At the completion of their training, the fellows will be proficient in the multi-system approach to the evaluation of chronic pelvic pain/endometriosis, the management of pelvic organ prolapse and incontinence, and the minimally invasive management of common gynecologic complaints (i.e. fibroids, adnexal masses, abnormal uterine bleeding).

- Gynecology Service Attending - One of the unique opportunities provided to the MIGS fellows at Magee Womens Hospital is the role of the service attending covering the residents’ inpatient gynecology service one day a week throughout their second year. The fellows serve as the primary attending for resident surgical cases and also cover all admission and consults. This serves as a protected introduction into being an attending as they have the ability to run their service and perform surgeries independently, while also having senior faculty to back them up if needed. Our graduates have reported that this part of their training has prepared them well for the transition to life after fellowship and helps them focus their own surgical education during second year. It also helps them develop a strong relationship with the residents and allows them to focus on resident education.

- Independent office sessions – The fellows will see patients independently, and this is an opportunity for them to evaluate and schedule patients for surgery on their own. During the first year of fellowship, a faculty member will staff the fellow’s cases with them. In the second year, the fellows will have their own block time to perform cases independently with faculty back up. This will be in addition to the time spent in the OR with the MIS faculty, and not as a replacement.

- Course Work – 15 credits are required to complete the Certificate Program (http://www.icre.pitt.edu/degrees/degrees.html). The majority of the credits will be obtained in the first two months of fellowship. The remainder are completed over the next one to two years based on the track chosen by the fellow. All class time is protected, and the fellows have no clinical responsibilities that will interfere with their course work. Completion of a Masters Program in Clinical Research or Medical Education is optional and can be accomplished with prior approval of the fellowship director.

- Call – Fellows have minimal gynecology call responsibilities but no obstetric responsibilities. There are moonlighting opportunities in both OB and GYN at Magee.

Protected time is provided for fellows to pursue the following:

- Resident education – The fellows are responsible for MIGS-based lectures at the resident gynecology lecture series, longitudinal laparoscopy simulation residency training (we have a dedicated room with multiple laparoscopy trainers which allows the fellows to review basic and advanced skills, such as laparoscopic suturing), and pig lab sessions (this lab is run once every 5-6 weeks and allows the fellows to review laparoscopic skills in a realistic setting). Fellows also precept resident outpatient gynecology clinics as well as serve as primary attending for resident surgical cases.

- Research – Fellows have ample opportunities for multiple research projects. Protected research time is granted. Through our association with the Magee-Womens Hospital Research Institute and our large surgical patient population, fellows are able to design and execute prospective and retrospective trials under the mentorship of the program faculty.
Due to the varied backgrounds of the faculty in the MIS program, fellows will graduate well versed in all of the following procedures:

**Laparoscopy**
- Hysterectomy (total and supracervical)
- Myomectomy
- Excision of endometriosis (including radical pelvic sidewall dissections and bowel, bladder, and ureteral surgery for the frozen pelvis)
- Presacral neurectomy
- Prolapse repair/Pelvic reconstruction (sacralcolpopexy, uterosacral vaginal vault suspension, paravaginal defect repair)
- Incontinence (Burch retropubic colposuspension)
- Infertility (fimbrioplasty)
- Treatment of vaginal agenesis and other Mullerian anomalies

**Hysteroscopy**
- Resection of submucosal fibroids
- Endometrial Ablation
- Synechiolysis

Our expectation is that upon completion of the fellowship, the fellow will be an extremely qualified minimally invasive surgeon, and that they will pursue a career in academic medicine and train future generations of pelvic surgeons.