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TWO YEAR PROGRAM
### 2-Year Program

**Optional Degrees:**
- MPH
- MBA
- MS
- Other: MSCR/MPH
- None

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<th>Number of Faculty</th>
<th>GYN Faculty: 4</th>
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<td>Colorectal Faculty: 2</td>
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**Residency Program Affiliation:**
- Yes
- No

**Computer Simulation Center:**
- Yes
- No

**Training Labs**
- Cadaver lab
- Animal Lab
- None
- Dry Lab
- Robotics

**Office Surgery:**
- Yes
- No

**Contract/Agreement Letter:**
- Stipend PGY-5 or 6:
  - Yes
  - No
- Resident Teaching:
  - Yes
  - No
- Benefit Package:
  - Yes
  - No
- OB obligation:
  - Yes
  - No
  - If yes, please describe obligation.
- Junior Faculty:
  - Yes
  - No
- Attending Privileges:
  - Yes
  - No
- Moonlighting:
  - Yes
  - No
- Non-compete clause:
  - Yes
  - No
- Malpractice:
  - Yes
  - No
- Meeting support:
  - Yes
  - No
- Malpractice tail coverage:
  - Yes
  - No
- Other coverage obligations - specify:
  - Minimal GYN at-home call

**Accept J1 & H1 Visa applicants:**
- Yes
- No

**Dedicated Research Hours:**
- Hours/week: 4
- Hours/month: 16

**Protected Academic:**
- Hours/week: 4
- Hours/month: 16
- Combined total of research/academic: 8 hours/week; 32 hours/month

**Clinical Focus/Special Interest**
- Reproductive Surgery
- Oncology
- Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain
- Pelvic Reconstruction
- Robotic Surgery
- Pediatric/Adolescent
- Hysteroscopic Surgery
- Other: Complex pathology (large fibroid uteri, advanced endometriosis), Obese patients, Chronic pain disorders

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Program Description:

The purpose of this university-based program is to prepare clinicians for careers in academic medicine, with clinical, research, and teaching opportunities in the areas of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and in pelvic pain. We established the first fellowship in the country to offer in depth training in both of these areas, graduating our first fellow in 1999. UNC joined the AAGL FMIGS program in 2008 and our graduates have gone on to successful careers in academic medicine, training other residents and fellows, and many as fellowship directors themselves.

The surgical experience at UNC is extremely high volume, including participation in over 800 cases annually for all benign gynecologic problems. Our referral base has been well established for 25 years, and includes the entire range of gynecologic pathology, including conservative and extirpative treatment of advanced endometriosis, large adnexal masses, massive fibroids, the morbidly obese, those with complex prior surgical history and medical co-morbidities, and more rare opportunities such as laparoscopy in advanced pregnancy, müllerian anomalies, cerclage, and tubo-ovarian abscess. There is a greater emphasis on conventional laparoscopy in our program, but fellows are also trained on the robotic platform.

Outpatient clinical training includes well-mentored experience in the management of difficult gynecologic disorders, including assessment and management of vulvar and pelvic pain in addition to pre-operative consultations for common conditions such as endometriosis and fibroids. Teaching responsibilities include regular interaction with residents and medical students as well as fellows in other gynecologic subspecialties and a weekly preoperative conference and weekly journal club. Fellows function as junior attendings in addition to assisting non-fellowship trained colleagues with challenging cases. There are no obstetric duties (either outpatient or call) and gynecology home-call is minimal, but provides an opportunity for the fellow to act as an attending with back-up faculty coverage provided.

Our program also fosters a commitment to research with an emphasis on preparing the fellow for participation in clinical research at a leadership level. Fellows will complete a research curriculum to develop skills in research design, epidemiology, ad biostatistics. Our program is aligned with the UNC School of Public Health at UNC, one of the top schools of public health in the country, which offers the opportunity to take classes in specific areas of interest such as metaanalysis, decision analysis, or public health. Participation in ongoing research in the Division, as well as development of a new project, will be part of this educational process, and will lead to national presentations and publication in peer-reviewed journals.

Our program is dedicated to a tripartite mission of clinical expertise through high-volume exposure and complex cases, a comprehensive sub-specialty education, and research with a thoughtfully curated curriculum to support fellows that will become leaders in the field of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery.

For additional information, please look at our website (https://www.med.unc.edu/obgyn/migs/) or call (984-215-3050).