

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

Overall Goals and Objectives

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Goals of the Program:

1. The goal of the Female Pelvic Medicine/Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Program at Virginia Mason Medical Center is to train surgeons for the practice of FPMRS, including education in basic science, training in cognitive and technical skills development of clinical knowledge, maturity, and acquisition of surgical judgment as it pertains specifically to FPMRS.
2. This program will prepare our Fellows to function as qualified practitioners of FPMRS at a high level of performance. At each level of training, the Fellows' education and development will be achieved with attention to the six ACGME General Competencies: Patient Care, Medical knowledge, Practice-based learning and improvement, Interpersonal and Communication skills, Professionalism, and Systems-based practice.
3. These goals will be carried out within a system that emphasizes graded authority and increasing responsibility. The Fellows will be provided graduated responsibilities with a goal of preparing and training them to become competent and skilled teachers and mentors

Objectives of the Program:

1. The program will provide an opportunity for our Fellows to learn the fundamentals of basic science as applied to FPMRS. This will include exposure to all aspects of FPMRS care including: basic physiology, anatomy, and pathology. The objectives listed above will be carried out with a system which emphasizes graded authority and increasing responsibility as experiences gained during the fellowship program.
2. The program will provide experience with preoperative, operative, and postoperative care of patients in all areas that constitute the principal components of FPMRS. Additionally, there will be adequate exposure to the secondary components of FPMRS (e.g. colorectal surgery, gastroenterology/functional bowel disorders, neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation).
3. Fellows will be provided adequate time and sufficient facilities for study, assuring all Fellows equivalent educational opportunity. While our institution and the Fellows understand that there is tremendous commitment of service to our patients, these service responsibilities will support and not distract from the educational goals of the program.
4. Specifically with regard to the scholarly activities and research rotation, the Fellows will have exposure to basic science and clinical research, including translational research and clinical outcomes research. The Fellows will learn grant writing skills and become adept at selecting and applying proper statistical analyses, database management, and learning the intricacies of running clinical trials.