

Gynecology-Based Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery Rotation Goals and Objectives

Background Information

The Virginia Mason Franciscan Health (VMFH) Fellowship is an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited Fellowship Program in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (URPS) based at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA. The ABOG (American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology) and ABU (American Board of Urology) are the two boards that certify specialists in this field after completion of an ACGME-accredited fellowship. The VMFH URPS fellowship accepts Urology residents for 2 years of fellowship training. VMFH has an ACGME Urology Residency Program and the VMFH URPS Fellowship integrates collaboratively with the training of urology residents.

The Fellowship Program Director is Alvaro Lucioni, MD and the Associate Program Director is Una Lee, MD. Cristina Palmer, DO also serves as core faculty for the fellowship. The Fellowship includes a GYN-based URPS rotation, a colorectal surgery rotation, academic time, and a broad and deep exposure to the practice of Urogynecology and reconstructive surgery including multidisciplinary patient care. The VMFH fellowship program is a training program in good standing and fulfills ACGME requirements. The VMFH Fellowship has a strong track record of training fellows in female pelvic floor surgery for over 20 years.

Goals and Objectives of the Gynecology-Based URPS Rotation at Swedish Medical Center

Goals of the Rotation:

1. The goal of the one-month gynecology-based Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (URPS) rotation at Swedish Medical Center is to expose fellows to the practice of URPS from the urogynecology/gynecology perspective. This includes training in clinical and technical skills, in addition to the development of clinical knowledge, maturity, and acquisition of surgical judgment.
2. This rotation will foster the education of VMFH Fellows by exposing trainees to the principles and practice of URPS from Gynecology-trained Urogynecologists specialized in URPS. This will prepare our Fellows to function as well-rounded qualified practitioners of URPS at a high level of clinical and professional performance.
3. As part of this clinical rotation and the duration of their fellowship, the fellows will work on and be evaluated on the six ACGME General Competencies: Patient Care, Medical knowledge, Practice-based learning and improvement, Interpersonal and Communication skills, Professionalism, and Systems-based practice.
4. 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 clinicians and skilled teachers.
5. Fellows will integrate with the current Gynecology residency program at Swedish Medical Center. As Fellows who are rotating for a one-month rotation in URPS, the fellows will integrate into the current educational and training program as appropriate for each trainee's level of skills and training, as directed by the URPS faculty. The fellows will contribute to the

gynecology resident's experience by providing exposure to fellow's perspectives and provide clinical teaching and mentorship to the gynecology residents during the rotation. Open communication with attending faculty is encouraged so patient care is prioritized, and trainee's goals are addressed.

Objectives and Guidelines of the Rotation:

1. The rotation will provide experience from URPS trained gynecology faculty on the preoperative, operative, and postoperative care of patients in areas that constitute the principal components of URPS.
2. The Gynecology- based URPS clinical rotation will consist of outpatient clinic and procedures, URPS surgery in the ASC and OR setting, and inpatient duties with the clinical team. The fellow will spend dedicated clinical time on the URPS service, with URPS attendings, with focused education on the specialty of URPS with attention to the role of multidisciplinary collaboration.
3. The URPS fellows will have adequate supervision. The teaching faculty will supervise and be involved in the patient's care to varying degrees depending on the specific service and setting. URPS Fellows are ACGME trainees and serve as extensions of the teaching physician's services, rather than independent practitioners for billing purposes.
4. The fellow will attend and participate in pelvic floor reconstructive surgeries (robotic, vaginal, open, endoscopic), clinics, procedures, urodynamics, and other clinical activities, as directed by the faculty. The continuity of the month rotation will foster building a foundation of surgical skills and knowledge, with increasing advancement of surgical responsibility as appropriate for each trainee and their skillset.
5. The fellow will attend and participate in Gynecology and URPS-specific educational conferences.
6. Each fellow will set personal educational goals prior to the rotation and check in with faculty midway and at the end of the rotation to check on progress and achievement of educational goals.
7. Fellows will be provided adequate time and sufficient resources for fellow appropriate education and fulfillment of patient care responsibilities. Service responsibilities will support the educational goals of the program.
8. The fellows will work collaboratively with the clinical team of residents and attendings for patient care needs, including but not limited to post-operative checks, pre-operative review, and post-operative management. Complications of URPS procedures and cases are reviewed so learnings are appreciated. Counseling patients on informed consent and risks, benefits, and alternatives will be observed and practiced. Patients will be followed over the duration of the rotation so the patient journey can be followed longitudinally.