Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship Program

To serve, to heal and to educate

Cooper University Health Care

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
Thank you for your interest in the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Fellowship Program at Cooper University Hospital. Our program is three years in length and accepts one fellow per year. The FPMRS fellowship functions as an integral component of the obstetrics and gynecology residency program and both programs are currently accredited by the ACGME.

The Division of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery is a component of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cooper University Hospital (CUH) is comprised of 5 divisions and employs 34 full-time faculty members committed to delivering the finest care to patients as well as to providing the best education for our next generation of physicians. The FPMRS fellowship is designed to provide excellent research and clinical training in an academic environment. The program consists of three years of broad-based training in urogynecology with ample opportunities to participate in clinical and basic research. First and second year rotations consist of the FPMRS service, urology and colorectal and a month of plastics surgery. The third year typically consists of a more focused experience on these services with the opportunity for external electives if there is interest. Fellows participate in regular continuity clinic sessions, following their own panel of patients throughout the three years of training.

Research also is emphasized. The FPMRS program has an active conference schedule with weekly clinical conferences and at least a half a day of organized didactic conferences biweekly. In addition to a core curriculum, attention is paid to basic science and research. The strength of the Cooper program is teaching, and emphasis is placed on education and the promotion of collegial relationships between faculty and fellows. FPMRS faculty holds academic appointments at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) and is actively involved in medical student education programs at the medical school. There is a high faculty–to-fellow ratio with 3 core and 8 non-core employed faculty involved in the education of 3 FPMRS fellows. The program offers access to faculty with expertise in vaginal, abdominal and endoscopic reconstructive surgery, pelvic floor anatomy, genitourinary and rectovaginal fistula repair, urodynamics and cystoscopy, multiple treatment modalities for urinary incontinence, urologic, colorectal and plastics procedures as it pertains to our field and clinical and basic science research in FPMRS.

The following pages provide specific information about the FPMRS training at Cooper. We invite you to take the time to explore our program.
Cooper University Health Care, the clinical campus of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, is the leading tertiary-level provider serving the Southern New Jersey region. Cooper has been a vital institution in Camden for over 125 years. It currently offers training programs for medical students, residents, fellows, nurses and allied health professionals in a variety of specialties. The Cooper network currently serves more than a half million patients per year.

Cooper University Health Care has more than 700 physicians in more than 75 specialties. Cooper offers a network of comprehensive services that include prevention and wellness, primary and specialty physician services, hospital care, ambulatory diagnostic and treatment services, and home health care within Southern New Jersey and the entire Delaware Valley.

Cooper University Physician, the teaching faculty of the medical school, maintains more than 100 offices at 38 locations throughout southern New Jersey. Cooper’s physicians are frequently recognized as “Top Doctors” in their field. These world-class physicians are the teachers with whom you will interact during your educational experience. Coupled with its educational goals, Cooper offers a broad agenda in the field of research. Cooper physicians are involved in ongoing research and development as they keep abreast of changing modalities of medical care.

Cooper’s department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Cooper University Hospital offers women of all ages a full range of advanced medical programs and services through all stages of a woman’s life. From the management of pregnancy and delivery, to the prevention, detection and treatment of disorders of the reproductive system, our OB/GYN physicians, nurses and support personnel specialize in all areas of gynecological, maternal-fetal, reproductive, pelvic and sexual health. Cooper is distinguished as a state-designated Regional Perinatal Center. The Center serves the region's highest-risk patients in need of the most serious care. In fact, other area hospitals transport their high-risk perinatal patients to Cooper. All of our OB/GYN sub-specialists are board-certified and fellowship-trained, offering expert services and treatment options in vital areas of female, reproductive, and maternal-fetal health.
General Information about FPMRS

Cooper’s division of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery was started back in the late 1990’s. Our fellowship was first accredited in 2000 when we accepted our first fellow. The current division consists of three fellowship-trained Urogynecologists and an Advanced Practice Nurse. The division has trained fellows that have gone on to practice in many Universities around the country. After a brief period of reorganization in 2010-2012 we regained our fellowship accreditation under the ACGME in 2012.

Our division works closely with the divisions of Urology, Colorectal Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Physical Therapy in order to provide a breadth of services to help our patients. The department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has specialists in Minimally Invasive Gynecology and Vulvar Disorders that greatly enhance our services and help provide a well-rounded educational experience.

Although Cooper University Healthcare is the core teaching campus where we see our patients and perform surgeries, we provide urogynecologic care at many of the surrounding community hospitals from Central to Southern New Jersey. Our outpatient facilities are located in the suburbs of New Jersey. We have two offices in Voorhees and Hamilton New Jersey in addition to our fellow run office in Camden. Our offices consist of the most up-to-date diagnostic and treatment modalities in our field.

Our division’s faculty is well respected nationally for their skills in vaginal reconstructive surgery and they are considered key opinion leaders in their field. They are all founders of international mission organizations that provide much needed care to women around the world. Former fellows have had the opportunity to provide mission work around the world and these numerous unique opportunities continue to enhance our program.

Introduction

As part of the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) and The Cooper Health System, the division of FPMRS is committed to providing a comprehensive and state of the art education to our fellows. The division of FPMRS, the largest in southern NJ, was established in 1996 and began to train fellows in 2000.

With over 5000 patient visits and 400 surgeries per year the FPMRS division is able to provide the fellows the experience and expertise to treat the full array of urogynecologic conditions.

The fellowship curriculum has been developed to maximize the exposure of the fellows to the full gamut of urogynecology topics. This is exemplified by the FPMRS Women’s Care Center continuity of care clinic where the fellows have their own patients who they follow throughout their care under the supervision of one of the core faculty.
About the Faculty

Karolynn Echols, MD, FACOG
Dr. Echols is the Fellowship Program Director for the FPMRS fellowship and Associate Professor of Ob/Gyn at CMSRU. She received her medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine and completed her OB/GYN residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Echols received her FPMRS fellowship training from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She also received her ABOG board certification in FPMRS as part of the first class of senior applicants in 2013. She is most interested in the diagnosis and management of genital fistulas, and the use of endoscopy and integrative/alternative medicine in FPMRS. She is a founding member of the Global Medicine Special Interest Group for the American Urogynecologic Society. Dr. Echols has been chosen to be a principal investigator for the FDA-required and industry sponsored research project on the Restorelle graft versus native tissue repair utilization in pelvic reconstructive surgery. She has received numerous teaching awards and has been frequently awarded “Top Doc” in SJ and South Jersey Magazine.

Dr. Echols has vast experience doing mission work in Cameroon, Niger, Kenya, Rwanda and Jamaica. She is currently the president and co-founder of Medicine In Action and on the medical board of advisors for the International Organization of Women and Development. She is also an honorary consultant for the University of West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica where she teaches annually.

Ben Steinberg, DO
2010
Assistant Clinical Professor,
University of California
San Francisco-Fresno Female Pelvic Medicine
and Reconstructive Surgery,
Urology Associates of Central California

Ricardo Caraballo, MD, FACOG
Dr. Caraballo serves as the Associate Program Director for the FPMRS fellowship and Assistant Professor of OB/GYN at CMSRU. He received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine and completed his OB/GYN residency and FPMRS preceptorship at Cooper University Hospital. He was part of the inaugural class of 2013 to receive subspecialty certification in FPMRS from the ABOG. He is most interested in the use of biologically derived grafts in pelvic reconstruction and the use of simulation for teaching of fellows and residents. Dr. Caraballo has been selected as the Cooper principal investigator for an FDA required and industry sponsored research project on the Xenform graft use for anterior compartment repairs. He has received multiple teaching awards and has been selected as a “Top Doc” in South Jersey Magazine.

Dr. Caraballo serves as the Deputy Medical Director and is a founding board member for International Healthcare Volunteers. He has participated in multiple medical missions to Ghana, West Africa.

Adam Holzberg, DO, FACOG
Dr. Holzberg is an Associate Professor and serves as the Division Head for FPMRS. He received his medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and his OB/GYN residency and FPMRS fellowship at Cooper University Hospital. He received his subspecialty certification in FPMRS from the ABOG in the original class of 2013. His area of interest is mesh use in reconstructive surgery where he is widely published. He is a founding member of the Mesh Special Interest Group for the
American Urogynecologic Society. He serves as the Cooper principal investigator for an FDA required and industry sponsored research project on the Uphold lite synthetic mesh kit.

Dr. Holzberg also has a special interest in international medicine. He serves as the Secretary and is a founding board member for International Healthcare Volunteers. He has participated in multiple medical missions to Ghana, West Africa.

Allen Seftel, MD, FACS
Dr. Seftel is Professor and Chief of Urology in the Department of Surgery at Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ since 2009. He completed his medical training at State University of New York, Brooklyn, NY and his residency at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY, State University of New York, Brooklyn, NY, and Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. He also completed a fellowship in Urologic Disease-Impotence. Dr. Seftel has served on multiple editorial boards and is currently Chair of the Educational Council for the American Urological Association Foundation Council. He is widely published and internationally renown and specializes in erectile function/dysfunction. He is an integral part of the teaching faculty for the FPMRS fellows during their urology rotation.

Manoj Patel, MD, FACS
Dr. Patel is Associate Professor of Urology, co-director of the Urologic Oncology Program and the program director for the urology residency program. A graduate of St. George’s University School of Medicine, Dr. Patel completed his residency at Brown University and robotic fellowship in Celebration Florida. He is also an integral part of the teaching faculty for the FPMRS fellows during their urology rotation and serves as the clerkship director for the fellows’ urology rotations.

Michitaka Kawata, MD, FACS
Dr. Kawata is an Assistant Professor of Surgery and the director of Anal Physiology at CMSRU. He graduated from Temple University School of Medicine and completed his Colon and Rectal Surgery fellowship at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. As a member of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery with special interest in pelvic floor dysfunction he is an integral part of the FPMRS fellowship as the fellows gain the majority portion of their colorectal experience with him. He serves as the clerkship director for the fellows’ colorectal rotations.

Michael DiSanto, PhD
Dr. DiSanto is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Biomedical Sciences and the Director of Urology Research. He received his Bachelors Degree in Biochemistry from Albright College and his PhD from Drexel University in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. A prolific researcher, he has been awarded multiple federal grants. He is part of our research team and serves as the mentor to our basic science projects.

“I hold my training at Cooper’s FPMRS fellowship in the highest regards. It has allowed me to succeed in my career by providing me with superior surgical skill, research acumen, and teaching ability. As an assistant FPMRS fellowship director, I understand what is needed to educate and produce the best in the field. Cooper exudes this with a world-class faculty and facility. Humanistically, the fellowship provides you with understanding and compassion needed to treat any condition of the female pelvic floor.”

Adam Steinberg, DO
Associate Director of Quality Woman’s Health, Assistant FPMRS Fellowship Director, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT
Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Connecticut, School of Medicine

2005
“Multiple caring and compassionate fellowship-trained surgeons provide an exceptional hands-on experience in urogynecology.”

Deeptha Nair Sastry, MD
2009
Attending at Portsmouth Regional Hospital,
Harbour Women’s Health
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Martha Mathews, MD, FACS
Dr. Mathews is an Associate Professor of Surgery, Head of the Division of Plastic Surgery and program director for the plastic surgery residency program. She is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and completed her residency in plastic Surgery at Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine. She serves as the FPMRS fellowship clerkship director for the fellows’ plastic surgery rotation.

Saifuddin T. Mama MD, MPH, FACOG
Dr. Saifuddin T. Mama M.D. MPH is Associate Professor and Head, Section of Minimally Invasive Gynecology and Robotics at Cooper University Hospital. A graduate of Yale University with a Master of Public Health degree, Dr. Mama completed his medical degree at Thomas Jefferson College and his Ob/Gyn residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He has received numerous teaching awards. Dr. Mama’s specialties include pediatric and adolescent gynecology, pelvic reconstructive surgery, and minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. Dr. Mama has ten years of experience in multiple medical missions volunteering abroad in Africa and Asia as a teaching attending and surgeon.

Robert P. Siefring, MD, FACOG
Dr. Siefring is Assistant Professor of OB/GYN and Medical Director of the Center for Vulvovaginal Disease at Cooper Hospital. He is a graduate of the University of Guadalajara and completed his OB/GYN residency at Cooper Hospital. He has received multiple teaching awards and has been selected as a “Top Doc” in South Jersey Magazine. The fellows gain most of their experience in vulvar diseases with Dr. Siefring during his monthly vulvovaginitis clinic.

Gunda Simpkins, MSN, MPH
Gunda Simpkins is Coordinator of clinical research for the Ob/Gyn department and has over 20 years of experience in Perinatal and Women’s Health nursing. She was educated at the University of Delaware (BSN, Sigma Theta Tau) and Villanova University (MSN) and has recently earned a Master’s degree in Public Health from UMDNJ-Stratford (Delta Omega). She participates in coordinating all aspects of FPMRS research including our sponsored research.

Krystal Hunter, MBA
Krystal Hunter serves as the lead statistician for the Cooper Research Institute. She received her BA in Economics from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA and her MBA from Rutgers University Graduate School of Management, New Brunswick, NJ. She is an integral part of the FPMRS research committee and contributes to all research projects from their inception to publication. She also actively participates in all Journal Clubs for the division. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed papers and instructs the fellows and faculty in statistical analysis.
Our fellowship is designed to provide the fellow the education and training necessary to function as a consultant in the field of FPMRS. The fellows are given a well-rounded experience in Urology, Colorectal Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Research. They are also given the opportunity to explore their interests further in FPMRS during their Clinical Elective rotation in the 3rd year. The educational curriculum has been designed to meet the objectives set forth in the Proposed ACGME Program Requirements for Residency Education in FPMRS. The didactic conference schedule is designed to cover all aspects of FPMRS. However, it is recognized that it would be impossible to provide a specific conference on every single aspect of the curriculum, or for the fellow to be exposed to patients with every possible diagnosis and problem in FPMRS. As a result we have also incorporated quarterly lectures on atypical topics encountered in FPMRS. Also as an adult learner, the fellow is expected to refer to this curriculum to direct his or her learning activities, and to recognize areas of weakness or lack of experience or exposure and bring them to the attention of the program director in order to personalize their curriculum to strengthen those areas. An example of the educational monthly schedule are shown below.

### FPMRS Monthly Educational Schedule

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Research

During the FPMRS fellowship, the fellows participate fully in the theoretical and technical aspects of clinical and/or basic science research. Fellows are required to take Statistical Methods for Data Analysis, a graduate level course at Thomas Jefferson University during the first fellowship year. During this course they learn to apply the principles and techniques of basic statistical analysis to research. They are expected to actively conduct research during time away from clinical care responsibilities. The annual didactic sessions include research design; grant writing, research methodology, and scientific writing and presentation skills. They obtain an understanding for how to conduct FPMRS research and learn to work as part of a research team and develop skills and experience needed to critically review others’ research. The FPMRS fellow is required to complete and publish one thesis project by the end of the fellowship. This thesis should make a meaningful contribution to the FPMRS literature. Monthly research meetings are scheduled to help with this endeavor. Quarterly meetings are expected to take place between the fellow and the faculty advisor with continuous oversight and direction provided by the director of FPMRS research, the research nurse and the biostatistician.

QI Projects

With the newest policy revision of the ACGME, the fellows are required to describe one learning activity to identify strengths, deficiencies and limits in their knowledge and expertise (self-reflection and self-assessment); set learning improvement goals and identify and perform appropriate learning activities to achieve self-identified goals. One such goal instituted was to improve the efficiency of our fellow-run clinic. This included all aspects of health care i.e patient wait times, improving accessibility of clinic resources, patient education and billing and coding.

International Opportunities

There are several opportunities for international exposure and experience for the fellows. The entire core faculty in FPMRS as well as many faculty in the OB/GYN department and Cooper University Hospital are extensively involved globally and this is translated into the curriculum. The division of FPMRS believes that in order to develop globally sensitive physicians, it is essential for those in training to participate in healthcare in other regions of the world. Thus the division of FPMRS offers the fellows ample opportunity to become active internationally. Such places include but are not limited to the Jamaica, Ghana, Rwanda or Vietnam. Additionally to enhance our fellows’ education in the repair of fistula, our division in conjunction with the International Organization of Women and Development and International Healthcare Volunteers send, on a voluntary basis, a fellow along with at least one member of the faculty to either Ghana, West Africa or Rwanda, East Africa for a period of two weeks during their senior year. The fellows can also develop contacts outside of Cooper and make their own arrangements if desired.
The Jaffe Family Women's Care Center

The Jaffe Family Women's Care Center at Cooper University Hospital provides obstetrics and gynecologic care for patients with financial burdens. The two primary goals of this clinic are to provide services for resource poor patients who otherwise cannot afford ob/gyn medical care and to provide education for the residents and fellows. All subspecialty services for obstetrics and gynecology are provided including gyn oncology, reproductive endocrinology, maternal fetal medicine and female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery/urogynecology. This is one of few clinics that provide such services to resource poor patients in the entire country. The Urogynecology clinic is run by the fellow(s) one half-day session a week for 3 weeks in a month with attending supervision. The 4th week is dedicated to the The Jaffe Family Women's Care Center OR. It is a great opportunity for the fellow to work as a supervisor and clinical instructor. There is always at least one resident assigned to this clinic that evaluates the patients and presents the cases to the fellow then subsequently the attending. The fellows have the opportunity to make independent clinical decisions and teach residents under faculty supervision.

Required Courses

Statistical Methods for Data Analysis

Usually taken during the 1st year of training, this 4-month course is given weekly at Thomas Jefferson University in the early evening. The fellow learns to apply the principles and techniques of basic statistical analysis and by the completion of the course be able to critique the literature more objectively. Lectures and workshop sessions are used to familiarize the fellow with issues relating to both descriptive and inferential statistical methods. The fellow has the opportunity to use a computer package for analysis.

Public speaking

This 3-month course is given weekly by Camden County Community College at Cooper University Hospital. The fellow is taught and has the opportunity to practice the skills and methods that will ease stage anxiety and allow the fellow to present confidently and effectively. The fellow learns to utilize verbal and non-verbal cues successfully and prepare visual aids to catch and maintain the audience’s attention. The class consists of a small number of students that allows the fellow to apply all the learned skills in relatively stress-free environment.
How to Apply

The Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship Program at Cooper University Hospital/Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and all information is processed through this system without exception. Information regarding the ERAS application process and timeline is available on the Websites listed below.

**Association of American Medical Colleges**
www.aamc.org/eras

**ERAS Fellowship Document Office**
www.erasfellowshipdocuments.org

ERAS applications must contain the following information in order for your application to be considered:

- Common application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcript
- Three original letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your current or most recent training director
- Personal statement describing your training goals and future career plans
- ECFMG certification (IMG only)
- USLME reports (1,2 and 3).

The program director and two additional faculty members will review applicant files. Invitation for interview will be based upon their recommendations.

**Program Eligibility**

Eligibility for the Urogynecology Fellowship requires a minimum of three years of ACGME medical training in internal medicine or emergency medicine. Individuals accepted for a position in the fellowship program must be U.S. citizen, classified as a resident alien, or hold a J-1 visa.

The application deadline for the 2014-15 academic year is August 31, 2014.
The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area

It is extraordinary to have such a high concentration of leadership at one institution but, then, Cooper is an extraordinary hospital.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing health science campus that includes the main hospital, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Research, Three Cooper Plaza medical offices and the Ronald McDonald House.

Adjacent to the Cooper Plaza/Lanning Square neighborhood, Cooper has a long history of outreach and service efforts to its local community. Some of these initiatives include health and wellness programs for the neighborhood, development of three neighborhood parks and playground, and outreach to programs into local schools.

The Hospital’s 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion houses state-of-the-art patient care facilities, including 120 private patient rooms, a 30-bed medical/surgical intensive care unit, 12 technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, an advanced laboratory automation facility and a 14,000-square-foot Emergency Department. The Emergency Department features 25 beds, dedicated isolation suites and autonomous CT scanning technology. Two new floors in the Roberts Pavilion, each with 30 private patient rooms, opened in August 2014. The two floors are designed to serve specific patient populations with Pavilion 8 serving a growing advanced-care surgery patient population and Pavilion 9 serving the Cooper Heart Institute for hospitalized heart patients. The Pavilion features an expansive lobby and concourse, a restaurant and coffee shop, health resource center, business center, gift shop and chapel.

The Pavilion also houses the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit. A design showcase for patient and family-centered care, the unit features 30 private patient rooms equipped with the latest in advanced technology, and allowing 360-degree patient access. Five patient rooms are capable of negative pressure isolation, and five rooms have chambered isolation alcoves. In addition, an enlarged room with operating room caliber lighting is outfitted to perform bedside exploratory laparotomy in patients too unstable for transport to the operating room.

In 2013 Cooper celebrated the opening of MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the $100 million, four-story, 103,050-square-foot center located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus in Camden, dedicated to cancer prevention, detection, treatment and research. MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper offers South Jersey’s only dedicated inpatient, 30-bed cancer unit adjacent to the new cancer center at Cooper University Hospital. The center includes bright, spacious chemotherapy treatment areas, patient exam rooms, conference centers and advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies. The designers incorporated an aesthetic approach to healing with abundant natural light, a rooftop Tranquility Garden, an illuminated floor-to-ceiling “Tree of Life” centerpiece and more than 100 pieces of original art created by 71 New Jersey artists.
The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area (continued)

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets in Camden. The new $139 million building, which opened in July 2012, was designed for CMSRU’s curriculum with spaces and technologies to support faculty and students in their educational process. In 2012, CMSRU welcomed the class of 2016 with 50 students.

The Cooper campus is located in the heart of the Camden’s business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation—the commuter high-speed line and bus terminal are located a half-block from the campus. Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront where the New Jersey State Aquarium, the River Sharks stadium, the USS New Jersey and Susquehanna Bank Center are located.

Cooper is conveniently close to Philadelphia. Just a mile-long drive over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge or a ferry boat ride will put you at the doorstep of Philadelphia’s cultural, culinary and historic venues.

South Jersey also offers a range of living and entertainment options. Quaint towns such as Haddonfield and Collingswood are just 10 minutes away. The lights and action of Atlantic City and those other popular beach towns such as Cape May and Ocean City are a one-hour drive from Cooper.
The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at: cooperhealth.org/directions