Where it all began…

During the mid-1960s Dr. Jack Robertson was an attending at Harbor General Hospital (now Harbor-UCLA Medical Center), in Torrance, CA and Dr. Donald Ostergard was a second year resident. A Urogynecology clinic was organized at Harbor General Hospital for basic incontinence evaluation. The first official fellowship training program in Urogynecology was started by Dr. Ostergard here at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The second fellow trained in Urogynecology was Dr. Bhatia, who went on to become a faculty attending at Harbor and eventually took over as the fellowship Program Director until he retired in 2013 and Dr. Yazdany took over.  

[Modified from www.augs.com]

Fellowship Goals

To recruit, develop and train outstanding, humanistic and devoted Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive surgeons who are fully qualified as consultant-level subspecialists and are well-prepared to serve their community as providers in all settings, including academic, private and public."

Fellowship Benefits and Expectations

Salary
- $60,000-70,000 per year (Los Angeles County PGY-5 to PGY-7 salary)
- Los Angeles County healthcare benefits, pension

Vacation time
Fellows are allowed three (3) weeks of vacation and one (1) week of CME.

Call
One 24-hour call per month (all calls are paid).

Resident Lectures/Journal club Presentations
1-2 Resident lectures per year
3 Journal clubs per year
2 Regional Journal Clubs per year
Thesis Defense - Grand Rounds - Third year of fellowship
Research expectations
Fellows are expected to be very productive during their fellowship at Harbor-UCLA. Each fellow should present at AUGS/ICS/SGS their second and third year. Each fellow should graduate with publications: including chapters, reviews, and original research.

Clinical expectations
Fellows teach residents core gynecologic procedures (TVH, TAH, cystectomy), slings, AR and PR, and cystoscopy. Each resident should do one part of the case. Fellows work on at least one quality improvement project during fellowship. Large projects can be extended for 3 years.

Educational Stipend
- Fellows are given a $2,000 annual stipend.
- If a fellows has an abstract accepted at a conference, they are provided up to an additional $1,500 (limit twice in three years).
- The Excellence in Clinical Research course is paid for by the department. ($3,000)

Education
- Monthly – Read FPMRS journal, IUGA journal, Green journal at a minimum
- Daily – Expected to review and read two (2) Urogyn textbooks during fellowship
- UCLA monthly lectures while on Santa Monica rotation
- HUMC lectures on Tuesday afternoons
- Research lectures – last Friday of the month
- Uro-Radiology Conference – First Thursday of the month (research Fellow and first year when available).
- Weekly Pre-op conference
- Monday morning Morbidity & Mortality (M&M)
- Journal Clubs

Sample Weekly Didactic Schedule

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1: HUMC; 2: SMH; 3: Kaiser Downy; 4: Kaiser Sunset