Clinical Observer in Male Fertility

Short-term training in male infertility is available at Cleveland Clinic’s Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute for candidates who have completed their urology residency. Foreign graduates are welcome to apply.

An observer will have the opportunity to observe the clinical evaluation and surgical treatment of the infertile male. Additional didactic opportunities include participation in various research conferences, journal clubs and observing ongoing research in the American Center for Reproductive Medicine.

Training Objectives:
Candidates will observe clinical and surgical cases in male infertility with Sarah Vij, MD and Edmund Sabanegh, Jr., MD and interact with other members of faculty interested in men’s health.

An observer will:
› Learn about emerging surgeries for the correction of anatomic causes of male factor infertility (example: microsurgical reconstructions such as vasovasostomy and vasoepididymostomy)
› Understand the role of new assisted reproductive techniques in the management of infertility
› Compare various techniques for harvest of sperm in non-obstructive azoospermia (example: microsurgical testicular sperm harvest, percutaneous epididymal sperm aspiration)

Appointment: Observer in Urology
Duration: 4 weeks

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How to apply:
Those interested in this observership should write to Nikki Williams at:

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Cleveland Clinic Urology

Cleveland Clinic’s urology program is recognized worldwide for excellence in patient care, teaching, research and innovation.

The program was ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report in 2018-2019. Since 2000, Cleveland Clinic urology has been ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the nation.
The Cleveland Clinic American Center for Reproductive Medicine was established in 1993. The Center is dedicated to its mission of research, physician education and patient care. It has an international reputation for excellence in innovative research in human fertility and is dedicated to disseminating its results. The main research focus is on identifying the biological markers of oxidative stress, DNA damage and apoptosis using proteomics and bioinformatics tools.

The ACRM offers research fellowships, hands-on training in human assisted reproduction, and summer mentorship opportunities. We also offer diagnostic & therapeutic services for infertile couples and cancer patients. In the past 26 years, more than 1,000 scientists, physicians, researchers, reproductive medicine professionals and students from all over the world have trained at our Center. Our Center has published about 700 scientific papers and review articles in peer reviewed scientific journals and has the largest number of publications in the field of andrology, male infertility and assisted reproduction in the world. To learn more, visit clevelandclinic.org/ReproductiveResearchCenter.

Testimonial from past clinical observers

*"The program fosters camaraderie and an opportunity to know other people in the lab outside of work. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at the Cleveland Clinic and will highly recommend it to my colleagues."*

Frances Monette Bragais, MD, FPUA | Philippines

*"I had a wonderful time at Cleveland Clinic – everyone in the Center was very inviting and helpful. I learned a lot about their research and look forward to returning."*

Sanjeev Bandi, MD, FRCS | Australia

*"My time spent at Cleveland Clinic was extremely fulfilling and has resulted in a long-term collaborative relationship. I highly recommend this opportunity to any physician or scientist with an interest in reproductive medicine."*

Giancarlo Balercia, MD | Italy

*"I was able to personally witness the true meaning of world class evaluation, diagnosis and management of different andrological diseases. My rotation at the ACRM reopens myself once again to research ventures after I finished my residency in urology."*

Marlon Martinez, MD | Philippines