



Cleveland Clinic

Urogynecology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

Cleveland Clinic – Glickman Urologic Institute



Program Overview

Cleveland Clinic has been a leader in surgical innovation and multidisciplinary care since 1921.

The Glickman Urologic Institute is consistently recognized as a top ranked urology program in the United States, known for excellence in clinical care, research, and education. The URPS Fellowship is accredited by SUFU and ACGME.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery board examination.

Our mission is to train future leaders in female and male pelvic reconstructive surgery with broad exposure to complex clinical care, advanced surgical techniques, and high quality research.

Program Goals.

- Train subspecialists who are highly skilled, confident pelvic surgeons.
- Provide strong grounding in clinical research and scientific inquiry.
- Develop clinicians who deliver patient centered, evidence based care while advancing the field through innovation.

Clinical Training.

Fellows train within one of the nation's largest urology programs, with more than 80 physicians and scientists.

Over 1500 surgical procedures and 1750 urodynamic studies are performed annually.

Training sites include:

- Main Campus
- Hillcrest Hospital
- Fairview Hospital
- Avon Hospital
- Beachwood and Twinsburg Family Health Centers
- Multiple ambulatory surgery centers



The Cleveland Clinic surgical platform includes a large fleet of robotic systems, including multiple or single port robots.

Fellows operate in all of our advanced surgical suites across the main campus and the regional hospitals.

Weekly schedule:

- 2 to 3 OR days
- 1 to 2 clinic days
- 1 research day

Surgical Experience

Fellows perform about 500 surgeries per year, covering:

Female and Male Incontinence:

- Retropubic and transobturator slings
- Fascial slings
- Urethral bulking
- Full spectrum advanced OAB therapies
- Sacral neuromodulation



Pelvic Organ Prolapse:

- Native tissue repairs
- Hysteropexy and vaginal hysterectomy
- Robotic and laparoscopic prolapse procedures
- Sacrocolpopexy
- Complex post cystectomy repairs

Robotic Reconstruction:

- Mesh removal
- Fistula repair
- Combined colorectal, gynecologic, and hernia procedures

Urethral Reconstruction:

- Urethral diverticulum surgery

- Mesh related complications
- Urethral stricture repair with buccal graft

Genitourinary Fistulas:

- Transvaginal, robotic, and abdominal repair
- Flap based reconstruction techniques

Neurogenic Voiding Dysfunction:

- Evaluation, management, and neuromodulation



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Fellows participate in:

- Journal club
- Basic science lectures
- Urodynamic conference

- Combined URPS meetings with Urogynecology and Colorectal Surgery
- Urology Institute case conference, M&M, Journal Club, and Grand Rounds

Call

Fellows take primary call every 5th weekend at one of our quieter hospitals and participate in phone call every 5th week.

Research

Research is a core component. Fellows develop a portfolio of clinical and basic science projects in year one and complete a thesis project in year two.

Research areas include: Neurogenic bladder, Pelvic floor biomechanics, Neuromodulation, Urothelial biology, Stem cell research, Artificial intelligence.

Our fellows have participated in over 160 IRB approved and IACUC approved studies since 2002.

Resources: Novick Center for clinical research, Study coordinators, Quantitative Health Sciences collaboration, Biostatistics support, Cadaver lab, Photography and videography support

Faculty

Core faculty include:

Howard Goldman MD
Raymond Rackley MD
Emily Slopnick MD
Sandip Vasavada MD
Tyler Trump MD
Omer Anis MD

Marie Paraiso MD
Amy Park MD
Shannon Wallace MD
Anna Spivak MD
Margot Damaser PhD

2 new faculty joining 2026:

URPS and male reconstruction specialist

Neurourology and AI specialist

Former Fellows

The following physicians have completed their fellowship in URPS at our institution:

J. Christian Winters, Chairman, LSU

Raymond Rackley, M.D., Professor, CCLM, Cleveland Clinic

Randy Fralick, M.D., Kaiser Permanente, Fresno, CA

Howard Goldman, M.D., Professor, CCLM, Cleveland Clinic

Scott Serels, M.D., Urology Associates of Norwalk, CT

Marie Tchetgen, M.D., Baylor Medical Center, TX

Anne Aspera M.D., Kaiser Permanente, Moanalua, HI

M. Louis Moy, M.D., Associate Professor, Division of Urology, Univ of, Florida

Adonis Hijaz, M.D., Professor, University Hospital, OH

Tara Frenkl, M.D. Associate Director of Clinical Research at Merck, NJ

Courtenay K. Moore, M.D., Associate Professor, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Humphrey Atiemo, M.D., Promedica, Toledo, OH

Sarah McAchran, M.D., Associate Professor, Univ WI, Madison,WI

Farzeen Firoozi, M.D., Associate Professor, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, NY

Kamran Sajadi, M.D., Professor, Oregon Health and Science University, OR

Courtney Lee, M.D., Assistant Professor, SUNY Downstate, NY

Alana Murphy, M.D., Associate Professor, Jefferson University, PA

Ryan Krlin, M.D., Associate Professor, Louisiana State University, LA

Michael Ingber, M.D., Center for Specialized Womens Health, NJ

Wesley Kong, M.D., Urological Surgeons of Northern California, CA

Mia Swartz, M.D., Columbus, OH

Michael A. Aleman, M.D. Kaiser Permanente, Baldwin Park, CA

Brian Marks, M.D., Concord Hospital Center for Urologic Care, NH

Maude Carmel, M.D., Assoc Professor, UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX

Nitya Abraham, M.D., Professor, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Christopher Tenggardjaja, M.D., Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, CA

Ashley King, M.D., private practice

Adrienne Quirouet, M.D., Hospital Montfort, Ottawa, Cananda

Marisa Clifton, M.D., Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD

Javier Pizarro Berdichevsky, M.D., Hospital Soto del Rio, Santiago, Chile

Henry Okafor, M.D., University of Tenn, Chattanooga, TN

Elodi Dielubanza, M.D., Assistant Professor, USC, Los Angeles, CA

Jessica Lloyd, M.D.. Private Practice, Eugene, OR

Juan Guzman, M.D., San Juan, Puerto Rico

Laura Giusto, Private Practice, Baltimore, MD

Patricia Zahner, Virtua Health, Moorestown, NJ

Jessica Jackson Rueb, Private Practice, Columbia, SC

Neil Kocher, Private Practice, Poughkeepsie, NY

Sarah Martin, Private Practice, Chicago, IL

Jacqueline Zillioux, Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Lauren Gleich, Staff, Jefferson Health, Philadelphia, PA

Jacqueline Booher, Private Practice, Myrtle Beach SC

Chen Shenhari, Staff, Rabin Medical Center, Petah Tikva, Israel

Omer Anis, Staff, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

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