

PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER
Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

SECTION OF PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT GYNECOLOGY

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

This two-year fellowship training program is intended to provide clinical and academic experience in pediatric and adolescent gynecology for doctors who completed a POGS (Philippine Obstetrics and Gynecology Society) accredited residency training program in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The program is based in the Section of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology in Philippine Children's Medical Center.

The fellowship program offers multidisciplinary inpatient and outpatient clinical experiences focusing on the diagnosis and management of common problems in pediatric gynecology as well as uncommon and more complex conditions, such as congenital reproductive anomalies, disorders of sexual development, PAG malignancies, gynecologic disorders in medically complicated children, and reproductive endocrinopathies. Fellows also get to be exposed to other pediatric subspecialties like adolescent medicine, urology, pediatric surgery, ambulatory pediatrics, child protection unit (CPU), endocrinology, and genetics through their clinical rotations. A research output is required per fellow prior to their graduation.

These opportunities will prepare the fellow for a clinical and academic career in the growing field of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, as well as equip them in taking the IFEPAG examination after finishing their fellowship training.

OBJECTIVES

Main Objective: At the end of the program, the fellow is expected to have developed the knowledge and skills to function professionally as a medical expert, communicator, collaborator, health advocate, and scholar in the field of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology.

Specific Objectives:

1. To develop comprehensive medical knowledge in the field of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology
2. To develop expertise in medical and surgical management of pediatric patients with gynecologic disorders

3. To become skilled in a broad range of surgical techniques including but not limited to minimally invasive surgery in young children, management of complex reproductive anomalies, and interdisciplinary approach to reconstructive surgery.
4. To conduct research n Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

REQUIREMENT AND SELECTION

General Requirements

1. The candidate must have completed a four-year Obstetrics and Gynecology residency training in a duly accredited institution.
2. Diplomate status is preferred but not required upon entry. (*Diplomate status means that the candidate has passed Part I (written) and Part II (oral) of the POGS Diplomate examination.*)
3. The candidate must be of good moral character. S/he must present letters of recommendation from both Department Chairman and Training Officer of the institution where she obtained her OB-GYN residency training.

Criteria for Final Selection

The candidate must obtain an overall grade of 80% based on the set of criteria for evaluation of the Office of the Professional Education and Training of Philippine Children’s Medical Center.

Academic excellence

(may include but not limited to: board rating, transcript of records, acted as Chief Resident during Training, and Special awards or honors received)

Researches

Special skills (*computer literacy, organization skills, etc.*)

Place of future practice

Interview

Practicum

(may include but not limited to the following: surgical skill, attitude, knowledge, and punctuality)

Note:

Candidates are expected to go on assigned duties for one month for practicum evaluation. Meals, accommodation, and compensation in whatever form will not be provided by the hospital or the department during the entire practicum period. The objective of the pre-fellowship periods is to gauge their ability to work in a team, technical/surgical skills, communication skills, and to detect an inquiring mind and good ethical values.

PROMOTION/GRADUATION CRITERIA

The entire Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Fellowship training program is completed in two years.

Performance evaluation is carried out every six months for all trainees based on the criteria of the PCMC-OPET (Office of Professional Education and Training) criteria. A rating of at least 75% is required for promotion to the next level.

Clinical competence
Presentation/Examinations
Attitudes/Values
Managerial Skills

The fellow-in-training must have completed at least one prospective research prior to graduation.

Quarterly examinations are also given to fellows-in-training.

SCOPE OF TRAINING

A. Training and Education

1. Provide proper assessment and management of cases seen by the PAG Fellow
2. Multidisciplinary conferences involving different OBGYN and Pediatric Subspecialties
3. Evaluation of morbidity and mortality through Audit Reports
4. Application of social, moral, and ethical values in managing all cases referred to the Section
5. Participation in the Hospital's Fellow's Hour presentation where the Fellow-in-training acts as the presenter and discussant of the case.
6. Journal club and research conferences
7. Quarterly evaluation through written examination

B. Administrative

1. Provides immediate supervision to resident rotators
2. Acts as coordinator for the different activities of the Section
3. Participates in hospital activities required by the PCMC Training Office
4. Ensures completeness of medical records
5. Completes reports and records of the Section
6. Participates in Outreach Programs of the Hospital and Section

C. Research

1. Attains skills in research making from protocol making to research presentation
2. Completes the required rotation with the Office of Research and Development (ORD)

3. Completes one prospective research prior to being a candidate for graduation.

COMPETENCIES

The following knowledge and skills should be acquired by the fellow at the end of the two-year program:

- a) basic knowledge of
 1. physiology (especially of fluids and electrolytes) and pharmacology in pediatric patients
 2. gross and microscopic pathology of gynecologic conditions
- b) an advanced knowledge of
 1. anatomy, embryology, and development of reproductive organs
 2. endocrine physiology and pharmacology of substances that regulate the reproductive system
 3. endocrine dynamics of the menstrual cycle
 4. physiology of conception
 5. immunology and genetics related to reproduction
 6. psychosocial aspects of pediatric and adolescent reproductive disease
- c) clinical competence in the management of pediatric and adolescent gynecologic conditions
 1. diagnosis and management of diseases of the reproductive tract
 2. diagnosis of pituitary, central nervous system, thyroid, and adrenal diseases related to reproduction
 3. expertise in surgical and endoscopic techniques related to reproductive problems
 4. expertise in ultrasound of reproductive organs and its problems
 5. fertility control and family planning
- d) experience and knowledge of
 1. administrative and management skills
 2. teaching
 3. legal and ethical issues
 4. epidemiology, statistics, research, and audit
- e) knowledge and skills pertinent in Adolescent Health Care
 1. psychosocial history taking
 2. family dynamics and interrelationships
 3. detection of risky adolescent behaviors
 4. reproductive health counseling
 5. sexually transmitted infections

6. adolescent pregnancy
- f) knowledge and skills in Basic Pediatric Health Care
 1. emergency and ambulatory health care
 2. child physical and sexual abuse

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

The PAG fellow will attend to the PAG outpatient clinic, PAG surgery, CPU clinic, and in-patient and emergency referrals. All patients seen for the day are referred to the consultant on duty. A PAG consultant is assigned to go on duty every week.

The fellow will participate in weekly conferences that include journal reports, research updates, case conferences, audits/monthly census reports, preoperative and postoperative conferences, and multidisciplinary staff conferences. Fellows are also required to attend Hospital Staff Conferences every Monday and Thursday.

The following clinical rotations outside the Center are required to be completed during the two-year fellowship training:

First Year

Ambulatory Pediatrics (OPD and ER) – 3 months
Adolescent Medicine – 2 months
Pediatric Urology – on call within 2 years of training
Pediatric Surgery – 2 months
Ultrasound – hands on training within two years of training
Women and Child Protection Unit – on call within two years of training
Perinatology – on call within two years of training

Second Year

Community Health Centers – immersion for 3 months
Pediatric Endocrinology – 2 months
Genetics (National Institute of Human Genetics) – 3 months
Research rotation with ORD (Office of Research & Development) – 1 month
Research Output

CONSULTANT STAFF

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Consultant Staff

Dr. Ma. Socorro C. Bernardino – Section Head
Dr. Corazon Y. Almirante
Dr. Franklin P. Atencio
Dr. Blanca C. de Guia-Fuerte

Dr. Lilibeth A. Castro – Training Officer, Research Coordinator
Dr. Ma. Therese B. Mallen

Multidisciplinary Services Team Staff

Dr. Cecilia O. Gan - Ambulatory Services
Dr. Renee Joy P. Neri – Women and Child Protection Unit
Dr. Rosa Maria H. Nancho - Adolescent Medicine
Dr. Leandro L. Resurreccion - Pediatric Surgery
Dr. Marichu C. Battad - Pediatric Anesthesia
Dr. David T. Bolong – Pediatric Urology
Dr. Lorna Abad – Pediatric Endocrinology
Dr. Carmencita Padilla/ Dr. April Garce D. Berboso – Genetics
Dr. Portia V. Luspo – Child and Adolescent Psychology
Dr. Bu Castro – Forensic Medicine

LOCATION

Outpatient Clinic

Antepartum Unit, Second Floor, PCMC
1-5 PM, Monday to Friday
5889900 local 322

In-patient PAG Patients

Service wards for service patients
Pay wards for Pay patients

Operating Room

Elective and emergency cases are done at the OR complex
Elective surgeries are scheduled Monday to Friday

SERVICES

Our services cater to gynecologic conditions in female patients, 0-19 years old.

Outpatient Services

1. Comprehensive gynecologic examination specifically for pediatric patients
2. Pap smear and STI screening
3. Vaginoscopy
4. Ultrasound
5. Color Doppler Studies and 3D ultrasound
6. Reproductive Health Counseling

7. Genetic counseling
8. Gynecologic evaluation of sexual and physical abuse with proper documentation and report for medico-legal purposes
9. Sexuality education

In-patient Services

1. Emergency and elective surgery
2. Reconstructive surgery
3. Pelvic laparoscopy, hysteroscopy
4. Management of gyne-endocrinologic disorders
5. Management of congenital anomalies of the female reproductive tract.

GRADUATES OF THE SECTION

GRADUATES	YEAR	IFEPAG STATUS YEAR TAKEN
1. Ma. Socorro C. Bernardino, MD	2002-2004	Fellow, 2004
2. Ryan B. Capitulo, MD	2004-2006	Fellow, 2016
3. Catherine Donato, MD	2004-2006	
4. Marites Miguel-Butaran, MD	2007-2008	Fellow, 2016
5. Ma. Therese B. Mallen, MD	2008-2009	Fellow, 2013
6. Julie Christine De Torres, MD	2009-2010	
7. Marie Anne Ng Hua-Ramos, MD	2010-2012	Fellow, 2013
8. Lilibeth A. Castro, MD	2011-2013	Fellow, 2013
9. Darlene Minette Zamora, MD	2012-2014	Fellow, 2016
10. Christine Denisse De Mata, MD	2014-2016	Fellow, 2017
11. Ma. Rodelle Joy Lucion, MD	2014-2016	