

Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology Fellowship Program

The Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology Fellowship Program at the University of Toronto is affiliated with The Hospital for Sick Children.

For more information on the Section of Pediatric Gynecology at The Hospital for Sick Children, visit our website at: www.sickkids.ca/gynaecology.

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Application Deadline: July 1 for the following academic year July 1 - June 30.

Application Form: [click here](#)

Our Program

1. What is the structure of the Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology fellowship training program at The Hospital for Sick Children?

This program is a one-year fellowship focused on providing each fellow with experience in a clinical setting. Fellows typically enter the training program at the beginning of an academic year (starting July 1st) and complete their training at end of the following year (ending June 30th).

There is considerable flexibility allowed within the academic year in order to facilitate each fellows' pursuit of a particular area of interest. Previous fellows have used this time to pursue experiences in relevant clinical research.

Clinical

- Participation in the pediatric and adolescent gynecology clinic which runs 3 – 4 half days a week
- Alternate weekly fellows clinic, run by the fellow and supervised by staff
- Specialty clinics per month: - A complicated contraception clinic, a combined gynecology-endocrinology clinic, and a multidisciplinary intersex clinic
- Adolescent obstetrics clinic 1/2 day per week (multidisciplinary) antenatal and postpartum care only (delivery is at another hospital)
- A monthly SickKids satellite clinic at a Toronto community hospital: North York General Hospital
- The fellows participate in an ambulatory rotation for 4 weeks. This rotation allows the PAG fellow to attend clinics in dermatology, pediatric urology, sexual child abuse and neglect, as well as clinics in adolescent medicine.

Surgery

- OR 2-3 Fridays per month. Cases include: congenital anomalies, intersex patients, ovarian cysts, pediatric gynecology malignancies, genital trauma etc.
- If reconstructive work is done on a patient over 18 at another hospital the fellow may also attend those surgeries with attending MD.
- A 6-week pediatric surgery rotation has been added into the year to enhance the surgical skills and perioperative care of infants and young children.

Research

- Expectations of participating in both ongoing research projects as well as initiating new projects.
- The fellow presents locally and at international meetings, at least once, based on research work.

Teaching

- Teaching of both pediatric and obstetric residents that come through our clinical setting.
- May also teach Year 2 and 3 medical students in seminars and small group setting to enhance teaching skills.

Academic

- The University has a curriculum that is department wide for fellows from all subspecialties to participate in. Topics covered include ethics, communication, grant writing, etc.
- The fellow will attend relevant pediatric endocrinology seminars.

2. What are the goals & objectives for the PAG fellowship training program at The Hospital for Sick Children?

The overall intent of the program is to prepare fellows for all aspects of the independent practice of Pediatric Gynecology in an academic or community setting.

Upon successful completion of the program, fellows will receive a certificate documenting completion of their fellowship year.

3. What are the unique benefits of PAG fellowship training?

This program provides fellows with an environment for experiencing the practice of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology that facilitates the development of varied clinical skills, critical thinking, and multiple perspectives in the practice of Pediatric Gynecology. Based on a tertiary-care referral base, fellows in our Program are afforded a high level of clinical exposure to a wide range of both common and complex cases managed by Pediatric Gynecologists.

Our Faculty

Lisa Allen
Sari Kives
Nicolette Caccia
Rachel Spitzer
Anjali Aggarwal

Lisa Allen, MD FRCSC

Head, Section of Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children
Professor, University of Toronto

<i>Fellowship:</i>	Pelvic Surgery, Women's College Hospital, 1998
<i>Medical School Program:</i>	University of Western Ontario, 1992
<i>Residency (OB/GYN):</i>	University of Toronto, 1997
<i>Current Positions:</i>	Head, Section of Pediatric Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto Head, Gynecology, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto Head, Gynecology, Women's College Hospital, Toronto Associate Professor, Department of OB/GYN, University of Toronto
<i>Research/Academic Interests:</i>	Continuing medical/surgical education; minimally invasive surgery; HPV in adolescents; surgical management of mullerian anomalies and ovarian masses.

Sari Kives, MD FRCSC

Fellowship Director, Section of Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children
Associate Professor, University of Toronto

<i>Fellowships:</i>	Contraception Advice, Research and Education (CARE), Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario 2001 Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky 2002
<i>Medical School Program:</i>	University of Toronto, 1995
<i>Residency OB/GYN:</i>	University of British Columbia, 2000
<i>Graduate School:</i>	Masters of Clinical Epidemiology, University of Toronto 2010
<i>Current Positions:</i>	Associate Staff, Section of Pediatric Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto Staff, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Women's Health, St Michaels Hospital, Toronto Associate Professor, Dept of OBGYN, University of Toronto
<i>Research/Academic Interests:</i>	Complicated Contraception, minimally invasive surgery management of mullerian anomalies and ovarian masses

Nicolette Caccia, B.Sc., MD, M.Ed. FRCSC

Associate Staff, The Hospital for Sick Children

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

<i>Medical School Program:</i>	University of Toronto, 1992
<i>Residency (OB/GYN):</i>	University of Toronto, 1997
<i>Current Positions:</i>	Associate Staff, Section of Pediatric Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto Staff, Department of Obstetrics, Humber River Regional, Toronto Assistant Professor, Dept. of OB/GYN, University of Toronto Assistant Adjunct Professor, McMaster University
<i>Research/Academic Interests:</i>	Interdisciplinary care and education, risk managementmenstrual difficulties

Rachel Spitzer, MD MPH FRCSC

Associate Staff, The Hospital for Sick Children

Associate Professor, University of Toronto

<i>Fellowships:</i>	Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, SickKids, Toronto
<i>Medical School Program:</i>	McMaster University, Hamilton ON, 2001
<i>Residency OB/GYN:</i>	University of Toronto, 2006
<i>Graduate School:</i>	Masters in Public Health,Harvard University, Boston MA 2008 International Health
<i>Current Positions:</i>	Associate Staff, Section of Pediatric Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto Full time Academic Staff, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto Assistant Professor, Dept of OBGYN, University of Toronto
<i>Research/Academic Interests:</i>	Contraception in Adolescents, International Health, Interdisciplinary Women's: Gender & Health

Anjali Aggarwal MD FRCSC

Associate Staff, The Hospital for Sick Children

Lecturer, University of Toronto

<i>Fellowships:</i>	Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, 2009
<i>Medical School Program:</i>	Queen University, Kingston, 2003
<i>Residency OB/GYN:</i>	University of Toronto, 2008
<i>Graduate School:</i>	Masters of Health Science in Bioethics, University of Toronto, 2011
<i>Current Positions:</i>	Associate Staff, Section of Pediatric Gynecology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto Staff, Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto Lecturer, Dept of OBGYN, University of Toronto
<i>Research/Academic Interests:</i>	Clinical ethics, adolescent gynaecology, immigrant and global health.

How to Apply (FAQ's):

1. What are the admission requirements?

Though not strictly required for entry to our Fellowship Training Program, qualification as a specialist in Obstetrics & Gynecology equivalent to the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada is required to facilitate ultimate practice as a PAG in Canada.

Admission to our Program is competitive. Fellows are selected on the basis of their academic merits as determined by appropriate letters of reference, relevant academic output (publications, posters, presentations), and prior medical qualifications, and a noteworthy letter of intent.

One fellow per year is selected for entry into the Program.

2. How are fellows in the Fellowship Training Program funded?

Our program has secured funding for all accepted fellows, who will be remunerated at the level of a senior OB/GYN resident in Ontario.

3. How do I apply to the Fellowship Training Program?

Those interested in applying to our Fellowship Training Program may obtain an application form from the contact information as noted below.

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