



Fellowship Programs

ACHQC Participants

Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham Advanced Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship

Location:	Birmingham, AL
Program Director(s):	Richard Stahl Abhishek Parmar
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	Britney Corey
Fellowship Council:	Yes
ACHQC Participant:	Yes
Number of fellows per year:	1
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	90% clinical 10% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Allison Moss (amoss@uabmc.edu)
Program description:	The UAB Division of GI Surgery provides a high-volume fellowship experience in complex hernia. Two fellowship-trained surgeons perform nearly 100 minimally invasive abdominal wall reconstructions annually (Rives-Stoppa, TAR, and eTEP approaches). In addition to this experience, fellows have a diverse exposure to laparoscopic and robotic TEP/TAPP inguinal repairs, laparoscopic hiatal hernia repairs, and robotic flank and parastomal hernia repairs. Finally, the fellowship offers a reasonable case exposure to the management of chronic pain with open and robotic mesh explant/neurectomies.



Ohio

Cleveland Clinic Foundation Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Fellowship

Location:	Cleveland, OH
Program Director(s):	Michael Rosen
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	Ajita Prabhu David Krpata Clayton Petro Lucas Beffa
Fellowship Council:	No
ACHQC Participant:	Yes
Number of fellows per year:	1
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	80% clinical 20% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Gloria Makupson (makupsg@ccf.org) Email CV, cover letter, and two letters of recommendation
Program description:	The Abdominal Wall Reconstruction fellowship at CCF offers training in a wide variety of complex hernias, including: Incisional (multiply recurrent, loss of domain), flank, parastomal, paraoesophageal, inguinal, and diaphragmatic. Open, laparoscopic and robotic reconstructions are offered, including posterior component separation/TAR, eTEP, IPOM and laparoscopic TAPP inguinal hernia repairs. The fellow will also gain expertise in managing complex issues including mesh infections, EC fistulas, redo TARs, and chronic groin pain – including neurectomy and mesh removal. Additionally, the fellow will learn how to perform clinical research and will be involved with several projects, journal clubs and collaborative hernia conferences. As a quaternary referral center with five expert abdominal wall reconstruction surgeons, CCF offers a large volume of cases with a wide breadth of variety and disease processes.



South Carolina

Prisma Health Minimally Invasive & Bariatric Surgery Fellowship Program

Location:	Greenville, SC
Program Director(s):	Alfredo Carbonell John David Scott
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	Shanu Kothari Jeremy Warren Will Cobb
Fellowship Council:	Yes
ACHQC Participant:	Yes
Number of fellows per year:	2
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	90% clinical 10% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Lindsey Kilgore (lindsey.kilgore@prismahealth.org)
Program description:	Welcome to the Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship Program at Prisma Health – Upstate. Advances in laparoscopic surgery and endoscopic surgery are rapidly changing in the face of surgery. Less invasive approaches to traditional surgical provided patients with the latest technology in minimal access surgery and educate the region in advanced laparoscopic techniques.



Non-ACHQC Participants

Illinois

NorthShore University HealthSystem Advanced GI MIS/Bariatrics/Comprehensive Flexible Endoscopy/Foregut Fellowship Program

Location:	Evanston, IL
Program Director(s):	Michael B. Ujiki Ervin W. Denham
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	John Linn Mason Hedberg Woody Denham
Fellowship Council:	Yes
ACHQC Participant:	No
Number of fellows per year:	1
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	80% clinical 20% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Jordan Kepes (JKepes@northshore.org)
Program description:	The Advanced GI MIS, Bariatric, Flexible Endoscopy/Foregut Fellowship Program at NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) is a robust one-year experience of intensive post-residency training and education. The fellowship is designed to produce academic surgical leaders who will further the understanding of gastrointestinal diseases and hernia while contributing to exceptional patient outcomes. The goal of the fellowship program is to achieve proficiency in minimally invasive surgical techniques and clinical skills in the pre and post-operative management of laparoscopic, robotic and endoscopic procedures for both gastrointestinal disease and hernial. Teaching activities include assisting residents and medical students in the operating room and simulation lab.



Missouri

Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City Advanced GI MIS/Bariatrics Fellowship Program

Location:	Kansas City, MO
Program Director(s):	B. Todd Moore Michael Arroyo
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	Brent Sorensen Stephanie Bollenbach Kathryn Sobba Rob Kenney Geoffrey Slayden
Fellowship Council:	Yes
ACHQC Participant:	No
Number of fellows per year:	2
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	95% clinical 5% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Stephanie Skanes (sskanes@saint-lukes.org)
Program description:	Our fellows are exposed to open, lap and robotic: Inguinal hernia repair TAR eTEP IPOM Paraesophageal Parastomal Lower volumes of EC fistula and mesh infections



New York

Albany Medical Center Minimally Invasive Surgery

Location:	Albany, NY
Program Director(s):	T. Paul Singh Jessica Zaman
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	--
Fellowship Council:	Yes
ACHQC Participant:	No
Number of fellows per year:	1
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	80% clinical 20% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Veronica Bennett (bennetv@mail.amc.edu)
Program description:	--



Stony Brook Advanced GI/MIS/Bariatrics/Foregut

Location:	Stony Brook, NY
Program Director(s):	Aurora Dawn Pryor Konstantinos Spaniolas
Additional faculty involved in hernia training:	Kinga Powers Amy Rosenbluth Samer Sbayi
Fellowship Council:	Yes
ACHQC Participant:	No
Number of fellows per year:	2
Percentage of fellowship that is clinical vs. research:	95% clinical 5% research
How to apply:	Fellowship Council
Contact info:	Christine Savarese (Christine.Savarese@stonybrookmedicine.edu)
Program description:	We have a robust and broad MIS fellowship program with deep exposure in many areas. Hernia is a focus for us, and we do many MIS cases. We are shifting to increase robotic cases. Fellow in our program come out well versed in general and hernia surgery, as well as bariatric and foregut. Please see our Fellowship Council listing for more information.