Observership Opportunities In Reproductive Medicine

The Center for Reproductive Medicine at Cleveland Clinic offers exciting observership opportunities for highly motivated physicians and scientists in the rapidly growing field of reproductive medicine. Foreign applicants are welcome to apply.

Observership in Reproductive Biology

The Center for Reproductive Medicine is a joint research program of the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute and the OB-GYN and Women's Health Institute. Our research program is rated as the leading center of excellence at the world renowned Cleveland Clinic, and represents one of the most dynamic programs of its kind in the United States.

Appointment: Observer in Reproductive Medicine

Duration: Up to 8 weeks (2 months)

Click here to view additional details such as fees, accommodations, resource kit and feedback.

Selection Criteria: Interested applicants should submit the following:

• Recent curriculum vitae/resume
• Two recent letters of recommendation
• Address, telephone number (for personal interview)
• The date when you can begin
• Proof of visitor’s medical insurance

How to apply: Those interested in this observership should write to: crm@ccf.org

Training Objectives: Candidates will be exposed to cutting-edge basic and clinical translational research in reproductive medicine with our team of highly qualified and experienced scientists and clinicians.

The observership at the Center for Reproductive Medicine offers opportunities to:

• Attend weekly research meetings, lectures, didactics, journal clubs and group discussions. These interactions provide an understanding of how medical research is conducted.
• Acquire skills in electronic database search, literature review and scientific writing of research manuscripts.
• Understand the application of statistical methods in basic and clinical medical research.
• Prepare and present PowerPoint talks at research conferences.
• Interact with reproductive endocrinologists/gynecologists and male infertility specialists and observe live surgery.
Clinical Observer in Male Infertility

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 Reproductive Research Laboratory.

Training Objectives: Candidates will observe clinical and surgical cases in male infertility with Dr. Edmund Sabanegh and other male infertility staff.

You 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)

How to apply:

Those interested in this observership should write to Dr. Edmund Sabanegh at:

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Appointment: Observer in Urology

Duration: 4 weeks

Click here to view additional details such as fees, accommodations, resource kit and feedback

About Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute

The Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute offers a full range of urology and nephrology services for adults and children. Many of the Institute’s physicians have sub-specialty training in the following areas: prostate disease, kidney disease, bladder control, sexual dysfunction/impotence, male infertility, testicular cancer, bladder cancer, prostate cancer and kidney cancer.

For the eleventh consecutive year, our Urology program has been ranked #2 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Our Nephrology program has also been ranked in the top five for the past five years, moving up two spots to #3 nationally in 2010.
Clinical Observer in Reproductive and Robotic Surgery

Short-term training in reproductive surgery is available at Cleveland Clinic’s OB/GYN & Women’s Health Institute for those candidates who have completed their residency. Foreign graduates are welcome to apply.

Appointment: Observer in Gynecology

Duration: 4 weeks

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The candidate will have the opportunity to observe the clinical evaluation and surgical treatment of women with complex non-malignant disease. Additional didactic opportunities include participation in reproductive medicine research conferences, journal club and observing ongoing research in the Reproductive Research Laboratory.

Training Objectives: Candidates will observe clinical and surgical cases in women with complex benign diseases alongside Dr. Tommaso Falcone and other staff in Reproductive Endocrinology.

You will learn:
Emerging surgeries for the correction of anatomic causes of female factor infertility:

- Microsurgical reconstructions via open and robotic tubal reversal surgery
- Infertility tubal surgery
- Excision of endometriosis—from early to advanced stages: this may include ureter and bowel endometriosis surgery
- Laparoscopic/robotic and open myomectomies
- Hysteroscopic surgery for myomas and other reproductive disorders

About the OB/GYN & Women’s Health Institute
The Cleveland Clinic OB/GYN & Women’s Health Institute is dedicated to meeting the unique and changing medical needs of women of all ages. From breast disease, infertility and in vitro fertilization to urogynecology, gynecologic cancer and minimally invasive treatments, we offer expert coordinated and supportive treatment of the problems that impact women’s lives.

The Cleveland Clinic Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is #1 in Ohio and #4 in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report. To learn more click here.

How to apply:
Those interested in this fellowship should write to Dr. Tommaso Falcone at:

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Visa: Letter of invitation will be sent upon acceptance of a candidate. Applicants can apply for a Visitors visa (B1/ B2).

Selection Criteria: Interested applicants should submit the following:

- Recent curriculum vitae/resume
- Two recent letters of recommendation
- Address, telephone number (for personal interview)
- The date when you can begin
- Proof of visitor’s medical insurance
The Cleveland Clinic 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. Research papers from the Center staff are selected regularly for publication in distinguished specialty medical journals.

The Center’s website has been ranked #1 for research in reproductive medicine and andrology since 2001 by the top five international search engines, including Google and Altavista. Over 150 physicians and scientists from more than 40 countries have received their training at the Center for Reproductive Medicine in the past 18 years. More than 100 pre-med and medical students have participated in summer internships with the Center. To learn more, visit www.clevelandclinic.org/ReproductiveResearchCenter.

Evaluation from past observers

“The observership program at the CRM is very well organized. The entire faculty and staff are very supportive, helpful and friendly. This program provides varied and immense research experience in a very short time. We had lectures given by the guest speakers from all over the world and this definitely increased my knowledge and understanding in the field of reproductive medicine.”

Nilopher Surti, MBBS | India

“The Reproductive Research Center definitely attracts excellent candidates and acts as a melting pot of cultures and ideas as people from various backgrounds can learn, work and enhance their career in a very accommodating environment.”

Stefan du Plessis, PhD, MBA | South Africa

“The program is an excellent opportunity to grow both professionally as well as socially. Here people from diverse ethnic groups interact, learn and appreciate many new things about each other.”

Keerti Singh, MD | Jamaica

“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

“If there is one word to describe this program, it would be ‘Outstanding!’ The Observership program is a great way to participate and expand one’s knowledge of this rapidly growing field. The faculty and staff are very warm and receptive, going out of their way to provide any assistance to make one feel at ease. I consider the Cleveland Clinic my second home!”

Nabil Aziz, MD, FRCOG | United Kingdom

“Cleveland Clinic provides a vast and rich environment conducive to learning. The facilities and the equipment are state of the art and the faculty is the best in the world. My time spent there was very enjoyable and everyone was most welcoming.”

Philip Kumanov, MD, PhD, DMSci | Bulgaria

“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, FRCSI | Australia

Frances Monette Bragais, MD, FPUA | Philippines

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