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 American Center for Reproductive Medicine.

Training Objectives: Candidates will observe clinical and surgical cases in male infertility with Dr. Sarah Vij and Dr. Edmund Sabanegh and interact with other members of faculty interested in men's health.

An observer 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 Nikki Williams at:

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The Cleveland Clinic American 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. The main research focus is on identifying the biological markers of oxidative stress, DNA damage and apoptosis using proteomics and bioinformatics tools.

The ACRM offers research fellowships, hands-on training in human assisted reproduction, and summer mentorship opportunities. We also offer diagnostic & therapeutic services for infertile couples and cancer patients. In the past 26 years, more than 1,000 scientists, physicians, researchers, reproductive medicine professionals and students from all over the world have trained at our Center. Our Center has published about 700 scientific papers and review articles in peer reviewed scientific journals and has the largest number of publications in the field of andrology, male infertility and assisted reproduction in the world. To learn more, visit www.clevelandclinic.org/ReproductiveResearchCenter.

Located in Cleveland, Ohio, Cleveland Clinic is a nonprofit, multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Founded in 1921, it is the second largest group practice in the world with 3,600 physicians and scientists practicing and researching in more than 140 medical specialties. The Cleveland Clinic also operates eleven regional hospitals, a children’s hospital, and 17 family health centers in Ohio, as well as hospitals in Florida, Las Vegas, Canada, England and Dubai, employing more than 52,000 individuals and providing global world-class medical care. Last year alone, 7.6 million patients from over 180 countries and all 50 states received their care at Cleveland Clinic. The main hospital campus, located near downtown Cleveland, occupies 165 acres and 50 buildings. It includes a hospital, an outpatient clinic, a children's hospital, cancer institute, eye institute, research institute, a medical school and supporting labs and facilities. To learn more, visit www.clevelandclinic.org.

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Testimonial from past clinical observers

"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

"The program fosters camaraderie and an opportunity to know other people in the lab outside of work. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at the Cleveland Clinic and will highly recommend it to my colleagues."
Frances Monette Bragais, MD, FPUA | Philippines

"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

"I was able to personally witness the true meaning of world class evaluation, diagnosis and management of different andrological diseases. My rotation at the ACRM reopens myself once again to research ventures after I finished my residency in urology."
Marlon Martinez, MD | Philippines

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