

Frequently Asked Questions by Candidates

I am a resident in Urology/Obstetrics and Gynecology. Is Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery an accredited fellowship?

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship is accredited as a subspecialty by the American Boards of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Urology (ABOG and ABU). Candidates who have completed training in residency in Urology or Obstetrics and Gynecology may apply. Length of fellowship training for candidates who have completed training in residency in Urology will be 2 years and 3 years for candidates who have completed residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology

How do I apply to a FPM/RS fellowship?

You will need to register with ERAS <http://www.aamc.org/audienceeras.htm> in order to apply to accredited programs. You must contact non-accredited programs directly if you wish to apply to these programs.

Is there a subspecialty certification examination in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery and if yes when will this happen? Will this be a written exam?

Plans are underway for a subspecialty certification examination in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. The exact format and timing of this examination has not yet been determined.

I am a resident in Urology/Obstetrics and Gynecology. There are several accredited and non-accredited programs listed on the SUFU web site. What do these terms mean and which type of programs should I apply to?

Accreditation means that the Fellowship training program has been evaluated by ABOG and ABU and has been found to meet the requirements for training fellows in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery.

You may apply to accredited or non-accredited programs. However, residents graduating in June 2011 or later must **complete** an accredited fellowship training program in order to sit for the subspecialty examination. This means that if you are completing Urology or Ob/Gyn residency in 2011, you will be allowed to take the subspecialty examination only if you graduate from an accredited program.

I am a resident in Urology/Obstetrics and Gynecology. I have been offered a position in a non-accredited training program. Will I be able to sit for the subspecialty exam if the fellowship training program gets accredited after I start my fellowship?

Yes. If the FPM/RS fellowship program gets accredited after you join, you will be allowed to sit for the subspecialty examination. The program must be accredited when you **graduate**. ABOG or ABU or SUFU cannot provide information to candidates entering non-accredited programs whether the program will receive accreditation from ABOG/ABU.