




THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE TUCSON

**Urology**



**CREATING A  
FEMALE PELVIC MEDICINE AND RECONSTRUCTIVE  
SURGERY (FPMRS) FELLOWSHIP IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY**

At the University of Arizona, our urologists are experts in applying state of the art technology and techniques in the treatment of female pelvic diseases, such as pelvic organ prolapse, incontinence, fistula repair, and complex pelvic reconstruction.

If you or a loved-one has benefitted from our unique program, you can give back and help make this surgery more widely available by contributing to the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Fellowship Endowment. Our goal is to offer a fully-funded fellowship to surgeons from across the country who want to learn how to perform this highly specialized urologic surgery. Gifts from supporters like you will help make this new fellowship program a reality.



## **OUR GOAL**

Our goal is to raise \$500,000 for an endowment that will sustain an FPMRS fellow every year in perpetuity, covering all the costs of training a fellow. Your contribution, no matter the size, will help us reach our goal.

## **HOW DOES AN ENDOWMENT WORK?**

Donations to the endowment are invested as principal and never spent. Then, every year in perpetuity, an average 4% interest payout will be awarded as a scholarship to a female pelvic medicine fellow. Your gift goes towards increasing the endowment, which in turn increases the annual payout.

### **The University of Arizona Advantage**

Our Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive surgeons, Drs. Christian Twiss and Joel Funk, are highly trained in complex pelvic reconstruction and have developed minimally invasive surgical techniques to harvest a patient's own tissue from the thigh muscles (autologous fascia) and use it to perform complex vaginal prolapse repairs. This method yields successful results and has less risk than surgeries with synthetic materials. We are one of only a few centers in the country, and the only one in the Southwest, that routinely offers autologous fascia vaginal prolapse repair without use of synthetic mesh. Through the creation of this new fellowship, we will be able to train the next generation of surgeons in this new surgical technique and other specialized techniques that would benefit all women with pelvic organ prolapse, incontinence, and other pelvic floor disorders.

## **THANK YOU**

YOUR SUPPORT OF THE FEMALE PELVIC MEDICINE AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY (FPMRS) FELLOWSHIP CAN HELP MAKE THESE LIFECHANGING PROCEDURES MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT ARIZONA AND THE COUNTRY. PLEASE MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TODAY AT [GIVE.UAFOUNDATION.ORG/UROLOGY](http://GIVE.UAFOUNDATION.ORG/UROLOGY).

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