Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Highlights from 2015
Thank you!

and

Congratulations on a terrific year!
CONGRATULATIONS! 2015 OB/GYN Residency Graduates
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

OB/GYN PG-3 Residents (Class of 2017)
OB/GYN PG-1 Residents (Class of 2019)

WELCOME!
RESIDENT RETREAT 2015
Maternal Fetal Medicine
2015 – 2016 Fellows

Maureen Hamel, MD
1st year fellow

Rosemary Froehlich, MD
2nd year fellow

Catherine Albright, MD
3rd year fellow
Program in Women's Oncology
2015 – 2016 Fellows

Matthew Oliver, MD
1st year fellow

Evelyn Cantillo, MD
2nd year fellow

Anze Urh, MD
3rd year fellow

Liza Lokich, MD
4th year fellow
OB/GYN Women’s Oncology Breast Health Fellow
2015 - 2016

Rebecca Kwait, MD
Center for Reproduction & Infertility
2015 – 2016 Fellow

Virginia A. Mensah, MD
2nd year fellow
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (Urogynecology)

2015 – 2016 Fellows

Kristin Jacobs, MD
1st year fellow

Annetta Madsen, MD
2nd year fellow

Kavita Mishra, MD
3rd year fellow

Jonathan Shaw, MD
3rd year fellow
New Hospital Based Faculty Members

Ruben Alvero, MD
REI
Professor

Nicole Korbly, MD
UROGYN
Assistant Professor (Clinical)

Sarah Davis, MD
MFM
Assistant Professor (Clinical)

Mohamad Hamdi, MD
ER / Triage
Assistant Professor (Clinical)

Sonali Pandya, MD
Breast Health

Victoria Snegovskikh, MD
REI
Assistant Professor (Clinical)

Shunping Wang, PhD
REI
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Welcome to Community Staff Members

Lindsay Clarke Donat, MD
Lifespan Physicians Group
OB/GYN Associates

Nwamaka Onwugbenu, MD
Lifespan Physicians Group
OB/GYN Associates

Christian Roman-Rodriguez, MD
Women’s Care
Best wishes in retirement!

- Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Fellowship Director, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
- ACOG lectureship “The John E. Buster, MD, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Session”
- UCLA Legend Award
- ASRM Service Milestone Award

With sincere appreciation for years of service and dedication to your patients, our community, our trainees and the department.
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Wayne Clairborne, MD

Best wishes in retirement!

- Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Women & Infants Medical Staff 1988 – 2015
- Women’s Care, Inc./W&I Health Care Alliance
- Received Faculty Teaching Award EVERY YEAR since 1998!!
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Santina Siena, MD

Best wishes in retirement!

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- University OB/GYN & WIH Health Care Alliance
- Medical Staff Distinguished Service Award 2014
- President, Women & Infants Medical Staff 2011 – 2012
- Women & Infants Board of Trustees 2009 – 2011
- Care New England Board of Trustees 2011 – 2012
Medical Staff President

Michele Gange, MD
December 2014 –November 2016
Promotion to Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Paul DiSilvestro, MD
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Promotion to Associate Professor (Clinical) of Obstetrics and Gynecology

James O’Brien, MD
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Promotion to Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Marguerite Vigliani, MD
2015 Brown Faculty Appointments

Professor
Ruben Alvero, MD

Associate Professor (Clinical)
William Sikov, MD

Clinical Associate Professor
Emeritus
Henry Magendantz, MD

Assistant Professor (Clinical)
Sarah Davis, MD
Nicole Korbly, MD
Rachel Shepherd, MD
Michael Sisitsky, MD
Victoria Snegovskikh, MD
Kate Zaluski, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor
Tolga Kokturk, MD
Elizabeth Mayhall, MD
Leadership Announcement

Ruben Alvero, MD
Division Director
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
Leadership Announcement

Renee Eger, MD
Medical Director
Women’s Primary Care Center
Leadership Announcement

David Carcieri, MD
Designated Institutional Official
Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics & Gynecology
CREOG National Excellence in Teaching Award

Beth Cronin, MD
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics
APGO National Excellence in Teaching Award

Cara Mathews, MD
Brown / Women & Infants Hospital

Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program

Nationally ranked among TOP 10

Obstetrics and Gynecology programs in the country

in a peer-review process that included over 50,000 nominations submitted
by board-certified physicians to  *US News & World Report* and Doximity

2ND YEAR IN A ROW!
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

2015 Recipients of the Warren Alpert Medical School Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Award

Tanya Booker, MD
Jeannine Connolly, MD
Lisa Domalgaski, MD
Robyn Gray, DO
Cara Mathews, MD
Frank Pensa, MD
Kate Zaluski, MD
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Women & Infants Best Doctors in America List 2015-2016

Ruben Alvero
Stephen Carr
Donald Coustan
Paul DiSilvestro
Skip Granai
WIH, Kent, Memorial

Brenna Hughes
Deborah Myers
Dwight Rouse
Katharine Wenstrom
Erika Werner
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Top Docs 2015

Gynecology/Obstetrics
- David Beitle
- Kathleen Bowling
- Jeannine Connolly
- Jane Sharp

Gynecologic Oncology
- Paul DiSilvestro
- Steve Falkenberry
- Skip Granai

Reproductive Endocrinology
- Gary Frishman
- Carol Wheeler

Breast Health
- Jennifer Gass

Hematology/Oncology
- Robert Legare
2015 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care.

This evidence-based designation identifies the country's best health care institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction, clinical excellence and what women say they want from a hospital.
Drs. Rebecca Allen and Brenna Hughes

ranked among top 10% of peer reviewers

Those who were ranked in the top 10 percent are an elite group of reviewers. To be deemed an excellent peer reviewer requires a high level of knowledge of the subject matter, scientific method, statistical analysis, and an ability to communicate one's critical thinking about a particular paper without prejudice or conflict.
Donald R. Coustan, MD,
Immediate Past President
American Gynecological and Obstetrics Society
(AGOS)
Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
Council Member
American Gynecological and Obstetrics Society (AGOS)
Cornelius O. “Skip” Granai, III, MD
will be awarded the
Arnold P. Gold Foundation
Humanism in Medicine Award
at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) annual meeting in 2016.
B. Star Hampton, MD

co-chaired the

Association of Professors of Obstetrics & Gynecology (APGO)

Martin L. Stone, MD, Faculty Development Seminar

January, 2015
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Brenna Hughes, MD

selected to serve as a

Member of ACOG’s

Immunization Expert Work Group
Deborah Myers, MD

selected to serve on the

FDA Medical Devices Advisory Committee
Obstetrics & Gynecology Devices Panel
Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH

elected to the Board
of the

Council of University Chairs
of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Charles Rardin, MD
elected
Vice President
American Urogynecologic Society
Roxanne Vrees, MD
selected to serve on the
Management of Pain in the Office
PROLOG Task Force at ACOG
Presented at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium

“Event-free and overall survival following neoadjuvant weekly paclitaxel and dose-dense AC +/- carboplatin and/or bevacizumab in triple-negative breast cancer: outcomes from CALGB 40603 (Alliance)”

Dr. Sikov led this national research study as part of a large group of investigators across the country.
Skip Granai, MD
“The Good Fight”
ACOG President’s Program
The Jim and Midge Breeden Lecture
May, 2015
Vivian Sung, MD

selected to serve as a member of the

International Urogynecological Association Terminology and Standardization Committee
Katharine Wenstrom, MD

selected to serve as a member of the

Committee on Medical Faculty Appointments
Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Gary N. Frishman, MD,
elected Secretary
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
Matthew Esposito, MD

serves as on the

Massachusetts Perinatal Quality Collaborative
Advisory Committee
Tanya Booker, MD

Co-Chair
Commission on Health, Advocacy and Equity

Member
Preconception Health Collaborative Steering Committee & RI COIIN Infant Mortality Team
Deborah Myers, MD received the “Honor Your Mentor” Award at the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS) 41st Annual Scientific meeting in March, 2015.
Pablo Rodriguez, MD

appointed to serve on the

Working Group for Healthcare Innovation

A statewide effort to strengthen healthcare systems for Rhode Islanders launched by Governor Gina Raimondo and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Carol Wheeler, MD

Co-chair
Residency Education Committee

National Association for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG).
Kyle Wohlrab, MD

selected to lead

Network development for the

American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
Ruben Alvero, MD

elected to the

Board of Directors

for the

Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
John Buster, MD, presented
“Postmenopausal Estrogens: Pills, Patches, Pellets, and Gels”

Sterling B. Williams, MD, PhD
Memorial Lecture Series on Menopause and Hormone Therapy

American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Meeting
May, 2015
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Carol Wheeler, MD

elected Chair of the

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Special Interest Group for the

American Society for Reproductive Medicine
Victoria Snegovskikh, MD

was named Chair

Committee on Perinatal Research at the Siberian Perinatal Center
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

OB/GYN Faculty hold more than 20 Editorial Positions
FACULTY IN THE MEDIA

Agencies make infertility treatment affordable for low-income women
Carol Wheeler (5/15)

5 things to do after a surprise pregnancy
Maureen Phipps (2/15)

Health Check report:
Margin Probe for Breast Cancer Treatment
David Edmonson (5/15)

The Boston Globe
RI mandate for HPV vaccine sparks protest and interest from Massachusetts officials
Katina Robison (9/15)

Addition of two drugs to presurgery treatment for triple negative breast cancer
William Sikov (12/14)

MFM Specialist provides viewpoint in American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Katharine Wenstrom (1/15)

National Research Award recognition
Cara Matthews (1/15)
Unexpected complications of low-risk pregnancies  
Valery Danilack (6/15)

Clinical questions regarding the Vesair Bladder Control System for the treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI)  
Charles Rardin (10/15)

Innovative new device improves breast cancer treatment  
David Edmonson (9/15)

Standard treatment for unexplained infertility better than new options  
Ruben Alvero (9/15)

Should pregnant women eat fish?  
Katharine Wenstrom (1/15)

Book by Urogynecologist earns recognition  
Vivian Sung (1/15)

Hassenfeld’s give $12.5M to Brown to fight childhood asthma, autism, obesity  
Maureen Phipps (9/15)
Women & Infants earns recognition from The Joint Commission (11/15)

Interpersonal therapy program may reduce postpartum depression
Caron Zlotnick (10/15)

Five questions with:
David Edmonson (5/15)
Renee Eger (10/15)

Cost benefit analysis of low-dose aspirin prophylaxis for the prevention of preeclampsia in the US
Erika Werner (11/15)

Unique program helps shape the future of breast cancer surgery
Jennifer Gass (11/15)

Women with breast cancer genes more likely to choose extensive surgery
Elizabeth Lokich (11/15)

Mortality in the NRG, Oncology/Gynecologic Oncology Group 201 Trial (7/15)
2015-2016 ACOG Representatives

E. Christine Brousseau, MD
RI Fellow Chair

Jennifer Villavicencio, MD
RI Junior Fellow Chair

Emily White, MD
RI Fellow Vice Chair

Meena Theva, MD
RI Junior Fellow Vice Chair
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Women & Infants Hospital to participate in Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute

The family of Alan Hassenfeld recently announced a $12.5 million donation for the creation of a new institute being established at Brown University in collaboration with Hasbro Children’s Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island. The Institute aims to make a transformative impact on the health of children, including targeting autism, asthma, obesity, and other urgent problems affecting the health of children.

The institute will launch at the beginning of 2016 under the leadership of an executive committee composed of:

• Dr. Phyllis Dennery, the Sylvia K. Hassenfeld Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at Brown and pediatrician-in-chief at Hasbro Children’s Hospital;

• Dr. Maureen Phipps, the Chace-Joukowsky Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brown, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and executive chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital and Care New England; and

• Dr. Patrick Vivier, the Royce Family Associate Professor of Teaching Excellence, associate professor of health services, policy and practice and of pediatrics at Brown, and director of general pediatrics and community health at Hasbro Children’s Hospital.
Ashley Stuckey, MD graduated from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) Academic Scholars and Leaders Program.

Dr. Stuckey’s project was: *Introduction of a Breast Didactic Program in an Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency*
The **Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery** moved to their new location at 101 Plain Street, 5th Floor in June of 2015.

A grand opening celebration was held on July 29, 2015.
Minimally Invasive Surgical Program

Leadership

Charles Rardin, MD
Director
Minimally Invasive & Robotic Surgical Surgery for Care New England

Beata DiZoglio, MD
Associate Director
Robotic Surgery Program for Women & Infants

More than 2000 procedures performed to date
Care New England Simulation Center

Resident Simulation Days
were held on February 13th, May 15th and October 30th

Organized and prepared by two elected OB/GYN residents, some of the modules included:

- Breech extraction delivery
- Internal podalic version
- Robotic surgery docking
- Code Blue first responder
- Postpartum IUD insertion
- Vaginal morcellation techniques
- Intra and extraperitoneal laser safety
- Obstetrical hemorrhage
Drs. Terrance Cahill and Kathleen Bowling led the residents through the first Clamp Camp February 13, 2015.

The Camp, part of the OB/Gyn Resident Simulation Day, reinforces core principles of gyn surgery and is now part of the simulation curriculum.
Women & Infants Hospital received prestigious international recognition as a Baby-Friendly® Designated birth facility. Women & Infants is the second-largest hospital in the nation to achieve this designation, and Rhode Island now ranks number one in the country in the percentage of babies born at Baby-Friendly® hospitals.
Menopause Program launched at Women & Infants

The Menopause Program, to promote the health and quality of life for all women during midlife and beyond through an understanding of menopause and health aging, was introduced at Women & Infants.

Director of the Menopause Program:
• Dr. Renee Eger, medical director, Women’s Primary Care Center

Multidisciplinary team of providers includes:
• Drs. Ruben Alvero and Carol Wheeler, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility;
• Dr. Ken Chen, Division of Obstetric and Consultative Medicine;
• Drs. Heather Hurlburt and Alice Kim from Women’s Heart Health of Women & Infants;
• as well as providers with the Center for Women’s Behavioral Health and the Center for Primary Care.
Women’s Intimacy & Sexual Health Center (WISH) established

Lead by Tina Robison, MD, Betsy Ricci, RNP and Dana Haseotes, MSW, with assistance from Jennifer Gass, MD and Tina Rizack, MD, the program provides support and medical guidance for women experiencing difficulty with intimacy during and after cancer treatment. WISH also is active in clinical research to better understand how the diagnosis and treatment of cancer affect sexual intimacy, with the hope that new interventions and treatments will emerge to improve quality of life.
Dr. Star Hampton and her senior fellow, Dr. Sonali Raman, both of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery traveled to Rwanda with the International Organization for Women and Development (IOWD) as part of a fistula repair team. They were joined by Drs. Blair Washington and Peter Jeppson, former fellows of the Women & Infants program.
Surgical Services Success

• More than 7,500 operative cases were successful completed this

• Efforts to sustain the vaginal surgery approach have resulted in an increase in the number of women undergoing vaginal hysterectomy – the original minimally invasive surgery. This provides better training for young doctors and keeps costs under control for the organization, while offering eligible women a procedure without any abdominal incisions at all.

• Surgical Services initiated the availability of the Cell Saver for all cases, thereby lowering the use of blood and enhancing capabilities to care for those women who, for religious or other reasons, choose not to receive blood products.

• The massive transfusion protocols were updated to adhere to the latest data and recommendation for those who may need such products.
Inpatient Obstetrics Successes

- The Obstetric Dashboard developed and implanted with the work of a multidisciplinary team. Fourteen clinical measures and one patient satisfaction measure are included and the results from the first two quarters showed all measures meeting or exceeding targets.

- Using a multidisciplinary approach to address the issue of obstetrical hemorrhage, the team is developing a new tool for risk assessment, converting to quantified blood loss measurement, and recognizing and responding to a series of volume-related triggers with the goal of improved quality outcomes.

- Women & Infants was designated as a Leapfrog Best Hospital – the only perinatal hospital in the country to achieve this recognition.

- Women & Infants was designated a Baby-Friendly® USA Hospital, the second largest hospital in the nation to achieve this designation.

James O’Brien, MD
Director, Inpatient Obstetrics
Grant Funding
2015
Society of Family Planning
“Helping women choose between local anesthesia alone and IV sedation for first-trimester surgical abortion” 2014 – 2016

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
“Contraceptive Clinical Trials Network” 2013 - 2020
Reproductive Scientist Development Program (RSDP) Physician Scientist Award
“The Role of Multidrug Resistant Transporters in the Protection of the Ovary from Chemotherapy” 2014 – 2016

WIH Perinatal Biology COBRE
Vasa dysfunction leads to abnormal chromosomal segregation and increased rates of miscarriage” 9/1/15 – 8/31/16
NIH / NIDA

“Fetal behavior, brain & stress response: Ultrasound markers of maternal smoking” 2013 – 2018
NCI
“Gynecologic Oncology Group of the National Cancer Institute”
2004 – 2/28/2015

NCI/CTSU
“Gynecologic Oncology Group, Leadership Grant, Protocol 219”
2006 – 9/30/3014

AstraZeneca/GOG 3004
“A Phase III randomized, double blind, placebo controlled, multicenter study of Olaparib maintenance monotherapy in patients with BRCA mutated advanced (FIGO Stage III-IV) ovarian cancer following first line platinum based chemotherapy” 2013 – present

Boehringer – Ingelheim 119.15
“Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, phase III trial to investigate the efficacy and safety of BIB 1120 in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel compared to placebo plus carboplatin and paclitaxel in patients with advanced ovarian cancer” 2010 – present
Paul DiSilvestro, MD

Genentech
“A randomized, open-label, multicenter, phase II trial evaluating the safety and activity of DNIB0600A compared to pegylated liposomal doxorubicin administered intravenously to patients with platinum-resistant ovarian cancer (GO28609).” 2013 – present

Janssen Pharmaceuticals
“A randomized, open-label study comparing the combination of YONDELIS and DOXIL/CAELYX with DOXIL/CAELYX monotherapy for the treatment of advanced-relapsed epithelial ovarian, primary peritoneal, or fallopian tube cancer” 2013 - present

Tesaro
“A randomized, open-label study of maintenance with Nariparib versus placebo in patients with platinum sensitive ovarian cancer” 2013 – present

Kettering Foundation & Everett F. Boyden Trust
“Prospective Breast Cancer Tissue and Serum Bank” 2010 – present
Brenna Hughes, MD, MSc

NIAID/DMID contract

Centers for Disease Control
“Clinical Trial of Behavioral Modification to Prevent Congenital Cytomegalovirus”  9/30/12 – 9/29/14

2014 Dean’s Emerging Areas of New Science Award
“The impact of vaginal microbiome on HIV infectivity among pregnant and non-pregnant women” 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2105
Annetta Madsen, MD

AUGS
“Peer support for Pelvic Floor Disorders (PEERS)”
7/1/17 – 6/30/17.
AstraZeneca

“A Phase III randomized, double blind, placebo controlled, multicenter study of Olaparib maintenance monotherapy in patients with BRCA mutated advanced (FIGO Stage III-IV) ovarian cancer following first line platinum based chemotherapy” 2013 - present

The Rhode Island Foundation

“Molecular biomarkers in uterine papillary serous cancer: Biopsy vs. hysterectomy” 3/1/2014 – 2/28/15
NIH / NICHD
“Levonorgestrel intrauterine system versus oral contraceptives for heavy menses”
2/15/13 – 1/31/17
“Urine and serum biomarkers for screening and diagnosis of ovarian cancer” 8/1/10 – 1/31/15

“Early detection of epithelial ovarian cancer
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
SPORE in ovarian cancer” 9/2/10 – 8/31/15
Richard Moore, MD

2014 Dean’s Emerging Areas of New Science Award
“Establish genomic targets of \( HE_4 \) & antisense therapy for
treatment of ovarian cancer” 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2105

Swim Across America
Research Development Grant
2010 - present

Fujirebio diagnostics, Inc.
In support of the Center for Biomarkers and
Emerging Technologist (CBET)
2010 - present
Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH

NIH / NIMH
“Project REACH: Preventing postpartum depression in adolescent mothers” 8/1/11 – 4/30/16

NIH / NIDA
“Maternal smoking: HPA and epigenetic pathways to infant neurobehavioural deficits” 12/1/11 – 4/30/16

NHLBI
“Preventing excessive gestational weight gain in obese women” 9/23/11 – 7/31/16
Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH

NIH / NINR
“RCT of a tailored walking program to reduce stress among pregnant women” 9/17/14 – 7/31/19

NIH / NIEHS
“Air pollution and pregnancy-induced hypertension in Rhode Island” 8/9/13 – 7/31/15
Charles Rardin, MD

Foundation for Female Health Awareness
“vaULT: Vaginal uphold hysteropexy and laparoscopic sacral hysteropexy for the treatment of uterovaginal pelvic organ prolapse: A parallel cohort study”  2011 - present

Prevalon, Inc.
“LIBERATE: A Clinical Evaluation of the Eclipse™ System, a Vaginal Bowel Control (VBC) Therapy for Fecal Incontinence in women”  2015 - present

Solace Therapeutics
“SUCCESS Trial: Stress Urinary incontinence Control/Efficacy and Safety Study. Randomized Controlled trial of the VesAir Balloon system.”  2015 - present
“GOG Protocol 237, Comparative analysis of CA-IX, P16, proliferative markers, and human papilloma virus in the diagnosis of significant cervical lesions in patients with a cytologic diagnosis of atypical glandular cells (AGC).” 02/09—present.

“The Effect of Neoadjuvant Depot Medroxyprogesterone Acetate on Glandular Cellularity in Women with Complex Atypical Hyperplasia or Grade 1-2 Endometrial Adenocarcinoma Awaiting Hysterectomy”
12/1/14 – 12/1/15

“Ovarian Cancer Patient-Centered Decision Aid”
Vivian Sung, MD, MPH

NIH / NICHD
“Patient-reported outcomes in functioning for female pelvic floor disorders”  6/16/09 – 5/31/14  (NCE 5/31/15)

NIH / NIDDK
“Symptoms of lower urinary tract dysfunction research network (LURN)”  9/30/12 – 5/31/17
Vivian Sung, MD, MPH

SGS - ABOG

AHRQ
“Patient centered outcomes research (PCOR) institutional mentored career development program”

NIH / NIA
“Investigation to Minimize Prolapse Recurrence of the Vagina using Estrogen (IMPROVE)” 8/1/2015 – 4/30/2020
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Erika Werner, MD

Brown University


NIH / MFMU Network

“Myo-inositol to prevent gestational diabetes mellitus”
Start date pending

rEVO Biologics

“Prospective randomized double-blind, placebo controlled evaluation of the pharmacokinetics, safety and efficacy of recombinant antithrombin versus placebo in preterm preeclampsia (PRESERVE-1), Protocol no. RB AT PPE 01-03.
Grant Funding Networks 2015
Maternal Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU)

NIH / NICHD
4/1/11 – 3/31/16

PI: Dwight Rouse, MD, MSPH

Alternate PI: Brenna Hughes, MD, MSc
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

“Cancer of the Uterus and Treatment of Incontinence (CUTI)”
6/1/2015 – 6/1/2018

PI: Katina Robison, MD
Co-PI: Kyle Wohlrab, MD
Co-I: Vivian Sung, MD, MPH
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Pelvic Floor Disorders Network (PFDN)

NIH / NICHD
8/16/11 – 6/30/16

PI: Vivian Sung, MD, MPH

Co-PI: Deborah Myers, MD
Women’s Reproductive Health Research
Career Development Program
(WRHR)

NIH / NICHD
9/29/05 – 3/31/20

PI: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH

RD: Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH

WRHR Scholars

E. Christine Brousseau, MD
Katina Robison, MD
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Faculty Publishing in Prominent Journals

More than 150 publications in 2015
Programs and Events
2015
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

4th Annual Fellows Fool’s Ball and Talent Show

Wannamoisett Country Club
February 13, 2015

Talent show winners included:

Angela Howard – Best of Show Award
Kristin Taylor – Runner up Best of Show Award
Bollywood Dancers** – Spirit Award
Anze Urh and Sarah Pesek – Originality Awards

**Bollywood Dancers (Miledy Acosta, Amy Bregar, Evelyn Cantillo, Zelia Celona, Leslie Choquette, Samantha Douglas, Emily Hill, Liza Lokich, Annetta Madsen, Virginia Mensah, Kathryn Rhodes, Jonathan Shaw, Erika Spearin, and Shirley Viera; Choreographed by Kavita Mishra)
Excellence in Education Lecture Honoring Dr. Roger J. Ferland

March 12, 2015

“Surgery for Prolapse: Evolution, Innovation and Controversies”

Peter Rosenblatt, MD

Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Harvard Medical School
Director of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery
Mount Auburn Hospital
Doctor’s Day Celebration
March 26, 2015

“Women’s Health and Health Reform: Focus on Preventive Services”

Susan Franklin Wood, PhD

Associate Professor of Health Policy
Director, Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health
Milken Institute of Public Health
Washington, DC
Chief Pro Tempore

April 9, 2015

“Progesterone, Preterm Birth and the Short Cervix”

William Grobman, MD, MBA

Arthur Hale Curtis Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine
Chicago, Illinois
Annual Saphier Family Lecture
May 21, 2015

“Ethical Amuse Bouches”

Howard Minkoff, MD

Distinguished Professor at SUNY Downstate
Chair, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Maimonides Medical Center
Brooklyn, NY
“Polycystic Ovary Syndrome”

Ruben Alvero, MD

Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Director, Assisted Reproductive Technologies
Vice Chair for Education
University of Colorado – Obstetrics & Gynecology
Aurora, Colorado
Fellow’s Workshop in Clinical Research Design

July 20 – July 31, 2015

Course Director: Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH

Course Faculty:

- Rebecca Allen
- Melissa Clark
- Valery Danilack
- Phin Has
- Kristen Matteson
- Maureen Phipps
- Christina Raker
- Katina Robison
- Dwight Rouse
- Diane Stock
- Vivian Sung
- Erika Werner
Diane Angelini Lecture on Interprofessional Education & Collaboration
July 23, 2015

“Narrative Means to Interprofessional Strength”

Rita Charon, MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center
Executive Director, Program in Narrative Medicine
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Swim Across America 2015

Raised approximately $200,000 for cancer research at WIH
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Justine Bonsignore Zompa, MD

18th Annual Memorial Lecture

October 8, 2015

“Conflicts of Interest in Medicine”

Catherine DeAngelis, MD, MPH

University Distinguished Service Professor, Emerita
Professor of Pediatrics, Emerita
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Professor of Health Policy and management
School of Public Health
Editor in Chief, JAMA
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

October 24, 2014
Café Nuovo
Over $500,000 raised to support the Labor and Delivery Suite
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Keynote Speaker:
Bradly J. Van Voorhis, MD
“Iatrogenic Multiple Birth: The Care for Professional Responsibility”
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November 5, 2015

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OB/GYN Alumni Network CME Symposium Weekend

September 25 & 26, 2015

Women & Infants Hospital
The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Alumni Weekend Symposium
The Impact of Obesity on Women’s Health

Saturday, September 26, 2015
Women & Infants Hospital
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Welcome Reception – Friday, September 25, 2015
Thank you for everything you do everyday to make this Department shine!

Happy Holidays!