Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Highlights from 2012
Women’s Choice Award

Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island has received the **Women’s Choice Award from WomenCertified®** distinguishing it as one of the **2012 America’s Best Hospitals for Patient Experience.**

- The award is based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and what women say they want from a hospital including quality physician communications, responsiveness of nurses and support staff, cleanliness, and trusted referrals from other women.

- WomenCertified represents the collective voice of female consumers and is a trusted referral source for top businesses and brands identified as meeting the needs and preferences of women.
2012 OB/GYN Resident Graduates
Ob-Gyn Interns 2012-2013
PG-2 Residents 2012-2013

Amy Bregar, MD
Danielle Dray, MD
Maureen Hamel, MD
Tiffany Hunter, MD
Alicja Kreczko, MD
Marguerite Palisoul, MD
Leanna Sudhof, MD
Kristin Tayler, MD
PG-3 Residents 2012-2013

Kimberly Kilfoyle, MD
Alexandra Mainiero, MD
Elizabeth Mayhall, MD
Erin Saks, MD
Andrea Rollins, MD
Rachel Shepherd, MD
Katelyn Smithling, MD
Amanda Tower, MD
Chief Residents 2012-2013

Catherine Albright, MD
Lindsay Clark, MD
Luu Doan, MD
Terri Febbraro, MD
Karen Gibbins, MD
Kathleen Barker, MD
Kavita Mishra, MD
Dario Roque, MD

Chief Residents 2012-2013

In the Loop
Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Department of Medicine

Chief Residents 2012-2013

Dario Roque, MD
Chief Resident

Kavita Mishra, MD
Chief Resident
New Ob-Gyn Fellows for 2012

Victoria Snegovskikh, MD
REI

Yfat Kadan, MD
International GYN/ONC

Sonali Vora, MD
UROGYN

Michaela Onstad, MD
Breast Health

Liza Lokich, MD
GYN/ONC

Lindsay Maggio, MD
MFM
2nd Year Fellows

Joshua Dahlke, MD
MFM

Emily Hill, MD
GYN/ONC

Lynae Brayboy, MD
REI

Ana Pilzak, MD
UROGYN
3rd Year Fellows

- Hector Mendez-Figueroa, MD (MFM)
- Roman Starikov, MD (MFM)
- Nada Kawar, MD (GYN/ONC)
- Peter Jeppson, MD (UROGYN)
- Nicole Korbly, MD (UROGYN)
New Staff and Faculty Members

Elizabeth Burchard, MD
Caring for Women

Elizabeth Cappelletti, MD
Center for OB/GYN

Beth Cronin, MD
ER/Triage

Melanie Greenman, MD
Women’s Care

Cara Mathews, MD
Program in Women’s Oncology

Elizabeth Sullivan, MD
Bayside OB/GYN
Best wishes on your upcoming retirement!

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

Kathleen Fitzgerald, MD
Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Women & Infants Hospital Medical Staff President

Santina Siena, MD  
2010-2012

David A. Carcieri, MD  
2012-2014
Awards and Recognitions
2012
2012 Faculty Promotions

Brenna Anderson, MD, MSc
Associate Professor
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Melissa Clark, PhD
Professor of Epidemiology and
Obstetrics & Gynecology

B. Star Hampton, MD
Associate Professor
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Jennifer Gass, MD
Associate Professor Surgery and
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Vivian Sung, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Ekaterini Tsiapali, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
Surgery
ACOG Representatives

Rebecca Allen, MD, MPH
District I Young Physician

Luu Doan, MD
Rhode Island Junior Fellow Chair

Patrick Sweeney, MD, PhD
RI Fellow Chair

Elizabeth Mayhall, MD
RI Junior Fellow Vice Chair

Erin Christine Brousseau, MD
RI Fellow Vice Chair
Donald R. Coustan, MD,
President-elect, American Gynecological and Obstetrics Society (AGOS)
Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association

Ekaterini Tsiapali, MD
President, Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association
Gary Frishman, MD
President for the Council on Gynecologic Endoscopy

AAGL body recognizing minimally invasive surgeons and administrating Centers of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology (COEMIG) Program.
Sarah Fox, MD
Elected to Secretary
International Pelvic Pain Society
Brenna Anderson, MD
Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine
Liaison to ACOG
Diane Angelini, EdD, CNM
Co-Founder and Senior Editor of
The Journal of Perinatal & Neonatal Nursing

*JPNN* celebrated the journal’s 25th anniversary as a specialty publication for perinatal and neonatal nurses.

Dr. Angelini has served as Senior Editor for 25 years!
Tanya Dailey, MD
Chair
Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity
RI Department of Health
Top Docs 2012

Gynecology/Obstetrics

David Beitle, Kathie Bowling, Scott Walker

Reproductive Endocrine

Bala Bhagavath, Andy Blazar, Sandra Carson, Gary Frishman, Carol Wheeler

Gynecologic Oncology

Steve Falkenberry, Skip Granai, Richard Moore

Breast Surgery

Jennifer Gass
PHYSICIANS NAMED TOP IN NATION FOR REI

Sandra Carson, MD
Gary Frishman, MD
Carol Wheeler, MD

Center for Reproduction and Infertility
to list of top doctors in the field
John Buster, MD
recognized
in Boston magazine
2012 “Top Doctors” issue,
November 29, 2012.
Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

John E. Buster, MD
2012 Legend Honoree
FDA Advisory Committee
Distinguished Service Award

Sandra A. Carson, MD
National Teaching Excellence Awards

B. Star Hampton, MD
Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics & Gynecology (CREOG)
National Excellence in Teaching Award

Roxanne Vrees, MD
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO)
National Excellence in Teaching Award
2012 Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Awards

Kathleen Bowling, MD Clinical Associate Professor
Terrence F. Cahill, MD Clinical Associate Professor
Cassandra Carberry, MD Clinical Assistant Professor
Jennifer S. Gass, MD Associate Professor
Moune Jabre Raughley, MD Assistant Professor (Clinical)
Carroll Medeiros, MD Clinical Assistant Professor
Trevor Tejada-Berges, MD Assistant Professor
Roxanne Vrees, MD Assistant Professor (Clinical)
2012 Mentor Award, District 1

Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
National Association for Continence
2012 Rodney Appell Continence Care Champion Award

Deborah L. Myers, MD

American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)
American College of Nurse Midwives

Elisabeth Howard, PhD, CNM
honored as
American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) Fellow
American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology

“Outstanding Reviewer Award”

Brenna Anderson
John Buster
Bala Bhagavath
Charles Rardin
Dwight Rouse
Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Humanism & Excellence in Teaching
2012 Award Winners
Drs. Karen Gibbins and Libbie Mayhall

Karen Gibbins, MD

Elizabeth (Libbie) Mayhall, MD
APGO Resident Scholar Award

Catherine (Cat) Albright, MD

One of six residents selected nationally.
12th Annual RI KIDS COUNT
Covering Kids Awards for community leaders

Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
Awarded 2012 RI KIDS COUNT Covering Kids Award
Patrick J. Sweeney, MD, PhD
Presented the 2012 Herbert Rakatansky Award for exemplary professionalism and humanitarian service in the field of medicine
Highlights
2012
Southern New England Health Care for Women Launched
Women & Infants Health Care Alliance

Success with Collaborative Quality Measures Initiative
Planning for the Oncology Infusion Center & Integrative Care Suite

Swim Across America for Oncology Research
300 swimmers at Roger Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett raised $110,000 for the WIH cancer research.

The Cat’s Meow – A Signature Success
450 guests and the event raised just over $420,000

The Carter Family Charitable Trust Matching Grant Now Within Reach
New Prenatal Diagnostic Center

Drs. Stephen Carr and Barbara Obrien
PDC Co-Directors

Dr. Kathie Wenstrom
Division Director

Dr. Matt Esposito

Dr. Julie Johnson

Dr. Ed Chien
Residency Ultrasound Curriculum

Structured to qualify graduating residents for AIUM practice accreditation for gynecological ultrasound and 1st trimester obstetrical ultrasound

- One to one teaching and direct supervision: PGY 1 – PGY 4
- Building an ultrasound portfolio: collection of ultrasound cases performed and/or interpreted
  - Normal and abnormal gynecological ultrasound
  - Sonohysterography
  - 1st Trimester Obstetrical ultrasound
  - 2nd and 3rd Trimester Obstetrical ultrasound: Biometry; BPP; Fetal Anatomy
Surgical Services Success

• Block Time Revitalization
• First start on time—best in class
• All cases on time start improved--
• Turn around time decreased
• OR utilization increased
• Streamline preadmission process

Gary Wharton, MD
Director, Surgical Services
Minimally Invasive Surgical Program Leadership

Charles Rardin, MD
Director, Minimally Invasive Surgical Program

Scott Walker, MD
Associate Director, Minimally Invasive Surgical Program
Minimally Invasive Surgical Program

COEMIG Provision status with site visit anticipated in early 2013

900 Gynecologic procedures done using Robotic Technology

15 Gynecologic robotic surgeons fully trained at Women & Infants Hospital
Simulation Center

- The state-of-the-art Simulation Center helps physicians, nurses and other caregivers at Women & Infants Hospital regularly simulate emergency situations with childbirth, newborn babies and surgeries as a team.

- In addition to maintaining existing surgical skills, surgeons work in the simulation center to provide patients access to new technologies such as robotic surgery.

**Simulation Center Co-Directors**

Kyle Wohlrab, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
and
G. Jesse Bender, MD, Pediatrics
Dr. James O’Brien leads 39+ Weeks Initiative at Women & Infants Hospital

Received local and national recognition for Department

- March of Dimes Prematurity Summit, November 10, 2011
- University of Massachusetts Medical Center, June 6, 2012
- Hospital Association of Rhode Island, June 12, 2012
- American Hospital Association Health Research and Educational Trust National Meeting Chicago, IL, August 17, 2012
- Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, October 11, 2012
- Webcast Presentation, December 11, 2012

Jay O’Brien, M.D.
Medical Director
Inpatient Obstetric Services
Women and Infants Hospital
Midwifery and obstetrics: twenty years of collaborative academic practice

Diane Angelini, Barbara O’Brien, Janet Singer, Donald Coustan

*Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America*

September, 2012

Diane Angelini, EdD, CNM
Donald R. Coustan, MD
Barbara O’Brien, MD
Janet Singer, MSN, CNM
International In vitro Maturation (IVM) Program

Physician come from across the globe to study in vitro maturation (IVM) techniques with Dr. Jared Robins at the Women & Infants Hospital Center for Reproduction and Infertility.
Senior Medical Student Sub-Internship in Women’s Ambulatory Care

Led by Dr. Barbara O’Brien and developed in collaboration with the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology Education Council

Approved in 2012
- Two weeks in the Women’s Emergency Care Unit
- Two weeks with the inpatient gynecology service
Obstetric Triage and Emergency Care Protocols

Co-Editors: Diane Angelini
            Donna LaFontaine

35 contributors--most from the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Brown

Published by Springer Publishing, NY, June 2012
Kibagabaga Hospital
Kigali, Rwanda 2012

Members of the surgical team returned to Rwanda to treat pelvic fistula and develop their sustainable program

Dr. Star Hampton

Drs. Blair Washington, Peter Jeppson & Jessica Salak

Rwandan patients
Haitian Physicians Visit Women & Infants and RI

Pictured, from left to right, are: Edzer Erilus, a Care New England employee who served as the interpreter; Dr. Skip Granai, director of the Program in Women’s Oncology at Women & Infants; Dr. Yfto Mayette; Dr. Frantz Mentor; Mayor Taveras; Dr. Davidson Destin; Connie Howes, president and CEO of Women & Infants; and Dennis Keefe, president and CEO of Care New England. (June 2012)
Drs. Jennifer Hosmer, Donna LaFontaine and Diane Angelini worked with scholars in Prizen, Kosovo in the Spring of 2012.

They presented educational sessions on menopause, episiotomy, cesarean section, breast cancer screening and management of miscarriage. Several sessions were broadcast via the telemedicine center of Kosovo.

Doctors from 5 regions in Albania and 7 regions in Kosovo were in attendance.
Grant Funding
2012
2% Lidocaine Gel for IUD Insertion

Society of Family Planning

9/2010 to 8/2012

PI: Becca Allen, MD
Clinical Trial of Behavioral Modification to Prevent Congenital Cytomegalovirus

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

9/30/12 – 9/29/14
PI: Brenna Anderson, MD, MSc
The Role of Mucosal Immunity in the Risk of HIV-1 Acquisition During Pregnancy

NIH / NICHD

8/1/09-7/31/14

PI: Brenna Anderson
DHEA Against Vaginal Dryness

Endoceutics, Inc.

1/1/12 – 12/31/12

PI: John Buster, MD
Fetal Cells in Maternal Blood of High Risk Pregnant Women: A Microfluids Approach

Living Microsystems, Inc.

12/8/05 – 9/31/12

PI: Stephen Carr, MD
National Standard for Normal Fetal Growth Study

NIH/NICHD

9/30/10 – 9/29/13

PI: Ed Chien, MD
Assessing competency in point-of-care transvaginal cervical length measurements among triage providers

American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM)

12/6/12 – 12/6/14

PI: Joshua D. Dahlke MD
**Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG)**

The Program in Women’s Oncology participates in more than 40 on-going NIH-funded GOG clinical trials.

PI: Paul DiSilvestro, MD

Co:PI: Carolyn McCourt, MD
Comprehensive Sex Education for Young Women in Rhode Island

Lalor Foundation

1/1/11 to 6/30/12

PI: Vinita Goyal, MD, MPH
A Patient-based Educational Video for Sacral Nerve Stimulation

American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) Foundation
Thomas Benson award

2/1/11 to 2/1/12

PI: Peter Jeppson, MD
A comprehensive patient-based outcome measure for heavy menstrual bleeding

NIH / NICHD

9/1/08 - 8/31/1

PI: Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH
A Phase II Evaluation of Panitumumab and Gemcitabine as Treatment for Women with Recurrent Epithelial Ovarian Cancer

Amgen Pharmaceuticals

10/27/10 – 9/30/14

PI: Carolyn McCourt, MD
Development of an assay for the early detection of ovarian cancer

NIH / NCI

6/1/09 – 4/30/14

PI: Richard Moore, MD
Urine and serum biomarkers for screening and diagnosis of ovarian cancer

NIH / NCI
8/1/10 – 1/31/15

PI: Richard Moore, MD
(subcontract)
Early detection of epithelial ovarian cancer
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center SPORE in ovarian cancer

NIH / NCI

9/2/10 – 8/31/15

PI: Richard Moore, MD
A non-interventional prospective study of the accuracy of the Precision Therapeutics, Inc. chemoresponse assay in patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, peritoneal, or fallopian tube cancer.

Precision

2/13/08-1/31/13

PI: Richard Moore, MD
Pelvic Floor Disorders Network

NIH/NICHD

8/16/11 – 6/30/16

Co-PIs: Deb Myers, MD & Vivian Sung, MD, MPH
Exploratory Non-International Study to Identify Validate Biomarkers in follicular Fluid

EMD Serono

1/26/11 – 10/31/12

PI: Kelly Pagidas, MD
Innovation Early Detection Home Pregnancy Test

7/28/08 – 9/30/12

PI: Kelly Pagidas, MD
Women’s Reproductive Health Research Career Development Award

NIH / NICHD

9/29/05 – 3/31/15

PI/RD: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH

WRHR Scholars

Vinita Goyal, MD, MPH
Katina Robison, MD
Preventing postpartum depression in adolescent mothers (REACH)

NIH / NIMH

8/2/11 – 4/30/16

PI: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
National Children’s Study
(Providence County / Bristol County)

NIH / NICHD

9/27/07 – 3/31/13

Co-PI: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
Formative Center for the Evaluation of Environmental Impacts on Fetal Development: Tissue Procurement Core

NIEHS / EPA

2/15/10 – 2/14/13

PI: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
(subcontract)
Preventing excessive gestational weight gain in obese women

NIH / NHLBI

8/1/12 – 7/31/16

PI: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
(subcontract)
Maternal smoking: HPA and epigenetic pathways to infant behavioral deficits

NIH / NIDA

12/1/11 – 4/30/16

PI: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
(subcontract)
A Phase I Open-Label Study to Assess the Safety of the AUGMENT (Autologous Germ-line Mitochondrial Energy Transfer) Procedure and to Evaluate Oocyte Quality, Embryo Quality, Fertilization Rates, Pregnancy and Birth Rates in Women Undergoing In Vitro Fertilization

OvaScience

PI: Beth Plante, MD
Co-I: Jared Robins, MD
Mitochondrial transfer improves embryo quality and implantation rate of mice

OvaScience

PI: Jared Robins, MD
In vitro maturation (IVM) training

Cooper Surgical, Inc.

2/20/07 – 10/30/12

PI: Jared Robins, MD
Anal cytology and HPV genotyping among women with a history of anogenital neoplasia

Brown/Women & Infants Center of Excellence in Women’s Health
Seed Grant

1/1/12 – 12/31/12

PI: Katina Robison, MD
Maternal Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU)

NIH / NICHD

4/1/11 – 3/31/16

PI: Dwight Rouse, MD, MSPH
Co-PI: Brenna Anderson, MD, MSc
A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled, Phase II Trial Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of TK1258 Combined with Fulvestrant, in Postmenopausal Patients with Her2- and HR+ Breast Cancer that Have Evidence of Disease Progression on or After Prior Endocrine Therapy

Novartis

9/1/12 – 8/31/14

PI: Bachir J. Sakr, MD
Tailored outcomes for female urinary incontinence

NIH / NICHD

9/1/11 – 8/31/13

PI: Vivian Sung, MD, MPH
Patient-reported outcomes in functioning for female pelvic floor disorders

NIH / NICHD

6/15/09 – 5/31/14

PI: Vivian Sung, MD, MPH
Social Networks and Care Planning for Women with Cancer

NIH / NCI

4/1/10 – 3/31/13

Women and Infants Site
Co-PI: Ashley Stuckey, MD
Faculty Publications (more than 80 in 2012)
Programs and Events
2012
Surgical Management of Endometriosis

Tommaso Falcone, MD, FRCSC, FACOG
Professor and Chair, Obstetrics,
Gynecology and Women’s Health Institute
Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland, OH
Breakfast with a Legend
April 24, 2012

Philip J. DiSaia, M.D.
Founder of modern gynecologic oncology and Director of the UC Irvine School of Medicine Oncology Cancer Research Department
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training Program
May 21-25, 2012

sponsored by
Women & Infants Hospital and Day One
Research: An Event or an Environment?  
June 15, 2012

Course Director: Paul DiSilvestro, MD

Joel Moss, MP, PhD, Deputy Chief, Translational Medicine, NHLBI  
“Financial Conflict of Interest”

David Vulcano, LCSW, MBA, CIP, RAC  
“The Impact of US Healthcare Reform on the Clinical Research Industry”

Sponsored by the Research Program in Women’s Oncology
Annual Saphier Family Lecture
June 21, 2012

Progesterone, Cerclage and a Pessary to Prevent Preterm Birth in Women with a Short Cervix

Chief Perinatology Research Branch
Program Director for Perinatal Research and Obstetrics
Intramural Division, NICHD, NIH, DHHS
Fellow’s Workshop in Clinical Research Design
July 9-20, 2012

Course Director: Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH

Course Faculty:
- Eli Adashi
- Brenna Anderson
- Marguerite Bowker
- Melissa Clark
- Donald Coustan
- Vinita Goyal
- Anthony Nunes
- Maureen Phipps
- Christina Raker
- Katina Robison
- David Savitz
Justine Bonsignore Zompa, MD
15th Annual Memorial Lecture
October 4, 2012

“Patient Perspectives on Pregnancy”

Presented by
Eleni Z. Tsigas
Executive Director, Preeclampsia Foundation
Melbourne, Florida
Colorectal Cancer: How Genetics is Transforming Clinical Practice

October 5, 2012

Henry T. Lynch, MD
Chairman and Professor
Department of Preventive Medicine & Public Health
Creighton School of Medicine
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Goldenberg
Panelist: Dr. Michael Fine, Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Dr. Angelleen Peters-Lewis
Report from RI Task Force on Premature Births: Dr. Edward Chien, co-chair of Task Force
Summit Moderator: Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH co-chair, RI Task Force on Premature Births
1st Annual Dr. David H. Nichols Lectureship
November 8, 2012

“Dr. David Nichols: The Artist and His Art”

Bob Shull, MD
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Texas A&M Health Science Center –
College of Medicine Scott & White Hospital
Temple, Texas
The Value of Simulation Training for Surgeons
Honoring the legacy of Roger J. Ferland, MD
December 6, 2012