

**DEPARTMENT OF
GYNECOLOGY-OBSTETRICS**

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**MESSAGE FROM
THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics is pleased to announce the formation of the Chairman's Resident Award Group. The purpose of this group is to recognize residents who demonstrate academic and clinical excellence.

Residents will be chosen to the Chairman's Resident Award Group based on two criteria. The first group are those residents that obtain the highest score on the CREOG in-service examination within their class year. The second group are those residents who have the highest overall evaluation scores from attendings, residents, medical students, and nursing staff within their year. Residents will be selected to the Chairman's Resident Award Group semi-annually following resident evaluations with the Associate Program Directors. First year residents will be eligible in spring 2006.

Recipients of the Chairman's Resident Award Group will be treated to lunch as recognition for their exemplary academic and clinical achievements.

We are happy to announce the following residents as the recipients of the Chairman's Resident Award Group.

Highest CREOG Score

(PGY-IV) Magda Osman, M.D.
(PGY-III) Lisa Gelman-Koessler, M.D.
(PGY-II) Nezhat Solimani, M.D.
(PGY-I) Oluseyi Ogunleye, M.D.

Highest Overall Clinical Evaluation

(PGY-IV) George Figueroa, M.D.
(PGY-III) Peter Frederick, M.D.
(PGY-II) Dennis Mauricio, M.D.
(PGY-I) Christopher Stevens, M.D.

Congratulations on a job well done!
John Yeh, MD
Professor and Chairman

Morton and Diane Stenchever Lecture

In memory of his late wife, Diane, Dr. Morton Stenchever has developed a yearly endowed lecture series. This year's lecture will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 in the Alford Auditorium in Women and Children's Hospital. Dr. Stenchever will be speaking. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Stenchever's graduation from the University at Buffalo's School of Medicine.

A reception will be held at The Buffalo Club that evening. All are invited to attend.



**Wayne Johnson, MD Lectureship in
Maternal-Fetal Medicine**

A lectureship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine has been created in honor of Wayne Johnson, MD, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics until 1979. Dr. Johnson started the Fellowship Program in Maternal-Fetal Medicine along with establishing one of the first Regional Perinatal Centers in the United States here at Women & Children's Hospital. In his memory, a lectureship will be given to those young faculty members or senior Fellows in Maternal-Fetal Medicine from outside academic centers invited to speak at Grand Rounds.

Upcoming speakers are:
April 12th - Cynthia Gyamfi, MD, Columbia University Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital
May 24th - Saju Joy, MD, MS, Ohio State University
June 7th - Angela Woodall, MD, University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital

Resident Research Day 2006

Mark your calendars for the Resident Research Day 2006 being held Wednesday, May 31, 2006. This event will take place in the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics classroom on the 3rd floor of Women and Children's Hospital. Dr. Gayatri Kapur, Assistant Professor, Director Ob-Gyn Residency Program, Director Medical Students Ob-Gyn Clerkships at the Eastern Virginia Medical School will be the Visiting Professor. Dr. Kapur is a graduate of the University at Buffalo, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and of the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics residency program.

Drs. Armando Arroyo and Lani Burkman will serve as moderators.

ACGME Residency Review Committee

In January 2006, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee granted the Department continued accreditation for the residency program until 2009.

New Chief Residents

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Paul Littman and Dr. Peter Frederick will be the Administrative Chief Residents of the residency program for 2006-2007. The current Administrative Chief Residents, Drs. Figueroa and Prasad, will graduate this June.



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Congratulatory Notes

In March 2005, Ali Ghomi, MD performed a laparoscopic cervical cerclage on a 4-month pregnant patient diagnosed with cervical incompetence. This is the first time this procedure was attempted in Buffalo. The procedure was successful, the patient was cared for by the Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialists throughout her pregnancy, and she delivered a healthy baby at term via cesarean section.

Dr. Armando Arroyo has recently been elected to the Society for Gynecologic Investigation (SGI). The main responsibilities as a member of this organization is to conduct original research, submit findings to the Journal of SGI, and interact with younger investigators, encouraging them to actively pursue research in the field of Reproductive Biology.

The Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics, with regret, announced that Dr. Matthew Withiam-Leitch and Dr. Suzette LaJeunesse have stepped down as Associate Residency Program Directors. Much appreciation and many thanks are given to them for their dedication and support to the Program. Dr. Armando Arroyo and Dr. William Dillon have joined Dr. Dennis Weppner as Assistant Residency Program Directors as they continue on the work for the Residents.

Professor of the Year Award

Each year ACOG District II/NY presents one obstetrician-gynecologist with the Professor of the Year award. The 2005 Professor of the Year was John Yeh, MD, FACOG, Professor and Chairman.



2006 University at Buffalo's Symposium on Women's Health

On Saturday September 30, 2006, the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics, the Department of Family Medicine, the Department of Surgery, and the School of Nursing, will host the University at Buffalo's Symposium on Women's Health. It will take place at the New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, beginning at 8:00 AM. The First Gynecology-Obstetrics Alumni Dinner will be held on Friday September 29th at the same location.

For more information, or to make your reservation, please call Pat Szymkowiak at (716) 878-7508 or email her at szymkow@buffalo.edu.

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