

# DEPARTMENT OF GYNECOLOGY-OBSTETRICS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm that I congratulate the University at Buffalo's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Class of 2006. Graduation was held on Friday, May 5, 2006 at the UB Center for the Arts.

The Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics would also like to congratulate those residents who will graduate from our program this year. We are pleased to announce that the Graduation Dinner Reception in honor of our Chief Residents and Fellows was held at the Saturn Club on Thursday June 22, 2006.

Along with our Residents' and Fellows' achievements, Dr. Myron Gordon also received recognition for his dedication to obstetrics and gynecology.

Best wishes, always, to all of our recent graduates and we look forward to hearing about the great things you will do for your patients and community.

Sincerely,

John Yeh, MD  
Professor and Chairman



Pictured (L to R): William Dillon, MD, Myron Gordon, MD, Karol Gordon, and John Yeh, MD

## Morton and Diane Stenchever Lecture

Thank you to Dr. Morton Stenchever for agreeing to speak at the 2006 Morton and Diane Stenchever Lecture Series. The lecture was well received by faculty, residents and medical students. Also, congratulations to Dr. Stenchever on the celebration of his 50th class reunion from the University at Buffalo's School of Medicine.



Pictured (L to R): Lidia Hreshchyshyn, Barbara Watson, John Yeh, MD, Morton Stenchever, MD, Luba Stenchever, Ronald Batt, MD, Kathleen Batt

## Congratulations

Dr. Ali Ghomi has recently been accepted to [www.surgeryu.com](http://www.surgeryu.com) to display the surgeries he has performed. The site is an educational site that displays videos of gynecological laparoscopic surgeries performed by an elite group across the world. He will be the youngest member so far. In addition, residents will be able to access the site for free if they are members of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Chad Strittmatter (Sister's Hospital, volunteer faculty member for the University at Buffalo), Dr. Arundathi Prasad and Dr. Tiffany Weathers (both are 4th year residents). Drs. Prasad and Strittmatter were awarded the Ruth and Louis Siegel Award for Excellence in Teaching and Dr. Weathers earned an honorable mention. Congratulations on a job well done!



Pictured: Dr. Moeen Abu-Sitta lecturing to local physicians in Palestine

## Welcome Back!

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to Moeen Abu-Sitta, MD, Clinical Associate Professor, who has recently returned from the Gaza Strip-Palestine. Dr. Abu-Sitta completed the first in a series of humanitarian mission trips to the Gaza Strip-Palestine areas. While in the Middle East, he was responsible for educating and training local urologists and gynecologists in advanced surgical procedures in urogynecology and pelvic reconstructive surgery. In addition to this, Dr. Abu-Sitta was able to accrue \$35,000 worth of donated surgical devices and materials. This trip was a great success, offering services and care to indigenous patients throughout the area. Future trips are scheduled on an annual basis.

## Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship

Congratulations to Roswell Park Cancer Institute for T32 grant that has recently been approved to fund the salaries of two Fellows. One of those salaries will be for a four-year Fellow in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology. The Fellow chosen to receive this award will be begin in July, 2007.

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On behalf of the students, residents and faculty that have benefited from your gifts to the Department, we thank you for your thoughtful support.

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