Alumni Newsletter

Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency Program

Chief Residents

Jessica Crawford, MD
Houston, TX Fellowship

Johanna Finkle, MD
Kansas City, MO Private Practice

Kelly Hodges, MD
Houston, TX Academic Medicine

Sarah Janz, MD
Waukesha, WI Private Practice

Kelly Malloy, MD
Green Bay, WI Private Practice

Anne Sayre, MD
Des Moines, IA Private Practice

Clarissa Weiss, MD
Longville, WA Private Practice

Farewell to The Class of 2011

Dr. Eleanor Delfs was born on May 26, 1908 in Canfield, Ohio. She graduated from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1935 and did her postgraduate training there. In 1939, she became an Instructor of Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University. She went on to climb the ranks as Assistant (1945-1950) and then Associate Professor (1950-1963). She joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1963. She was the first woman to become a full professor. She was also the first Patrick J. and Margaret G. McMahon Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology. At the age of 55, she had the courage and the foresight to leave a position that had given her an international reputation to start a new career in Milwaukee.

Dr. Delfs was a pioneer in the study of hCG, one of the first to establish the role of chorionic gonadotropin hormone in the assessment and management of hydatidiform mole and choriocarcinoma. Few obstetricians gave as much to each patient as did Eleanor Delfs.

She stayed with her patients through most of their labor. She consoled and was the confidant to many women, including doctor's wives and indigent patients. She was a woman whose very presence enhanced the quality of her surroundings. Dr. Eleanor Delfs died of ovarian cancer in 1977.
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Throughout her life, she showed compassion, humility and great courage. She was a true scholar and humanitarian who put forth total dedication to excellence, had a determined sense of honesty and an unyielding commitment to hard work. Dr. Eleanor Delfs left us with a legacy of excellence.

The Eleanor Delfs, MD Lectureship for Pioneers will serve as a means of permanently identifying the contributions of this outstanding woman and physician and was debuted on May 11, 2011 with a lecture by Laurence A. Cole, PhD "Multiple Forms of hCG, Molecules with Numerous Functions in Pregnancy, Cancer and Menstrual Cycle” He is the Howard & Friedman Distinguished Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of New Mexico. He obtained a PhD in Biochemistry in 1982 at the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee.

You can make a contribution to the Eleanor Delfs, MD Endowed Memorial Fund by visiting our website at www.mcw.edu/obgyn/research or contact the Office of Development at 414-955-4708.

News from Medical College of Wisconsin

MCW Faculty Retirement: E. James Aiman (Jim) retired from the department in August 2010 after 30 years of service. Jim completed his residency at Milwaukee County Hospital in 1974; then did a fellowship in Reproductive Medicine in Dallas at the University of Texas-Southwestern from 1974-76. He returned to Wisconsin in 1981 and became a faculty member of the Medical College of Wisconsin. In addition to his many contributions as physician, faculty and Clerkship Director, Jim was also the acting chairman from 1986-1987 and 1989-1991. In retirement, he is working on writing a history of the department and an atlas of Pediatric Gynecology.

Distinguished Achievement Award: On November 16, 2010, Dwight Cruikshank, MD received the Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding contribution to the advancement of knowledge and practice of medicine by a Wisconsin physician. Dr. Cruikshank, Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical College of Wisconsin was the recipient of this award for his leadership, professional acumen, and kindness. Dr. Matthew Lee (’99) presented him with the Academy’s Distinguished Achievement Award for 2010. Dr. Cruikshank was a speaker of the evening and delivered a fascinating talk entitled “40 Years of Obstetrics and Gynecology”. He noted “remarkable changes have occurred in those 40 years”

Women’s Health Research Program: Grants Awarded On June 1, 2011, following a competitive peer-review process, two Medical College of Wisconsin scientists have received the first grants distributed through the newly established Women’s Health Research Program. In collaboration with a panel of her colleagues, Dr. Janet Rader awarded grants to William Bradley, MD, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Jian Huang, MD, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Bradley received a grant for his project, titled “Toward a Biomarker Driven Treatment for Ovarian Carcinoma” that is attempting to improve chemotherapeutic response among women with serous epithelial ovarian cancer using personalized medicine. Dr. Huang’s project is titled, “Estrogen Receptor Alpha 36 is a Novel Biomarker to Predict Clinical Outcome for HER2 Positive Breast Cancer Patients.” This project is seeking to determine if developing ER-α36 as a novel molecular target for HER2 positive breast cancer can have a significant clinical impact.

Dr. Bradley and Dr. Huang received one-year, $50,000 grants to conduct their research projects. They will report on their findings and are expected to use these projects to generate extramural funding.

Welcome New Faculty: Cresta Jones, MD joined the MFM Division in August 2010. She came to MCW from Tufts University, Boston, MA. Erika Peterson, MD joined the MFM Division in April 2011. She came to MCW from Tufts University, Boston, MA.

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals

Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program—Faculty and Residents - 2011

Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital

Front Row: D. Giles; S. Earle; K. Hodges; A. Sayre; S. Janz; K. Malloy; J. Finkle; J. Crawford; C. Weiss
Second Row: P. Burstein; D. Hoogerland; D. Nash; J. Parcon; J. Webb; A. Ring; J. Mickelson; J. Linn
Third Row: J. Foil; S. Dvorak; L. Elsaidi; T. Leonard; C. Zimmerman
Fourth Row: J. Gremp; V. Srivastava; A. Balke; E. Thompson; E. Allred
Back Two Rows: N. Wiepert; E. Chinnock; N. Deveneau; A. Livshits; A. Reed; J. Greenblatt; B. Karre; M. Mietelski; M. Loichinger

Froedtert Hospital

Front Row: C. Weiss; J. Finkle; K. Hodges; S. Janz; K. Malloy
Second Row: R. Narayan; P. Lemen; J. Crawford; J. Rader; A. Sayre; E. Peterson
Third Row: W. Bradley; J. Newcomer; V. Srivastava; C. Zimmerman; J. Foil; J. Greenblatt; A. Reed; B. Karre; N. Wiepert
Fourth Row: V. Barnabei; T. Klatt; J. Gremp; M. Mietelski; E. Chinnock; S. Dvorak; E. Thompson; J. Kapfhamer
Greetings from St. Joe’s. Things at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – St. Joseph are going well. Check out the new promo at babyhospitalbaby.org. You will see some familiar faces as well as some really cute babies.

We have several award winning physicians and midwives working here. Julian De Lia, M.D. was honored on June 7th by the New York Queens Hospital as the 2010 recipient of the Pacesetter Award. He was given the award due to his pioneering work in the development of placental laser surgery. Mary Mazul, CNM, was awarded the Woman of Influence Innovation Award by the Business Journal on June 17th, 2010. And finally, the Health Care Hero Award by the Biz Times was given to Beth Hill-Karbowski, CNM, on December 9th, 2010.

Our outstanding NICU continues to be leaders in neonatal medicine. Work done by Dr. Jeff Garland and others from the NICU was used by the CDC in their 2011 Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections.

After 21 years of service, Dr. William Goodman retired on December 31st, 2010. And notably, Dr. Michael Kuhn, Jr. retired on October 29th, 2010 after nearly half a century of practice (48 years).

News from Wheaton Franciscan-St. Joseph Campus

The new hospital opened October 12, 2010. Gynecology is located in the new hospital while OB and NICU remain in the old hospital which has been renamed the Women’s Hospital. The OB/GYN Clinic has moved to the first floor of the Women’s Hospital giving it much more space. Maria Jostad, RN has been promoted to Clinic Supervisor and is doing a fantastic job running the clinic. Some sad news this year is the death of Dr. Dennis Sobczak on December 10, 2010 from stomach cancer. He is deeply missed.

“What’s unique about this facility is that we’ve had the chance to build it from the ground up, incorporating best medical practices from around the work and bring it all to Milwaukee. We’re creating an environment where the patient feels comfortable, in control, and where the family stays actively involved in the patient’s care” Deborah G. Friberg, Executive VP & President
**2010 Awards**

**FACULTY**

**Dobie Giles, MD - (Columbia St. Mary’s)**
CREOG Faculty Award for Excellence in Resident Education.

**RESIDENTS**

**Clarissa Weiss, MD & Mary Sievers, MD**
Best Resident Teacher— as selected by the Junior Medical Students in 2009–2010 rotation in the Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Raven Koeppler, MD & Annie Leishman-Barb, DO**

**Annie Leishman-Barb, DO**
AAGL Award for Special Excellence in Endoscopic Procedures.

**Mary Sievers, MD**
Columbia-St. Mary’s Hospital—Featherston Award

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**Welcome Class of 2015!**

**Ben Beran, MD**
Medical College of Wisconsin

**Cheryl Czapla, MD**
Ohio State University

**Shirley Hinshaw, MD**
Saint Louis University

**Jacinda Hunter, MD**
Medical College of Wisconsin

**Caitlin McCarthy, MD**
University of Cincinnati

**Irene Mader, MD**
Southern Illinois University

**Ashley Wanless, MD**
Loyola University Chicago

**Jessica Zigman, MD**
Medical College of Wisconsin