

Obstetrics & Gynecology NEWSLETTER

SCIENCE FEATURE:

Oral Medication Yields Strong and Sustained Benefit in Ovarian Cancer

In the 5-year follow-up of the pivotal SOLO-1 trial in women with advanced ovarian cancer and a BRCA1/2 mutation, maintenance treatment with olaparib led to a doubling in progression-free survival. **William H. Bradley, MD**, presented these findings at the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer—

<https://obgyn.mcw.edu/bradley-solo-1>

"The initial results were extremely positive. Now the 5-year follow-up demonstrates a statistically significant, sustained progression-free survival benefit that is appreciated across both higher-risk and lower-risk groups," said lead author Dr. Bradley, a gynecologic oncologist at Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

William H. Bradley, MD, Associate Professor in the division of Gynecologic Oncology, led the landmark clinical trial locally. He sees patients at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center. Study participants were patients with newly diagnosed stage III or IV ovarian cancer.

NEW GRANT:

- **Rader, Janet S., MD, FACOG:** *NIH Cancer Institute* —R21 1R21CA241013-01A1 —Defining HPV Integration Sites of Unknown Significance in Invasive Cervical Cancer

EDUCATION

RESEARCH FEATURE:

Leadership Education to Advance Diversity in Underrepresented Populations (LEAD-UP)

LEAD-UP is a new leadership enrichment program for underrepresented in medicine (URiM) trainees situated in the last two years of their program: residents, fellows, post-docs, and MD/PhD students. The goal is to promote a culture of caring and mattering (Flett et al, 2019) to entice URiM trainees to stay in Milwaukee and advance into faculty positions at the Medical College of Wisconsin. LEAD-UP will harness participant's existing skill sets with opportunities to learn alongside local and national medical "C-Suite" leaders to promote diversity and inclusion efforts in patient care, education and research.

This program is lead by a group including one of our faculty, Kristina Kaljo, PhD.

FEATURED CLINICAL TRIAL:

Postpartum Preeclampsia Antihypertensive Treatment (PPAT) - PPAT is a pragmatic randomized controlled trial led by Drs. Livergood and Palatnik. The study randomizes patients with gestational hypertension or preeclampsia with mild range blood pressure postpartum to antihypertensive versus routine care (which is observation without medications). We will be approaching patients on postpartum floor for the study. Our outcome is rates of readmission for postpartum hypertension and blood pressure value at 7-10 days postpartum.

WELCOME:

Jessica Bevan, RN, MHA/ED—Department Administrator, joining us from University of California-Irvine



Rosinda De La Pena, MD —Fellow in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, joining us from Ascension Providence/MSUCHM (starts in July)



Rebekah Summey, MD—Fellow in Gynecologic Oncology, joining us from University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School (starts in July)



Matt Lasowski—Research Manager, joining us from MCW Clinical Trials Office



Amy Rieger, RN—Gynecologic Oncology Research Nurse, joining us from private practice



Eleanor Saffian, RN —Maternal-Fetal Medicine Research Nurse, joining us from Maine Medical Center



Heather Belding—Research Regulatory Specialist, joining us from National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research

Stay in touch and follow us!
Have something to share?
Send it our way!

CLINIC UPDATE:**Newly renovated OBGYN/MFCC/WISH clinic —**

The pandemic didn't stop our renovations for our new women's health clinic space. It opened its new doors on March 8th. The new space includes: dedicated equipment for fetal monitoring, shared workspace for patient care teams, dedicated paths for patients entering/exiting, nurse call lights and Vocera, dedicated lactation room, more consult rooms, staff lounge and locker room, additional exam rooms, dedicated procedure prep/recovery room, education classroom for group prenatal care, more exams and ultrasound rooms, connected provider and sonographer workrooms, dedicated WISH exam rooms with jack and jill bathroom and dedicated procedure room for WISH patients.



✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**June 23, 2021: Resident and Fellow
Research & Alumni Day**

**June 25, 2021: Resident and Fellow
Graduation**

Invites and virtual information will be sent out in near future

Endowed Lectureships:

As our endowed lectureships have been on hold, we want to thank you all for your patience and continued donations through these difficult times. We hope to bring them back soon and will communicate when we know more.

NEW ENDOWMENT: The Linda G. and Herbert J. Buchsbaum, M.D. Endowed Chair in Gynecologic Oncology—to support a faculty position in the Cancer Center and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



To support our department in research or education, visit our website at <https://obgyn.mcw.edu/about/donate/> or call (414) 955-4711 to donate.

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

- **Kate Dielentheis, MD**—Assistant Professor, named Director of OBGYN Faculty Development
- **Seema Menon, MD; Christine Livergood, MD; Benjamin Beran, MD, Amy Domeyer-Klenske, MD, Kourtney Dropps, MD, Sarah Evans, MD ('22), Stephen McAvoy, MD (Ascension – St. Joseph Campus), Seema Menon, MD, Ciera Oshodi, MD ('22), Zachary Schoppen, MD ('23)** were all recipients of the 2019-2020 Teacher Recognition Pins for outstanding medical school teachers.
- **Christina L. Wichman, DO**—Professor of Psychiatry and Obstetrics and Gynecology selected to receive the 2021 Helen Faye Callon, RN CNM -Thomas A. Leonard, MD Award through the Wisconsin Association of Perinatal Care (WAPC). The Callon Leonard Award is the highest honor the WAPC bestows for outstanding efforts and contributions on behalf of mothers, infants, and families in Wisconsin.
- **Kristina Kaljo, PhD**—Assistant Professor, recipient of the Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities (GMAP) Research Stimulus Award, National Cancer Institute Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

ALUMNI CORNER:

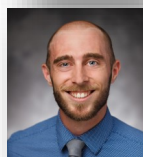
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RESIDENT GRADUATES:

Bradley Corbin, MD —Ascension St. Joe's & Research Position at F&MCW with Dr. Emily Davidson



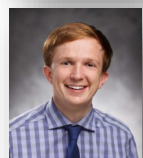
Astrid Marshall, MD —Edward Medical Group, Naperville, IL



Spencer Gantz, MD—Ascension St. Elizabeth's group, Appleton, WI



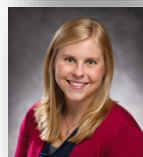
Theresa Piquette, MD —Physician's for Women, Madison, WI



Colin Johnson, MD—Mayo Clinic, Owatonna, MN



Ashley Verhasselt, MD —Bellin Hospital, Green Bay, WI



Lauren Kurtz, MD —Moreland OB/GYN Associates, Milwaukee, WI



Kate Wlodarczyk, MD —Froedtert & MCW Community Physicians Inc. (F&MCW CP) at Lincoln and Greenfield Heights

FELLOW GRADUATE:

Zachary Colvin, DO —MCW OBGYN Assistant Professor in Maternal-Fetal Medicine



Deb Nischik, RN retired on February 28th 2021. She has been a pillar of our research (and MCW) for many years.

We wish her the best in her future endeavors. Thank you Deb for everything you have done for the research program and caring for our patients. The impact you have made will be felt for long after your retirement.

RESIDENT NEWS:

- **Ciera Oshodi, MD ('21)** —chosen as one of 10 residents from across the country to attend the annual conference of The Society for Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology (SASGOG) as a Resident Reporter. She was able to network with prominent leaders in academic OBGYN, develop leadership skills, and be exposed to current topics on OBGYN. Her experiences and what she learned from the conference will be published on the SASGOG website.
- **Ciera Oshodi, MD ('21)** —Leadership Education to Advance Diversity in Underrepresented Populations (LEAD-UP) Inaugural Program Trainee



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