

Obstetrics & Gynecology NEWSLETTER

SCIENCE FEATURE:

CLINICAL BREAKTHROUGH: Oral Medication Improves Survival Outcomes for Ovarian Cancer Patients—published in the New England Journal of Medicine

Women with ovarian cancer who were treated with the oral PARP inhibitor olaparib experienced longer progression-free survival, according to an international study presented at the European Society for Medical Oncologists in Munich last month and published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

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 GRANTS:

- **Janet Rader, MD and Kristina Kaljo, PhD:** NCI - Student-Centered Pipeline to Advance Research in Cancer Careers (SPARCC) for Underrepresented Minority Students
- **Allison Linton, MD, MPH:** Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW) - Lowering Uninsured, STI & Unintended Pregnancy at Milwaukee County Health Departments
- **Jennifer McIntosh, DO; Jacquelyn P. Kulinski, MD and Nicole Lohr, MD, PhD, FACC :** Clinical & Translational Science Institute Traditional Pilot Award - Effects of Preeclampsia and Preterm Birth on Maternal Endothelial Function

FEATURED CLINICAL TRIALS:

- **AMAG-423-201—NCT03008616** A Phase 2b/3a, Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study of the Efficacy and Safety of AMAG-423, a Digoxin Immune Fab, in Antepartum Subjects with Severe Preeclampsia
- **Merck 3475-250—NCT02766582** Phase II Open Label Nonrandomized Trial of the Anti PD 1 Therapy Pembrolizumab With First Line Platinum Based Chemotherapy Followed by 12 Months Pembrolizumab Monotherapy for Patients With Stage III/IV Epithelial Ovarian Cancer

CANCER CRUSH

“ObGyn Courageous Cancer Crushers”

We kicked off the 2018 summer with our inaugural Helping Science Crush Cancer: CANCER CRUSH. This challenge, brought on by the Medical College of Wisconsin in partnership with Froedtert, allowed anyone and everyone to get involved by challenging themselves to walk, run or bike to raise awareness and to raise money for lifesaving cancer research.

With the help of our department, our team exceeded our goal and raised \$10,769 which put us in the top 4 teams on the campus and also had the MOST amount of team member participation!

Join us this year! Check out our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or website to contribute to this great cause!

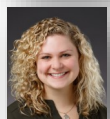


WELCOME:

Kourtney Dropps, MD—Assistant Professor in General Obstetrics & Gynecology, OBGYN Resident Alumni Class of 2018



Emily Smith, MD—Assistant Professor in Maternal Fetal Medicine, Penn State University



Kirby Curby-Warner, CNM—Certified Nurse Midwife who triages pregnant women in Labor & Delivery at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin

IN THE NEWS:

- **Jessica Francis, MD**—Assistant Professor in General Obstetrics & Gynecology, interviewed by Fox Sports at Buck Pride Night discussing Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin's transgender and inclusion clinics and how important it is to the community.
- **Kate Schoyer, MD, Jayme Bosler, MD** and REI team interviewed on The Word on Medicine Podcast discussing INFERTILITY.
- **Kate Schoyer, MD** featured in Fox 6 News segment on in vitro fertilization.
- **Meredith Cruz, MD** featured in TMJ4 News segment on High Risk Pregnancy screening.
- **Benjamin Beran, MD** interviewed on the Word on Medicine Podcast discussing Uterine Fibroids.

CLINICAL UPDATES:**Alternatives to Hysterectomy: Fibroid Clinic—**

Dr. Ben Beran, who has completed additional training in minimally-invasive gynecologic surgery, and Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, an interventional radiologist, offers this clinic for all women diagnosed with uterine fibroids which allows a single visit for consultation.

New Lactation Services with Sarah Mess, CNM—

Sarah Mess is a Certified Nurse Midwife with advanced education and experience in lactation management. She will create a plan together with the patient to best manage each individual's situation.

Recurrent Miscarriage Program with Dr. Abbey Kruper and Dr. Kate Schoyer—

The Reproductive Medicine Center is offering a multidisciplinary program for patients who have had three or more miscarriages. The program will include medical evaluation, pregnancy education and tailored psychological interventions to provide comprehensive support to women.

QUALITY:

Amy Domeyer-Klense, MD—Assistant Professor and Department Patient Safety and Quality Officer spearheaded Team STEPPS in Labor & Delivery. Team STEPPS is an interdisciplinary team training program developed by AHRQ to improve the safe and quality care we provide to our patients.

ALUMNI CORNER:

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✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**May 29, 2019: Eleanor Delfs, MD**
Lectureship for Pioneers

Nicholas P. Illsley, D.Phil from Rutgers-New Jersey
Medical School

"Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition in Trophoblast: a
Key Role in Normal and Pathological Pregnancies"

June 19, 2019: Resident and Fellow
Research & Alumni Day

William M. Leininger, MD, FACOG from Uniformed Ser-
vices University of the Health Sciences

"Advocacy Beyond the Statehouse"

June 21, 2019: Resident and Fellow Graduation**July 1, 2019: 8 Resident Interns start and**
1 Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellow starts**September 25, 2019: E. James Aiman, MD**
Endowed Lectureship.

Gregg Nelson, MD, PhD, FRCSC from University of
Calgary, Tom Baker Cancer Centre

"ERAS - The New Standard of Surgical Care in
Obstetrics & Gynecology"

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Have something to share?
Send it our way!

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

- **Babyscripts app** launched in September 2018 to help mothers and mothers-to-be.
- **Anna Palatnik, MD** 2nd-Round Finalist in Foxconn's Smart Cities – Smart Futures Competition for her submission on *the use of artificial intelligence technology and machine learning to reduce the risks of sudden infant death syndrome*.
- We received official accreditation for the **Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship**. We will start interviewing this summer and will participate in the Match this fall, with a fellow starting July 2020.
- **The Kern Institute for the Transformation of Medical Education** is a national movement to transform medical education across the educational continuum, from pre-medical school through physician practice. Dr. Kristina Kaljo is a part of the Faculty Team Pillar and Dr. Michael Lund is a part of the Student Team Pillar. This year, 2 oral presentations, developed in collaboration with faculty across the Kern Cross Pillar, Student Pillar, and Curriculum Pillar, were accepted by the 2019 AAMC Learn, Serve, Lead Annual Meeting. Additionally, the Kern Kinetic³ Teaching Academy is going into its second year with faculty development sessions facilitated by Dr. Kaljo and Dr. Lund to selected faculty participants across the College.



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