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Welcome
All Spouses, Significant Others and Guests
to the
Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting

Program Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Registration in the Grand Ballroom Foyer

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Registration in the Grand Ballroom Foyer

6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Walton Room

FIRST SCIENTIFIC SESSION

7:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction of New Fellows
from President

8:00 a.m. Charles Hunter Oration
*“Engaging Medical Students in Ob/Gyn
in the New Curriculum”*

Deborah Conway, MD
UT Health San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

8:45 a.m. Panel Presentation:
*“AGOS and the Academic Specialist
in General OB/GYN”*

Anita Blanchard, MD
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

David Chelmow, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University,
Richmond, VA

Lee Learman, MD, PhD
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island
Providence, RI

- 9:30 a.m.** Spouse & Companion Breakfast
(9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
Location: Venetian Room
A breakfast featuring a historical tour of the Drake Hotel Chicago.
- 10:00 a.m.** Break
- 10:30 a.m.** Panel Presentation:
“The Pros and Cons of Mandatory HPV Vaccination”
Laurel W. Rice, MD
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
Warner Huh, MD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL
Nirav Shah, MD, JD
Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago, IL
- 11:20 a.m.** **Presidential Address**
“Legacy and Hope: What is Our Story”
Donald Dudley, MD
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
All Members, Spouses, Significant Others and Guests are Invited to Attend
- 12:00 p.m.** OPEN (12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)
- 12:00 p.m.** New Member Luncheon (invitation only)
- 1:15 p.m.** Joseph Price Oration
“The Future of OB/Gyn: A Global Perspective”
Phil Steer, MB, MD, FRCOG
Imperial College London
Kensington, London, UK

2:15 p.m. *“What the OB/Gyn can do about Sex Trafficking”*

Holly Austin Gibbs
Dignity Health, San Francisco, CA

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. *“The Future of Fetal Surgery:
What’s Flash and What’s Real”*

Henry Galan, MD
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Aurora, CO

4:00 p.m. New Member Forum

Victoria Bae-Jump, MD
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

David O’Malley, MD
Ohio State University Medical Center
Columbus, OH

Sanaz Memarzadeh, MD, PhD
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception** (5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.)
Gold Coast Ballroom

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Registration in the Grand Ballroom Foyer

6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

6:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Walton Room

7:30 a.m. AGOS Annual Business Meeting
Grand Ballroom

8:00 a.m. AAOGF Annual Business Meeting
Grand Ballroom

SECOND SCIENTIFIC SESSION

8:30 a.m. “OB/GYN Scorecard”
Jay Iams, MD
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

8:45 a.m. ABOG Endowed Lecture
“How OB/Gyn Departments Can Thrive
in the New Marketplace”
Bruce Meyer, MD
UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

9:30 a.m. “Maternal Mortality: Perspectives on Prevention”
Michael Greene, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. “What’s New in ART”
Bradley Van Voorhis, MD
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
Iowa City, IA

11:15 a.m. Panel Presentation:
*“Emerging Infections in Obstetrics
and Gynecology”*

Denise Jamieson, MD
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

Jeanne Sheffield, MD
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
Baltimore, MD

ABOG ENDOWED LECTURE

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) received a grant from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Education Foundation (ABOG-EF) for the purpose of an endowed lectureship focusing on education in women's health.

The 2017 Endowed Lectureship will be presented by **Bruce Meyer, MD** on "*How OB/Gyn Departments Can Thrive in the New Marketplace*".

Presentation Summaries

Charles Hunter Oration

“Emerging Medical Students in Ob/Gyn in the New Curriculum”

**Deborah Conway, MD
UT Health San Antonio
San Antonio, TX**

New models of undergraduate medical education (UME) are underway in U.S. medical schools. Anchored in more recent discoveries and paradigms in developmental neuroscience and adult learning, the “new curriculum” emphasizes applied and active learning, and balances demonstration of learner competency with individualization of pathways, goal setting, and timelines. Meanwhile, learners experience mounting pressures on performance measures, such as standardized test scores and course grades, increased competition for residency spots, and grapple with adjusting their “on demand” lifestyle to the rigors and constraints of patient care and medical study. Increasing attention to wellness across the educational spectrum is necessitated by increasing rates of burnout and mental illness among students, trainees, and physicians. As academic obstetrician/gynecologists, we have much to offer our learners within the new paradigm in which we function. This session will review current trends in undergraduate medical education, explore their rationale and underpinnings, and assemble a model for a “21st Century” medical educator in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Panel Presentation:

“AGOS and the Academic Specialist in General OB/GYN”

**Anita Blanchard, MD
University of Chicago**

**David Chelmow, MD
Virginia Commonwealth University**

**Lee Learman, MD, PhD
Florida Atlantic University**

**Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH
Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island**

This panel discussion will examine the world of the Academic Specialist (previously known as the academic generalist) from the viewpoint of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. Proportionally, Academic Specialists are usually the largest group of academic faculty in obstetrics and gynecology departments and are often leaders in the clinical and educational missions of their academic departments and institutions. Despite their important roles and contributions, Academic Specialists face significant challenges achieving the metrics in scholarly activity required for AGOS membership. The panel will lead a discussion on these challenges from our personal perspectives as leaders and Academic Specialists in obstetrics and gynecology.

Panel Presentation:

“The Pros and Cons of Mandatory HPV Vaccination”

Laurel W. Rice, MD
University of Wisconsin

Warner Huh, MD
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Nirav Shah, MD, JD
Illinois Department of Public Health

Disclaimer: The views set forth herein do not represent the position of the Illinois Department of Public Health or the State of Illinois with respect to any vaccine policy issue. They are offered only in the context of exploring this topic in an academic forum.

HPV vaccination has undeniably reduced the incidence of cervical and other cancers. Moreover, its use is, and should continue to be, endorsed by the medical and public health community worldwide. By any measure, the vaccine is a stunning public health victory and should be celebrated.

Yet, this remarkable efficacy does not amount to a mandate that predicates school entry on receipt of the vaccine. In many epidemiological respects, the HPV vaccine is different from the typical “mandated” vaccines that are required for school entry. For example, HPV, although sexually transmitted, is not immediately communicable. This stands in contrast to, for example, measles, which features an R_0 of nearly 20. Simply stated, measles vaccination ensures a safe classroom environment — especially for children who cannot be vaccinated. HPV

vaccination is not required to furnish this same, safe environment.

This difference reveals a broader question: why do we base vaccine mandates on school entry in the first place? The answer, as noted above, is that vaccine mandates are primarily motivated by a concern to keep classrooms safe. Vaccines that do not achieve this goal need not be subject to the same school-entry mandate.

But what's the harm in mandating HPV vaccine, even if it does not immediately ensure a communicable disease-free classroom? The answer lies in a deeper examination of the role of government power. The *parens patriae* authority vested in the state is broad and difficult to challenge. The corresponding obligation on the part of state health authorities is to use this power sparingly and only when absolutely warranted. To do otherwise risks undermining the social contract on which this power is afforded. The state's broad authority is granted and predicated on a notion that the state will use it judiciously. Put differently, with great power comes great responsibility. Mandating HPV vaccination for school entry risks undermining the public's confidence in other public health mandates and could jeopardize state operations during truly emergent situations, such as a national pandemic.

Broad mandates also reinforce the view of many in the vaccine-skeptic community that the state has overreached in its authority. It would be far better in situations of this sort to encourage vaccination through carrots rather than sticks. This community, once driven underground, is unlikely to reemerge and engage with healthcare providers.

Joseph Price Oration

“The Future of Ob/Gyn: A Global Perspective”

Phil Steer, MB, MD, FRCOG

Imperial College London

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, UK

Seventy years ago, it was common for men to “wet the baby’s head” in a local hostelry while their wives gave birth. Now, the father in the birthing room is the norm. Paradoxically, during that time, the OB/GYN profession has been feminized. Is it important for men to continue to be involved in reproductive health care? Over the same period, caesarean delivery rates have gone from 3% to 30% or more, and yet litigation threatens the viability of OB/GYN services. The development of guidelines has rendered poor practice less defensible, and an explosion of knowledge is challenging our capacity to practice according to currently acceptable standards. Does this mean ever more caesareans? Unfortunately these carry their own risks for the mother and baby. Moreover, “doctor knows best” no longer applies and patients expect to be given choices. A possible solution lies in the development of ‘Apps’ running on smart phones, which today have more computing power than mainframes 20 years ago, and moreover have internet connectivity. Apps are being designed to enable women to determine for themselves the best options for care based on their own personal characteristics, which they can then share with their doctors. Artificial intelligence (systems such as Deep Mind and IBM’s Watson) will make this approach increasingly reliable and indeed more accurate than the average clinician. The future is almost here.

“What the Ob/Gyn can do about Sex Trafficking”

Holly Austin Gibbs, MD

Dignity Health

San Francisco, CA

Human trafficking is a global issue. Anyone can become a victim, including men, women, and children. Every country is affected, including the United States. In 2016, there were over 7,500 tips of human trafficking reported to the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline, more than 2,000 of which involved children under the age of 18.

Worse still, trafficked persons often go unnoticed. A 2014 study found that 88% of sex trafficking survivors reported contact with healthcare while being exploited. A 2017 survey report found that over half of labor and sex trafficking survivors accessed health care at least once while being trafficked. Nearly 97% indicated they received no information about human trafficking while visiting the provider. These studies underscore the reality that medical providers are too often unprepared to identify and respond to trafficked persons.

Dignity Health has taken a stand to change this reality by establishing the Human Trafficking Response (HTR) Program. Hear from Dignity Health’s HTR Program Director, Holly Gibbs, who will deconstruct many of the misconceptions associated with human trafficking and describe Dignity Health’s HTR Program in detail.

***“The Future of Fetal Surgery:
What’s Flash and What’s Real”***

**Henry Galan, MD
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Aurora, CO**

Advances in fetal imaging, prenatal diagnosis and surgical technology are such that our pregnant patients will increasingly be seeking a prenatal solution via surgery for their fetus affected by certain structural abnormalities. The balance of maternal and fetal risks associated with fetal surgery requires close attention, and, generally speaking, if a condition can be safely and effectively treated after birth, this is preferable in order to avoid prematurity risks of fetal surgery. However, fetal surgery which was previously reserved for life-threatening conditions, has expanded to severe anomalies and may significantly improve the outcome for the newborn and child. One such example is in utero repair of myelomeningocele (MMC) that reduces the risk of ventriculoperitoneal shunting at 12 months of age with improved motor function at 36 months and lasting into childhood. The procedure though involves laparotomy and hysterotomy incisions for the mother with significant risk of preterm birth and long-term pregnancy implications for the mother’s future pregnancies. Going “smaller and earlier” in gestation with fetoscopic repair of MMC (and maybe other anomalies) may tip the balance of equipoise to the fetal surgical approach rather than postnatal repair. Understanding the benefit of fetal surgery for relatively

rare conditions requires research among collaborating fetal surgical centers. Given that these fetal centers are increasing in number in the U.S. and across the globe, efforts are underway to provide designations based on each centers capabilities, which is an integral piece for patient care and for conducting collaborative research.

***AGOS Reproductive Health Scorecard
Annual Update***

**Jay Iams, MD
The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Columbus, OH**

Annual Review of Reproductive Health Metrics: US rates of HPV immunization, Gynecologic Cancer, Teen Pregnancy, Multifetal Pregnancy, Preterm Birth and Infant Mortality.

ABOG Lecture:

“How Ob/Gyn Departments Can Thrive in the New Marketplace”

Bruce Meyer, MD

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dallas, TX

Participants will discuss the unsustainable economics of healthcare in the United States and the move toward fee-for-value and population health management. We will discuss how OB/Gyn Departments can thrive in a world of medical economics in which downward pressure on reimbursement and demands for demonstrable high quality outcomes as well as cost-effective care will be paramount. We will discuss the tools and information necessary to effectively manage environments such as gain-share contracting, Medicare Advantage and Shared Savings, risk-based and capitated care, and bundled payments. We will address applying analytics to identify and target high-need, high-cost patients; systems to provide care in the lowest cost environment; adopting care management programs for complex or high-risk patients; addressing variation and cost of care; integrating medical, behavioral, and community-based services; dealing provider payments to encourage better coordination, quality, and efficiency and reduce/eliminate incentives for sheer volume; providing tools to consumers to help them manage their own conditions and better coordinate care; and how to adopt strategies that also yield a positive ROI for the organization.

“What’s New in ART”

Bradley Van Voorhis, MD

University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

Iowa City, IA

In vitro fertilization (IVF) is increasingly used to successfully treat infertile patients, now accounting for nearly 2% of all infants born in the United States. This field has enjoyed unparalleled innovation over its 40 year history leading to higher pregnancy rates. Unfortunately, the complication of multiple gestation pregnancies is common. Recent efforts have been directed towards reducing multiple gestations while maintaining high pregnancy rates. This talk will focus on successful strategies by individual clinics and professional groups that are leading to improved health for the babies born from this common treatment.

Panel Presentation:

“Emerging Infections in Obstetrics and Gynecology”

Denise Jamieson, MD, MPH
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

Jeanne Sheffield, MD
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
Baltimore, MD

Emerging Infectious Diseases are infectious diseases whose incidence in humans has increased in the past two decades or threatens to increase in the near future. These diseases have no national boundaries and include new infections resulting from evolution of existing organisms, previously unrecognized infections, known infections spreading to new populations or geographic areas or old infections reemerging as a result of breakdown in public health measures or as a result of new antimicrobial resistance. Today's global economy and the ease of international travel mandates physicians to be aware of these emerging infections. This session will summarize several of the recent emerging infectious diseases affecting the Obstetrics and Gynecology realm including Zika virus and Ebola hemorrhagic fever. It will also address several possible emerging infections that are currently being monitored including avian influenza strains and other zoonoses. Finally, it will review the spread of antimicrobial resistant organisms including MDR-TB and XDR-TB as well as public health measures including disease surveillance.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Kelly A. Bennett, MD, FRCSC, MSc

**Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, Tennessee**

Kelly Bennett, MD, MSc received her undergraduate and medical education at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. After her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, she completed a 3-year fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Yale University, New Haven, CT. Dr. Bennett successfully completed her MS degree in Clinical Epidemiology in 2001. Dr Bennett is currently a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Bennett is Vice Chair of Research of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Director of the Fetal Center at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Dr. Bennett's clinical and research interests are congenital anomalies and fetal surgery for repair of myelomeningocele. Dr. Bennett is a co-investigator in several NIH grant projects with affiliates in pediatrics and obstetrical nursing and is a member of the multi-disciplinary investigation group for preterm birth at Vanderbilt. She is a steering committee member of the North American Fetal Therapy Network.

She has published forty peer-reviewed articles, five book chapters, and serves as a reviewer for seven publications. She has received multiple awards for education and research including multiple CREOG teaching awards, the SMFM Research Excellence award, and the Joe V Meigs Research Award from The Society of Pelvic Surgeons. Dr. Bennett is actively involved with seven national professional organizations as well as three Canadian and three international organizations.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Brian M. Casey, MD

**UT Southwestern Medical Center
Dallas, Texas**

Dr. Casey is a Professor with tenure in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas Southwestern. He is the Division Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship. Dr. Casey is also the Chief of Obstetrics at Parkland Hospital. He completed his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey and went on to complete his subspecialty training in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at UT Southwestern. He is an active clinician with an extensive 20-year experience in clinical research at Parkland Hospital. Dr. Casey also has experience nationally in the Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU) Network. He was the PI for the UT Southwestern site in the Network and is the protocol subcommittee chair for the very successful MFMU Network TSH trial that screened more than 97,000 pregnant women throughout the United States and boasts a 5-year follow-up rate for offspring of 92%. His areas of interest include maternal medical complications of pregnancy and he is recognized internationally as an expert in thyroid disease during pregnancy. Dr. Casey is also an editor for the iconic Williams Obstetrics textbook.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Eugene Chang, MD

**Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina**

Dr. Chang received a degree in Chemistry from the University of Virginia and attended the Virginia Commonwealth University for his medical degree. He then trained in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. After completing training, he served in the United States Air Force as part of the 437th medical group and was assigned to Naval Hospital Charleston. Following his commitment to the United States military and an honorable discharge, he returned to the Medical University of South Carolina for subspecialty training.

As a fellow in maternal fetal medicine, Dr. Chang pursued interests in higher education administration completing several graduate level classes at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Simultaneously, he developed research interests in preeclampsia and perinatal brain injury and has been successfully funded in these areas. Presently, Dr. Chang continues collaborative research efforts with investigators locally studying mesenchymal stem cells in lupus, factors associated with endothelial progenitor cell senescence, perinatal neuroprotection, and diabetes/preeclampsia.

Dr. Chang is currently a Professor in the Department of Ob/Gyn, the Director of Medical Education for the Department and an Informatics Medical Director for the University. He oversees education efforts geared towards Fellows, residents, and medical students. He is married (Toya) and has two children (Anna Grace, 17 and Ellis, 13).

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Rita W. Driggers, MD

**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine,
Sibley Memorial Hospital
Washington, District of Columbia**

Dr. Rita Driggers attended medical school at the University of Tennessee followed by residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Uniformed Services Residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. She then completed fellowship training in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, which was followed by 14 years of service in the U.S. Navy. During the majority of her time in the Navy she was stationed at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where she served as Chief of Obstetrics and Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division as well as Associate Residency Program Director. Upon leaving the Navy, Dr. Driggers joined the faculty at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC, serving as the Program Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship and Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Driggers is currently Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Medical Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at Johns Hopkins Sibley Memorial Hospital. In her spare time, Dr. Driggers serves as an American Board of Obstetrician and Gynecologists (ABOG) General Oral Board Examiner and a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Scientific Program Committee and Zika Expert Work Group.

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Lorraine Dugoff, MD

**University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Dr. Lorraine Dugoff attended medical school at Georgetown University followed by residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Pennsylvania Hospital and the University of Colorado. She then completed fellowship training in Clinical Genetics and Maternal Fetal Medicine at the University of Colorado. She was the PI of the FASTER Trial at the University of Colorado. Dr. Dugoff was a WRHR scholar at the University of Colorado. She served as the Medical Student Clerkship Director and Director of Undergraduate Medical Education for 10 years. She was the PI of an R03 grant focused on studying first trimester prediction of adverse obstetric outcomes. In 2011 Dr. Dugoff served as the PI for the University of Colorado MFMU Network site. She is currently the Chief of Reproductive Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania, where she has worked since 2012. She is a co-investigator for the University of Pennsylvania MFMU Network site, the University of Pennsylvania PI for the MFMU Network pessary trials (TOPS and PROSPECT) and the site PI for the CHAP trial. She is the Medical Director of the Cancer Risk Assessment Program at Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital. Dr. Dugoff is the co-director of the Reproductive Screening Special Interest Group for the International Society of Prenatal Diagnosis. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine and the Perinatal Quality Foundation.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MSc, FACOG

**Columbia University Medical Center
New York, New York**

Board certified in Ob/Gyn & Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM), Dr. Gyamfi focuses on obstetric complications, particularly in preterm birth prevention, as well as gestational diabetes, preeclampsia, and thrombophilias in pregnancy. As the Director of the MFM Fellowship Training Program at Columbia University, she oversees the training of nine fellows — one of the largest training programs in the USA — and is also the Medical Director of the Perinatal Clinics.

A proficient NIH-funded researcher working on multiple clinical trials, Dr. Gyamfi is an integral part of Columbia's team of investigators in the MFM Units Network at the NIH; as lead PI, she recently completed the multi-center, randomized ALPS trial designed to improve neonatal outcomes in infants of women at risk for late preterm birth; the findings were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and a long-term follow-up to this study is planned. She's lectured worldwide and published numerous articles in other areas of her research.

Dr. Gyamfi serves the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) as a member of the board and a member of the Publications Committee — a national group of highly-regarded MFM specialists who write guidelines on clinical practice — and is a founding member of the SMFM Research Committee. Additionally, she's served as a faculty member for the annual NICHD conference, as the Chair of the AAP/Abbott sponsored Santa Fe conference for Neonatal and Perinatal Fellows, and is also an AGOS member.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Karl R. Hansen, MD, PhD

**University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Dr. Karl R. Hansen is the James A. Merrill Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, OK. Since completing his residency at the University of Oklahoma and his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Washington, he has successfully developed a strong Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility team providing service, research, and education. Dr. Hansen's research efforts have focused on the reproductive aging process and in improving outcomes for couples with unexplained infertility. Dr. Hansen is a PI in the NICHD's multicenter Reproductive Medicine Network, having participated as a lead contributor for multiple clinical investigations. He is an active member of ASRM, where he serves on the Practice Committee and SART, where he serves on the Quality Assurance Committee. Dr. Hansen reviews and/or is an editorial board member for multiple reproductive sciences journals, and he has authored over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts and published abstracts. His expressed career goal is to facilitate practice and research opportunities for members of our specialty.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Giancarlo Mari, MD, MBA

**University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Memphis, Tennessee**

Giancarlo Mari, MD, FACOG, FAIUM, MBA, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as the Chief of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, at UTHSC. He also serves as the Director of the High Risk Obstetrics Center of Excellence at the MED. Dr. Mari joined UTHSC in May of 2008. He has pioneered the assessment of the fetal circulation with Doppler ultrasound. During his tenure at Yale University, he was the principal investigator of a multicenter research project that has brought non-invasive Doppler ultrasound techniques to the diagnosis of fetal anemia. This has become the standard of care for the diagnosis of fetal anemia in the US, as well as in many areas of the world. Prior to this discovery, many babies were dying in-utero because of invasive and often unnecessary procedures. This has been considered one of the most important achievements in fetal medicine.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Sanaz Memarzadeh, MD, PhD

**University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California**

Dr. Sanaz Memarzadeh, MD, PhD is a board-certified clinician-scientist with an active surgical practice treating women with gynecologic cancers at UCLA. She is a tenured Professor and the director of a highly productive research team. During her residency training she realized a vital need for basic science research that could help elucidate causes of gynecologic malignancies. She pursued a clinical fellowship in gynecologic oncology and simultaneously began her training as a basic scientist. After completion of her training, simultaneous with launching her clinical practice she founded the UCLA G.O. Discovery Laboratory.

Sanaz is passionate about being a woman clinician-scientist who works both at the bedside and the bench. Working directly with patients has provided her an acute perspective on the shortcomings in treatments for women with gynecologic cancers. In fact, every question asked in her laboratory is born out of an important and unanswered question from the clinic. With her affiliations including a professorship at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine, a clinical practice at Ronald Regan Medical Center and the West Los Angeles Veterans Hospital, basic science affiliations and collaborations in the UCLA Stem Cell and Cancer Center she is primed to effectively perform translational research. Her career goal is to develop more effective and less toxic therapies for women impacted by gynecologic malignancies and train the next generation of clinician-scientists.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Hope A. Ricciotti, MD

**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,
Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts**

Dr. Hope Ricciotti is the Chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and an Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School. She rose in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to her current role as Department Chair, with prior roles of the Division Director in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vice Chair for Education, and Vice Chair. She practices obstetrics and gynecology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. At Harvard Medical School, Dr. Ricciotti is the Co-Chair of the Resident as Teacher Interest Group for the Harvard Medical School Academy, the OBGYN Clerkship Committee Chair, and a member of the Harvard Medical School Curriculum Committee. Her academic interests include resident-as-teacher and leadership curriculum development and training, and culture change in academic medicine. Her clinical interests are in reducing health care disparities, and she practices obstetrics, advanced contraception, and ambulatory women's health care. She has authored textbook chapters and edited books in OBGYN and women's health. She is a sought-after speaker and has given presentations throughout the United States and China on leadership, culture, and education in academic medicine. She also educates the public, and is the Editor-in-Chief for Harvard Women's Health Watch, Harvard Health Publications and is a regular blogger for the Harvard Health Blog. She is the co-author, along with her chef-husband, of five health-related cookbooks, and was a member of Oprah's women's health tour.

2016 New AGOS Fellows



Lynn M. Westphal, MD

**Stanford University, School of Medicine
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Lynn Marie Westphal, MD, FACOG, graduated summa cum laude from Lawrence University, earned her M.D. degree at Stanford University, and did her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA and Stanford University. She did a fellowship in molecular biology at Stanford University, and completed her fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at UCSF.

Dr. Westphal joined the faculty at Stanford University in 1998 and is a Professor in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Founder and Director of the Fertility Preservation Program, Director of the Third Party Reproduction Program, Director of the REI Fellowship, and Co-Director of the Women's Health and Sex Differences Scholarly Application. Her interest in fertility preservation for cancer survivors led her to set up one of the first oocyte cryopreservation programs in the country in 1999. She was the Director of Women's Health at Stanford from 2005-2012. In 2012, she co-founded the Stanford Center for Health Research on Women and Sex Differences in Medicine (WSDM). She has held numerous national leadership positions (including American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Pacific Coast Reproductive Society, Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology) as well as serving an examiner for the REI Boards. Her research focuses on fertility preservation and factors that can impact fertility treatment outcomes. She has 91 peer-reviewed publications, 105 abstracts, and 9 published book chapters.

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Jennifer M. Wu, MD, MPH

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

Dr. Jennifer Wu is originally from Frederick, MD. She earned her BA in Biology from Harvard University and her MD from the University of California at San Francisco. She trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital & Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA and then completed a fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Concurrently, she received her Master in Public Health in Epidemiology at the UNC School of Public Health. From 2007-2012, Dr. Wu served on the faculty at Duke University.

In 2013, Dr. Wu re-joined the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at UNC-Chapel Hill to continue her clinical practice in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) and pursue clinical research. She is actively engaged in clinical trials and multidisciplinary research in pelvic floor disorders with collaborators in epidemiology, gastroenterology, geriatrics, nursing, and genetic epidemiology. She currently serves on the Board of the American Urogynecologic Society and is a member of the editorial board for the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery journal. She is dedicated to caring for women suffering from pelvic floor disorders, advancing research of these conditions and training future FPMRS clinician-scientists.

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Christopher M. Zahn, MD

**American College of
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Christopher M. Zahn, MD, is currently the Vice President of Practice Activities at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is the former Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS), and currently holds the position as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pathology at USUHS. He is a graduate of USUHS, and completed residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, followed by a residency in anatomic pathology and fellowship in gynecologic pathology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Zahn is Board-certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Anatomic Pathology. Dr. Zahn has previously served in numerous roles in ACOG, including several leadership positions at the Section and District office levels. Dr. Zahn is a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and recently served on the ACGME Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Ivica Zalud, MD, PhD

**Department of OB/GYN and Women's Health,
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Dr. Ivica Zalud graduated from the University of Zagreb School of Medicine in Croatia where he also earned PhD in Doppler ultrasound. He completed OB/GYN residency at the Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, NY and fellowship in MFM at the Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He is certified by the ABOG in general OB/GYN and MFM. He is elected fellow of ACOG, AIUM and AGOS. Currently, he is a professor and Kosasa endowed chair of OB/GYN Department the John A Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Dr. Zalud was a founding MFM fellowship program director. His international portfolio includes being an executive director of the Ian Donald Inter-University School of Medical Ultrasound, co-editor in the Donald School Journal of Ultrasound in OB/GYN, vice-president of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine and vice-president of “The Fetus as a Patient” International Society. Most recently he was elected as a International Academy of Perinatal Medicine Associate Fellow. He has published 249 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters and abstracts. He co-edited textbook on Doppler in OB/GYN. He received numerous national and international awards and served as an invited speaker or oral presenter of original research at 116 national/international conferences. His clinical and research interests include Doppler ultrasound, prenatal diagnosis and ultrasound applications in postmenopausal patients. For many years in row he was voted among the Best Doctors in Hawaii.

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In Memoriam

In Memoriam



Sir Malcolm Campbell Macnaughton

July 1, 2016

Sir Malcolm (Callum) Campbell Macnaughton died on July 1, 2016, at the age of 91. He graduated MB ChB from the University of Glasgow in 1948 and received his MD from the University of Glasgow in 1970. Following graduation, he worked as a resident at the Victoria Infirmary and Rottenrow maternity hospital before serving from 1948-1950 as Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps in Hong Kong.

After leaving the army, Dr. Macnaughton returned as a senior lecturer first at the Victoria Infirmary and then Glasgow's Southern General Hospital. It was his subsequent two years at Bellshill Maternity that really fueled his passion for research in reproductive science. He was lecturer in

the famous University Department of Sir Dugald Baird in Aberdeen from 1957- 1961 and then he moved to Tayside to an NHS Consultant post with honorary senior lecturer status at the University of St. Andrews from 1961-1970. He would eventually be appointed as the Muirhead Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Glasgow University in 1970 where he would remain until his retirement in 1990.

During his career, Dr. Macnaughton championed that women should be free from the tyranny of excessive fertility and worked quietly and diplomatically to convince doctors of the advantages of family planning and, when necessary, therapeutic abortion. He would play a key role in persuading Parliament and U.K. society of the need for abortion reform, resulting in the passage of the Abortion Act in 1967.

At the same time, he was dedicated to helping women suffering from infertility and helped shaped the regulation of assisted reproduction technologies in the U.K. After being elected as president of the Royal College of Gynecologists in 1984, he went on to become president of the British Fertility Society in 1992.

Dr. Macnaughton was the author of numerous papers and books and, upon his retirement, continued to be involved with research as chair of Tenovus Scotland, an organization that supported the development of young investigators. For his many accomplishments in the field of obstetrics and gynecology, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1986.

– Submitted by Ronald D. Alvarez, MD

In Memoriam



Egon Diczfalusy, MD September 19, 2016

Egon Diczfalusy, MD, passed away on September 19, 2016 at the age of 96. He was Professor Emeritus and Honorary Professor of many universities all over the world. The work that gave Dr. Diczfalusy his international fame was the definition of the human feto-placental unit. From there on, the main focus of his scientific work remained the hormones involved in human reproduction.

Dr. Diczfalusy was born September 19, 1920, in a small city in Hungary in a military family. He graduated summa cum laude in Medicine from the Semmelweis University. His research work, interestingly, began as an intern tasked with replicating a study of a Nobel laureate for which he

was unable to confirm the results, which led to his first published work being a negative report. His interest in human reproduction research began following the war when he moved to Stockholm to undertake hormonal research at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1954, he would go on to become the head of the Hormone Laboratory in Karolinska Institutet, which soon became one of the leading institutions in the world on steroid hormone biogenesis and metabolism.

In 1971, together with Alexander Kessler working at WHO, Dr. Diczfalusy cofounded an expanded program of research, development and research training in human reproduction (HRP). The main focus of the program at that time was to develop new methods of contraception and further research on existing methods.

His colleague Dr. Ian Askew, Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, including the UNDP/ UNFPA/ UNICEF/ WHO/ World Bank Special Programme — HRP, was quoted as saying “Through his life’s work in research, Egon Diczfalusy has left the world a better place for women and couples around the world. His contribution to the development of contraceptive methods and to our understanding of contraceptive safety and use was enormous and deserves to be celebrated and remembered.” His work will continue nevertheless through the Egon and Ann Diczfalusy Foundation that was set up to support science and development in Eastern Europe.

– *Submitted by Ronald D. Alvarez, MD*

In Memoriam



Frederic D. Frigoletto, Jr., MD
October 31, 2016

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that Fredric D. Frigoletto Jr., MD, former chief of the MGH Obstetrics Division and an extraordinary physician, died October 31, 2016 at the age of 83.

Dr. Frigoletto was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and remained in the Boston area for the majority of his life. After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at Brown University and serving in the U.S. Army, he received his MD from Boston University School of Medicine in 1962. He was a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the Boston Hospital for Women, which would later merge with Peter Bent Brigham and Robert Breck Brigham hospitals to

become Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). He served as medical director for Ambulatory Services and director of Educational Services there before becoming director of Obstetrics from 1974 to 1980, chief of Maternal-Fetal Medicine until 1989, and later vice chairman and medical director of BWH obstetrics.

He received his certificate of Special Competence in Maternal Fetal Medicine in 1975. Dr. Frigoletto was best known for his work in the management of erythroblastosis fetalis, amniocentesis and ultrasound surveillance of fetal well being. He was principal investigator of two pivotal randomized controlled trials in our field, the RADIUS study investigating the utility of routine vs. indicated ultrasound examinations on pregnancy outcomes and the ACT study comparing routine vs. active management of labor on cesarean delivery rates.

In 1993, Dr. Frigoletto was recruited to the MGH by Isaac Schiff, MD, who called him "one of the country's most distinguished leaders in obstetrics." He became the associate chairman of the MGH Obstetrics and Gynecology Department as well as the Charles Montraville Green & Robert Montraville Green Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Harvard Medical School. Together they – along with members of the team they assembled and inspired – worked to create the Vincent Obstetric Service at MGH.

Throughout his career, Dr. Frigoletto was known as a physician who put his heart into every project. It was his heart, however, that also proved to be a major problem and after five months of uncertainty about his health, he

received his new heart. “Gratitude and joy” in even the smallest things is how he described his new lease on life following his transplant – and he remained passionate and vocal about the life-changing decision one can make to become an organ donor. For the remainder of his life, Dr. Frigoletto continued to enjoy and embrace his favorite things, including quality time with his tight-knit family and friends, an enthusiastic love of automobiles and warm summer days at his home in Rockport, MA.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Frigoletto served on a number of local and national committees and organizations, including as president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists from 1996-1997, chair of the National March of Dimes Scientific Advisory Committee on Prematurity, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Maternal Mortality Committee and the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction Expert Panel in Obstetrics. He authored more than 200 papers, abstracts and books.

*– Respectfully submitted by his former fellows and residents:
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In Memoriam



Thomas H. Kirschbaum, MD
September 16, 2013

Thomas H. Kirschbaum, MD, died at age 84 in Manhattan, New York, on September 16, 2013. He was a native of Minneapolis, MN, who attended college and medical school at the University of Minnesota where he also completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. Of note, he served as ship's doctor on an icebreaker in the Arctic during the Korean War.

He had a long and distinguished academic career in as a Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty member at the University of Utah, UCLA, USC, Albert Einstein, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Michigan State, where he served as the founding chair. He also briefly

worked as a special consultant at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Dr. Kirschbaum was a true leader in the specialty. He served on the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Board of the Fertility Society. He chaired the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Review Committee for the AMA and was president of the Society of Gynecologic Investigation. For many years, he co-edited the Yearbook of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Submitted by Ronald D. Alvarez, MD

In Memoriam



Joseph Pratt, Jr., MD

October 11, 2003

Joseph Pratt, Jr., MD, died on October 11, 2003 in Rochester, MN. Dr. Pratt was born on March 9, 1911, in Chapel Hill, NC, to Joseph and Mary Pratt as their only child. He received the degrees of BA (1933) from the University of North Carolina and MD (1937) from Harvard Medical School. He was an intern at Boston City Hospital (1938-1940). He entered the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education in 1940 as a fellow in surgery and received the MS degree in surgery from the University of Minnesota in 1947.

Dr. Pratt was appointed a Mayo Clinic consultant in surgery in 1945 and served as head of the Section of Gynecologic Surgery (1965-1972). Doctor Pratt advanced

through the academic ranks to become Professor of Clinical Surgery at Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, University of Minnesota, in 1963, and Professor of Surgery at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in 1973. He was active and received honors in a number of professional associations. He was President of the Society of Pelvic Surgeons (1968-1969), President of the Vaginal Surgeons Society (1979-1980; now known as Society of Gynecologic Surgery) and a governor of the American College of Surgeons (1964-1970). Doctor Pratt retired from Mayo Clinic on March 31, 1977, after 32 years as a consultant in surgery.

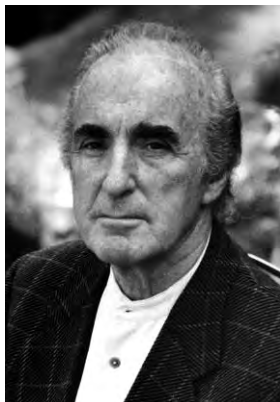
Dr. Pratt maintained a special interest in certain extensive surgical procedures for neoplastic diseases of the female reproductive system, an area in which he contributed substantially to the literature. His research interests included pelvic malignancies, morbidity of pelvic surgery, and surgical incidence of endometriosis. He wrote or coauthored more than 200 articles, including many on lesions and surgical problems of the abdomen and female pelvis. His surgical versatility was also exemplified by his operative procedures for congenital anomalies and in reconstructive procedures for pelvic relaxation.

Although he was a prominent surgeon, he was never arrogant, and he showed great patience and confidence in dealing with the patient who had undergone many operations. As a teacher of future surgeons, he was the best of mentors. He was a talented speaker and lively raconteur who spoke with a natural assurance that came from his remarkably broad experience with some of the most difficult operations that any gynecologic surgeon could face.

He never spoke a harsh word and always made even the least experienced residents feel that they were important members of the surgical team.

*– Submitted by John B. Gebhart, MD
and John O. L. DeLancey, MD*

In Memoriam



Harold Schulman, MD
September 17, 2016

Harold Schulman, MD, died at age 85 at his home in Pleasantville, New York. He was born in a slum in Newark, NJ, and went on to be a pioneering doctor in research on women's health and an advocate for reproductive rights.

Dr. Schulman earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Florida in 1951 and his MD at Emory University School of Medicine in 1955. He began his trailblazing work during his residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL, where, in 1961, Schulman worked alongside Dr. Georgios Papanicolaou. He went on to publish more than 185 scientific papers and three books on

women's health and appeared before Congress to testify on Roe vs. Wade.

After leaving Jackson in 1961, Dr. Schulman became an associate professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and during his 12-year tenure there oversaw the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology at four New York City hospitals.

His long term Einstein associate, Dr. Jesse Ellman, said of Dr. Schulman that “he was his consultant for obstetrics for many years, that he was brilliant, and that he was a doctor’s doctor.” Dr. Ellman said Dr. Schulman was an exceptional personal and professional role model for many and credited him for developing a top notch residency at Einstein.

Dr. Schulman was also a lover of theater, opera and the arts. He loved reading and had a library of over 1,000 books in his home. When he died, his daughter said he was surrounded by his family, dog and copies of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology so he could get in “a little light reading.”

*– Submitted by Jesse Ellman, MD
and Ronald D. Alvarez, MD*

In Memoriam



Antonio Scommegna, MD

March 28, 2017

Antonio Scommegna, MD died on March 28, 2017. After a memorial service in Chicago, IL, he was buried at his family's plot in Barletta, Italy. He came to the U.S. as a Fulbright Scholar in 1954, and, after an internship in Boston, took a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Michael Reese Hospital. He became a leader in the field of Reproductive Medicine and eventually became Chair of the Department at Michael Reese Hospital when it was affiliated with the University of Chicago. He was an outstanding clinician, researcher, and teacher. He trained over 200 residents at Michael Reese and later at the University of Illinois. Many physicians considered him the father of infertility treatment in Chicago.

I first came to know Dr. Scommegna while he was Chair at Michael Reese Hospital and was working with the Search Committee that brought me to the University of Chicago. After I became the Chair at the University of Chicago, he and I worked cooperatively together for our joint program between Michael Reese and the University of Chicago. I greatly appreciated that he was always honest and a gentleman in his dealings and efforts. Such cooperation was not always present between these two institutions and the relationship eventually dissolved.

Dr. Scommegna became the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Illinois and continued his leadership position in our discipline. Nonetheless, we remained friends and Lee and I would on occasion meet him and his wife Lillian for an excellent Italian dinner which was a delightful evening experience.

After his retirement, he cultivated grapes and bottled wine at his vineyard in southern Wisconsin which added to his enjoyment of fine food and wine. These activities, along with his impressive academic career, all contributed to his lifelong adherence to excellence.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends, trainees, and grateful patients.

– Submitted by Arthur L. Herbst, MD

In Memoriam



John Daniel Thompson, Sr., MD
January 11, 2017

John Daniel Thompson Sr., MD, passed away on January 11, 2017, at the age of 89. Born in Plains, GA, in 1927, Dr. John Daniel Thompson Sr., spent his childhood observing his father, Dr. John Barkwell Thompson, at work in the hospital and the operating room. He became enamored with his father's work and with the field of medicine, often having classmates pretend to be his "patients." Dr. Thompson's early interest in medicine developed into a decades-long career in medicine and a steadfast commitment to medical education.

In 1944, Dr. Thompson earned a high school diploma from the Baylor School in Chattanooga, TN. He earned

a BS degree in 1948 and a MD degree in 1951, both from Emory University, and completed residencies in gynecology and obstetrics and in pathology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. After beginning his academic career on the medical faculty of Johns Hopkins University and Louisiana State University, Dr. Thompson became associate professor at Emory University in 1959. Two years later, at the age of 34, he was named Chair of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University, becoming the youngest chair of a gynecology and obstetrics department in the United States. It was a position he would hold for several decades. As Chair, Dr. Thompson expanded the number of faculty in the department, and ushered in a new era of excellence in gynecologic and obstetric care and research.

Throughout his academic career, Dr. Thompson trained hundreds of medical students, residents, fellows, and surgeons; received numerous accolades; and published extensively. He was coeditor of the sixth, seventh, and eighth editions of Te Linde's *Operative Gynecology*, which is widely regarded as the one of the most authoritative and comprehensive texts in the field. As a mentor and as an author, his descriptions of surgical procedures and techniques were comprehensive, detail-oriented, and memorable.

Perhaps Dr. Thompson's most impactful work, however, was through his redefinition of the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology to include the overall health of women from infancy to adulthood. He emphasized consideration of the social determinants of health in providing care to patients. As Dr. Thompson himself wrote in 1971, this framework guided his approach to medical care and treatment:

“In order to improve the quality of reproductive performance, we must design programs of care to fit the needs of the population to be served and based on their characteristics, their assets, and their liabilities. And we, therefore, recognized the importance of the behavioral, the social, and other non-biologic factors which may affect the outcome of pregnancy adversely or favorably. It is only by knowing who our patients are that we can design better programs of care for them.”

Through his unparalleled work as a physician, academician, and leader, Dr. Thompson leaves behind a rich legacy of transformation that will impact and inspire generations to come.

– Submitted by John A. Rock, MD

In Memoriam



Jan Valentyn van der Merwe, MD
September 25, 2015

Jan Valentyn van der Merwe's illustrious career began after he completed a research fellowship at Duke University in the U.S. and returned to South Africa as Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Pretoria University. In this role, he pioneered the establishment of an assisted reproduction unit in South Africa, which was ultimately responsible for the first successful IVF procedure in South Africa.

In the late 1980s, van der Merwe became the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Pretoria and subsequently played a leading role within the Coordinating Committee of Deans of Medical Faculties of South Africa,

for which he served as Chairman from 1989 to 1994. His involvement and leadership were particularly significant during the period of change within the healthcare industry during South Africa's transition to democracy. He was appointed by the then-Minister of Health as a member of the Implementation Support Group for Academic Hospitals of the National Department of Health.

Dr. van der Merwe was also involved in a number of statutory councils such as the National Population and Medicine Control Councils, the Council for Academic Hospitals, and the Health Professions Council of South Africa. He played a vital role in the development of policies related to both the private and public health sector. As the founder of the Board of Health Executives in the late 1990s, Dr. van der Merwe spearheaded the development of a Scientific Medicine Formulary, a first-of-its-kind document. The scientific formulary represented a major advancement in how medicine was prescribed. His involvement at Universal Healthcare resulted in several innovations, the most significant being the impact of basing healthcare funding decisions on scientific evidence and international best practice, with a caring approach.

Dr. van der Merwe was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his considerable contribution to medicine at the Healthcare Funders' inaugural Titanium Awards in 2015, soon before he died.

– Submitted by Ronald D. Alvarez, MD

In Memoriam



Willem (Willie) Abraham van Niekerk, MD
August 8, 2009

Willem (Willie) van Niekerk was born in Pretoria on June 29, 1937 and grew up on the family farm located in the Free State Province in South Africa. After high school, he studied medicine and surgery at the University of Pretoria, graduating in 1959. He worked as a researcher for the Roswell Park Memorial Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York, before returning to South Africa in 1960 where he worked at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Pretoria.

In 1969, Dr. van Niekerk obtained his MD and he was appointed a lecturer/consultant at the University of Pretoria where he taught. In 1970, he moved to the University

of Stellenbosch where he was given a full professorship and made Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He was appointed as a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (FRCOG) in London in 1971.

Dr. van Niekerk left the University of Stellenbosch in 1982 to enter politics. He renounced his presidency of the International Academy of Cytology in 1983 and was appointed administrator of South-West Africa. He served as Minister of Health and Population Development in the Cabinet of P. W. Botha from 1985 until 1989, when he was appointed Chairman of the President's Council by South African State President F. W. de Klerk. In 1993, as the National Party began to lose its grip on power, Van Niekerk left politics to return to the private sector as a gynecologist in the suburbs of Cape Town and eventually retired in 2004.

Dr. van Niekerk was the author of several publications on cytology, cytogenetics, gynecology and obstetrics, and gynecologic pathology. He was the first to describe the cytological appearance of cervical cells in folate deficiency, which had certain similarities with pre-neoplastic changes. His doctoral thesis on hermaphroditism, published in 1972, is considered the authoritative work on the subject. He became an honorary member of the combination of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Gynecological Society in 1981.

– Submitted by Ronald D. Alvarez, MD

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