



### If You Don't Read Anything Else, Read This!

- ◆ Send research interests to Wendy Roemer and she'll find funding opportunities!
- ◆ ORA/CRE offices have moved to 2-4314 and 2-4309.
- ◆ The OB/GYN Research Workshop is held Tuesdays 12-1pm in the Thiede Room.
- ◆ Please remember that **all** internal and external grants should visit Wendy for review before they fly out the door!

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# ORA FLASH...

## Quick Tidbits to Make Your Research Life Easier

### WHAT ORA CAN AND WILL DO FOR YOU...

What counts as sponsored research? Grants, foundations, contracts, clinical trials, you name it.

Our goal is to support all faculty and staff in their sponsored research endeavors from the birth of a project through its flight to its eventual landing. Our involvement can start with just the kernel of an idea — searching for funding, pre-proposal development, proposal development all of these are things we can help you manage. We should be notified of the intent to submit a research proposal after the idea sparks in your head. Send an email, pick up the phone or shout to Wendy Roemer when you pass her in the hall. At this point we will research the opportunity specifics, set up a timeline and parcel out tasks. If it would be helpful, Shanna Swan can work with you on the structure of your proposal or the presentation of the research plan. Wendy will work with you to develop the budget, complete all administrative pages, and interface between our Department and any other partners involved in the

project. Wendy will also work with U of R's Office of Research and Sponsor Programs (ORPA) to get the required approvals for submission. We have a great relationship with Marlene Boutet, our ORPA representative.

Got Funding? Our office is responsible for the financial oversight for all research programs within the department. We maintain the grant files, reconcile ledgers, change personnel forms and work with you to ensure that the available funding is spent efficiently and within the guidelines of the funding agency, organization, or company.

Our early involvement gives you the added value and security that the administrative details and research plan will be strong, robust and competitive. Our continued involvement ensures that your science can flow without administrative or financial snags to hold up your progress or consume your time.

### UPCOMING RESEARCH WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

March 25: **Rick Stahlhut**— Introduction to NHANES: the CDC's great (& free) research data resource

April 1: **Tom Fogg**—Research Tools in GCRC and CTSI Available to OB/GYN Researchers

April 8: **Shanna Swan**—How to Write a Grant (Recommendations from an NIH Program Officer)

April 15: TBA (This could be you—contact Rebecca Rowley!)

April 22: RCTRC **Eric Meslin**—Human Subjects Protection Program (held in Whipple Auditorium 2-6424)

April 29: **Monique Ho**—Culture and Differentiation of Second Trimester Amniotic Fluid-Derived Stem Cells

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Grants:

- ◆ **Ruth Anne Queenan, Nancy Stanwood and Lorelei Thornburg** are all part of a grant, funded in January by the AAMC/CDC, to develop a public health curriculum for OB/GYN residents.
- ◆ **Monique Ho, Ron Wood and Lorelei Thornburg** were all funded in their proposals to the Mae Stone Goode Foundation.

### Publications:

- ◆ **Joanne Stevens** has recently published an article on oral health in the *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing* and has had another article accepted for publication in the *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** has recently published five articles, two in *Fertility and Sterility* and three in *Pediatrics*.

- ◆ **Rich Miller** has recently published an article on reactive oxygen, diabetes and toxicity in the placenta in the journal *Placenta*.

### Awards, Etc.:

- ◆ **Michael Flynn's** podium presentation, and the associated manuscript, at the Society of Urodynamics and Female Urology (SUFU) won the meeting's prize for clinical research manuscript.
- ◆ **Cynthia Angel** was selected as one of "America's Top Oncologists" for 2007 by the Consumer Research Council of America.
- ◆ **Kathy Hoeger** will be presenting at the Endocrine Society Meeting in June in San Francisco.

*If you have something to share (an award, presentation, publication, grant, other exciting news, etc.) please send an email to Rebecca Rowley (rebecca\_rowley@urmc.rochester.edu) and we'll include you in our next issue!*

## THIS AND THAT

- ◆ **We've Moved!** The Office of Research Assistance and the Center for Reproductive Epidemiology have moved! Our bright and cheery new office space is located where the Andrology Lab used to be (rooms 2-4314 and 2-4309). We're excited to have a little elbow room and our entire team in one place. We are very grateful to Dr. Woods for his work to make our new space possible. Please stop by anytime and see our new digs.
- ◆ **ORA offers a Research Workshop weekly.** During Spring 2008 these meetings will be on Tuesdays from 12-1pm in the Thiede Room (2-2355). If you'd like to be added to the announcement distribution list, please send an email to Rebecca Rowley.
- ◆ Please welcome ORA's newest staff members, Wendy Roemer and Meena Elumalai! They both join us with many skills that will be extremely valuable.



- ◆ **Why ORA Flash?** ORA Flash exists to educate the members of the OB/GYN department about grants and related issues, to keep us in touch with each other's research, and to offer resources to make the whole grant process easier. If there's something you'd like us to include in an upcoming issue, please let us know!

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