



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

- ◆ Resident Research Day is May 22—don't miss it!
- ◆ WRHR Symposium June 1-3—see page 2.
- ◆ NIH deadlines are coming—see page 2.
- ◆ 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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Quick Tidbits to Make Your Research Life Easier

SAVE THE DATE! RESIDENT RESEARCH DAY, MAY 22

The OB/GYN Residency Program is pleased to announce our annual presentation of the hard work of our second and third year residents and their faculty mentors on May 22nd. The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Mark Noble, Professor of Genetics and Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy, Dept. of Biomedical Genetics, and Co-Director of the Reeve-Richter Center of Research Excellence in Spinal Cord Injury. He is world-renowned for his decades of contribution to stem cell biology, particularly in the field of environmental effects on neural development, and will be speaking about Stem Cell Physiology.

The presentation topics this year are (as usual) diverse and exciting, promising something of interest from all divisions of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We will also be presenting our annual research and teaching awards, to honor those who tirelessly dedicate their time and efforts to the advancement of women's health.

Resident Research Day Presentations, in alphabetical order by first author:

Uroflow Measurements in Healthy Female Volunteers

Stephanie Ahmed MD, MaryAnn Perevich RN,
Anna McNanley MD, Gunhilde Buchsbaum, MD

The effect of the interaction of PDIP38 and human papillomavirus 16 E7 on the presence of retinoblastoma protein

Amy Benjamin-Pratt MD, Eugene Toy MD

Baseline activity level and metabolic risk profile in obese PCOS adolescents and the effect of lifestyle modification on fitness capacity and cardiovascular metabolic profile.

Anita Gandhi MD, Kathleen Hoeger MD

Semen Quality of Fertile US Males in Relation to their Consumption of Organic Produce

Sraddha P. Helfrich MD, Rick Stahlhaut MD, MPH,
Meena Elumalai MS, Shanna Swan PhD

Completion Rates for ultrasound anatomic surveys in obese gravid patients compared with non-obese controls

Kathryn Miles, Lorelei L. Thornburg, Monique Ho, Eva K. Pressman

Nuchal Translucency measurements in the obese gravida

Marcy Mulconry MD, Lorelei L. Thornburg MD,
Eva K. Pressman MD

Rates of completion of "soft marker" aneuploidy screening in obesity

Lily Tsai MD, Lorelei L. Thornburg MD, Monique Ho MD,
Eva K. Pressman MD

The Effectiveness of a Modified Technique for Transurethral Collagen Injection for the Management of Stress Urinary Incontinence

Sarah Warner, MD, James Q. Pulvino, MD,
Gunhilde M. Buchsbaum, MD, Erin Duecy, MD,
Michael K. Flynn, MD, MHS

Placement of laminaria tents does not improve time to delivery in patients undergoing second trimester labor induction with misoprostol

Amy Zastrow MD, Lorelei L. Thornburg MD, Daniel Grace MD,
Angela L. Gray MD, J. Christopher Glantz MD MPH,
Eva K. Pressman MD

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Community Outreach and Patient Care:

- ◆ The **Strong Midwifery Group** is now seeing patients at the Woodward Health Care Center and will soon be a part of providing centering prenatal care to women in the Young Mothers Program. Thanks to SMG for caring for our community!
- ◆ **The Strong Fertility Center** is celebrating 25 years of helping families grow. Congratulations to the entire team!

Grants and Publications:

- ◆ **Joanne Stevens'** article, "Promotion of Critical Thinking in Clinical Post-conferences: An Integrative Peer Approach" was accepted February 22nd for publication in the *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*.
- ◆ **Patty Rodier** and **Chris Stodgell** published "Heterogeneous association between engrailed-2 and autism in the CPEA network" in the *Am. J. Med. Genet. B. Neuropsychiatr. Genet.*

- ◆ **Shanna Swan** has received a grant from the EU to study Semen Quality in Young Men in Rochester. She is also the featured scientist for the Collaborative on Health and the Environment this month.

Visit: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org>

Presentations and Honors:

- ◆ **Jim Woods** presented the keynote address entitled, "Preventing and Dealing with Adverse Outcomes" to the College Advisory Council, which represents the leadership for the country, at the ACOG annual meeting.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** is the chair of the upcoming Gordon Research Conference on Environmental Endocrine Disruptors which will be held June 8-13.

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!

WRHR SCHOLARS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, JUNE 1-3

The annual WRHR Scholars Research Symposium is coming to the University of Rochester Medical Center. We will play host to scholars from around the country as well as their mentors and the directors of the other WRHR programs. Podium presentations will be held in the Class of '62 room June 2-3 and posters will be

presented in Flaum Atrium on June 2 only. If you'd like to come hear the science or if you'd like more information, please email Rebecca Rowley at rebecca_rowley@urmc.rochester.edu for a registration form and the program. Attendance at the science portion is free!

THIS AND THAT

- ◆ **NIH deadlines are coming up!** June 5 is the deadline for new R01s, June 16 for new R21s and July 5 for renewals and resubmissions (internal deadlines apply). Please contact Wendy Roemer ASAP if you plan to submit any grants with these deadlines.
- ◆ **ORA offers a Research Workshop weekly.** During Spring 2008 these meetings will be on Tuesdays from 12-1pm in the Thiede Room (2-2355). Our last Spring presentation is June 10. We'll begin in the Fall on September 16 and meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please email Rebecca Rowley.
- ◆ **Upcoming Research Presentations:**
May 20: **Mark Roberson** (Cornell University, WRHR Program Mentor)—Dlx-3 and it's implications in preeclampsia

May 27: No Research Workshop (Memorial Day Holiday)
June 1-3: WRHR Scholars Research Symposium—see above.
June 4: **Virginia Winn** (University of Colorado WRHR Scholar)—TBA
June 10: **Kathy Hoeger**—TBA

Join us again September 16 for our Fall Series!

- ◆ **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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