



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

- ♦ Are you interested in helping a resident with their research? Do you have an idea a resident could be involved in? Contact Monique Ho!
- ♦ Next Research Workshop: October 6, 12-1pm
- ♦ Send research interests to Wendy Roemer and she'll find funding opportunities!
- ♦ 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

GETTING TOGETHER: FACULTY-MENTORED RESIDENT RESEARCH

One of the most enjoyable side effects of my position as resident research director is the ability to watch the spark of interest grow in trainees as they work with their faculty mentors. This is largely the result of the ownership that our residents feel toward their projects, and piquing of their intellectual curiosity, but I feel that a great deal of it is a reflection of the enthusiasm and interest of the mentors themselves. Because this is such a great process to watch (and rewarding for everyone involved), I would like to foster these relationships however I can.

Usually my role is indirect, informing residents of departmental areas of interest, and serving as a liaison for those faculty who tell me of projects that they would like to expand upon via resident involvement. I am quite happy to do this, so please email with any "faculty-with-idea-seeking-resident" or "resident-with-idea-seeking-faculty" queries for forwarding. Until now, this has been done on an individual basis, but as volume increases, I am considering an OB/GYN research "positions sought and offered" site on Blackboard or similar media equally accessible to both interested parties. Any suggestions are welcome as I develop this concept.

Some additional guidelines for working with residents on research projects:

- ♦ Please remember that the residents' time is finite. They must start and complete their projects in time for them to present in May of their third year. They also need to work their research into an 80 hour week. Fulfilling this requirement is often the hardest part of project design.

- ♦ Residents are expected to be directly involved in project development from the beginning, and should fulfill all effort requirements to be first author on a manuscript. Although it would be ideal, they do not have to independently conceive a research question, but should understand how the question was derived and be directly involved in design and execution of the study.
- ♦ By the Spring of their intern year, residents are expected to present a "Work in Progress", that identifies a research mentor, and a project concept with working title, and hypothesis. For this reason, the best people for faculty with ideas to approach for project are the interns before January. There are occasionally R2's and above interested in additional projects, but these are relatively few.
- ♦ Just as faculty have deadlines, there are a few resident-specific award and presentation deadlines throughout the year, such as the recent September ACOG Junior Fellow abstract submission. These awards are one way to get our department noticed, and usually offer a monetary reward as well. Please keep these in mind as you work. I will try to disseminate this information as I become aware.

I hope to hear from many of you in the months to come!

Monique Ho

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CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◆ **Shawn Murphy** has received funding for a developmental project on lymphoma as part of the SPORC grant awarded to the Wilmot Cancer Center.
- ◆ **Kathy Hoeger's** article entitled "The Impact of Metformin, Oral Contraceptives and Lifestyle Modification, on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome in Obese Adolescent Women in Two Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trials," was accepted for publication in The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.
- ◆ Research projects presented at the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting at the American Urogynecologic Society in Chicago (September 4 – 6):
 1. **Anna McNanley**, Aimee Johnson, **Mike Flynn**, **Ron Wood**, Scott Kennedy, Jay Reeder, "Inherited Pelvic Organ Prolapse in the Mouse: Preliminary Evaluation of a New Murine Model." (also accepted for publication in the International Urogynecology Journal.)
 2. **James Pulvino**, **Erin Duecy**, **Gunhilde Buchsbaum**, **Michael Flynn**, "Assessment of Two Postoperative Techniques Used to Predict Voiding Efficiency after Gynecologic Surgery."
 3. **Stephanie Ahmed**, **MaryAnn Pervich**, **Anna McNanley**, **Gunhilde Buchsbaum**, "Uroflow Measurements in Healthy Female Volunteers."
 4. **Gunhilde Buchsbaum** and **James Pulvino**, "A Modified Transurethral Collagen Injection Technique for the Management of Stress Urinary Incontinence."
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** and **Rick Stahlhut** received funding for a pilot study of BPA in infant formula from the Environmental Health Sciences Center.
- ◆ Resident **Miranda Harris** will present her research at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine annual meeting.
- ◆ **Daniel Grace**, **Angela Woodall**, and **Rich Miller** presented their work at the International Federation of Placenta Associations meeting in Austria.
- ◆ **Loralei Thornburg**, **Kristin Knight**, and **Eva Pressman** recently published an article entitled, "Maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein values in type 1 and type 2 diabetic patients" in the American Journal of Obstetrical Gynecology.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** gave invited lectures in Denmark, Sweden and Spain as part of a recent visit. Her research was highlighted in two Spanish newspapers.
- ◆ **Yanni Papadakos**, son of HH attending **Susan Dantoni**, was selected to be in "Stars, Stripes and Skates," a 911 fundraiser hosted by Olympic pairs champion JoJo Starbuck. The show will air in the fall on WABC.

If you have something to share (an award, presentation, publication, grant, other exciting news, etc.) please send an email to Rebecca Rowley.



THIS AND THAT

- ◆ Research Workshop is underway and meets the first Monday of each month. **Niels Jørgensen, MD, PhD**, an andrology and endocrinology researcher and physician from the University Hospital of Copenhagen will be our speaker on October 6. Lunch will be served. If you're interested in presenting or have a topic you'd like to learn more about, please contact Rebecca Rowley with your ideas.
- ◆ Please welcome the newest member of the Center for Reproductive Epidemiology, **Dr. Jaime Mendiola Olivares**. Jaime joins us on September 24 as a fellow from the Clínica Tahe Fertilidad in Murcia, Spain and will be in Rochester for a year to study with Shanna Swan.

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