



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

- ◆ Next Research Workshop: December 1, 12-1pm with Rick Stahlhut on BPA in NHANES.
- ◆ Keep your eyes peeled for new grant opportunities. Wendy is sending out every one she can find!
- ◆ 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

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE DIVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY

The Division of Reproductive Endocrinology has long-standing clinical interests in infertility treatment with active programs in ovulation induction, intrauterine insemination and in vitro fertilization. The clinical program includes 4 board certified subspecialty physicians, 2 nurse practitioners as well as 8 clinical nurses and a full IVF and andrology laboratory. Despite the busy clinical program the division also supports an active research arm. Lynda Kochman is the clinical research coordinator for the division and has been actively involved in recruitment and retention of all aspects of divisional clinical research.

Since 2000, the division has been nationally funded in research on polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS). Dr. Kathleen Hoeger has been actively investigating the role of lifestyle management and metformin in obese adolescent and adult women with PCOS. Since 2000, the division has had 31 abstracts accepted for presentation nationally, including 5 with residents as the presenting author. Publications from this research have appeared in *Fertility & Sterility* as well as the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*.

Dr. Vivian Lewis has been studying the role of antioxidants in sperm function in infertile men. Her work has led to several national presentations including the finding that increased soy intake was associated with improved DNA fragmentation index, a measure of sperm function. Her publications have appeared in *Fertility & Sterility*, *The International Journal of Andrology* and *Women's Health Issues*.

The division is currently collaborating with the Center for Reproductive Epidemiology on studies of sperm function in young men to assess the impact of beef consumption in their mother's pregnancy on subsequent semen parameters. This work is being funded by the European Union. The division looks forward to moving forward with additional programs in collaboration. We also plan to welcome a new physician in the summer of 2009, Dr. Adam Griffin, from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. His research interests include stem cell potential from amniotic fluid.

### NIH'S NEW PUBMED CENTRAL REQUIREMENT

The NIH Public Access policy mandates public access to the results of NIH funded research in order to advance science and improve human health. The policy applies to all peer-reviewed articles based on research funded by NIH that are accepted for publication on or after **April 7, 2008**. Authors are required to submit, or have submitted for them, an electronic copy of their final peer-reviewed manuscript to PubMed Central (PMC) upon acceptance for publication, where it will be made available to the public no

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◆ **David Guzick** was elected into the prestigious Institute of Medicine, one of the nation's highest honors in the fields of medicine and health.
- ◆ Residents **Stephanie Ahmed** and **Amy Benjamin** presented posters to the ACOG district meeting at the end of October in New York City.
- ◆ **Anna McNanley, Michael Flynn, and Ron Wood** published an article entitled, "Inherited pelvic organ prolapse in the mouse: preliminary evaluation of a new murine model" in the International Urogynecology Journal.
- ◆ **Chris Glantz** was quoted in a WebMD article about pre-pregnancy dieting, suggesting that women who diet before pregnancy are more likely to experience complications. He was also quoted in an article about a new blood test for Down's Syndrome which would be "a big step forward."
- ◆ The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has named **Diane M. Hartmann** a recipient of the organization's Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award.
- ◆ **Chris Stodgell** received a grant to study taste, smell and feeding behavior in autistic children.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** published an article entitled, "Environmental phthalate exposure in relation to reproductive outcomes and other health endpoints in humans" in Environmental Research. She was also quoted in a Wall Street Journal article about the ban on phthalates in toys.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** and her team were awarded the National Children's Study contract for the Monroe county location. She has also received bridge funding from the Dean's Office.
- ◆ **Shawn Murphy** and his team now have two articles in press: one in *Immunology* and one in *Experimental Hematology*.
- ◆ **Coral Surgeon**, a member of our Highland Hospital team, was awarded the "Vital Women, Vital Roles" recognition award by the Rochester Women's Network.
- ◆ **Joanne Stevens** gave a presentation entitled, "Encouraging Critical Thinking in Nurses New to Hospital Systems" at the HCEA Conference.
- ◆ The book *Drugs During Pregnancy and Lactation - Treatment Options and Risk Assessment* which **Rich Miller** co-authored will be available in Chinese in March 2009. Chapters were contributed by Dr. Henry Hess and Dr. Ruth Lawrence.
- ◆ **Rich Miller** recently received funding from OCD for a clinical study of blood collection in pregnant women. His recent grant application to NIH was scored in the 3rd percentile.

*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. Our next meeting on December 1 will feature Rick Stahlhut on "Bisphenol A data in NHANES: Evidence for long half-life and/or substantial non-food exposure." 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.

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