



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

- ◆ Next Research Workshop: February 2 with Ellen Poleshuck in the Thiede Room at 12:00pm.
- ◆ If you're planning to submit a grant anytime between now and August, please contact Wendy ASAP!
- ◆ 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

THIS JUST IN! OB/GYN RESEARCH PAIRING PROJECT

As you may know, NIH has recently prioritized research funds and has increased its focus on translational research. In order to be competitive, grants must reflect this focus. The University of Rochester has also committed to translational research as part of the strategic plan, through the CTSI and other initiatives. To respond to these important directives and to increase the care we can offer our patients, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has launched a pairing project to match the research interests of our clinical and research faculty. One example of such pairs is that of Ron Wood and Mike Flynn who have collaborated

on projects on the topic of pelvic floor disorders. The goal of these pairings is to encourage collaborative research between our faculty, ultimately increasing research opportunities and funding within the department. ORA has put together a rough draft list of each clinical faculty member's interests and PhDs who share these interests. We will be circulating this to faculty for input. If you have an idea for a project that you'd like to collaborate on, let us know. There might just be a great research partner for you right here!

UP-AND-COMING GRANT SUBMISSIONS & NEW CLINICAL STUDIES

Please let us know if you have plans to submit a grant for the next TWO NIH Award Cycle deadlines (Feb/Mar OR July/Aug) or any other new grant applications / clinical studies planned for the next 6 months. As a reminder, the University Office of Research & Project Administration requires at least 5-business days for the signoff process and our Department requires at least 2-business days (48 hours). The application must be FINAL for these deadlines.

As some of you may have guessed from my distinctive waddle, my recent weight gain is indeed due to the impending arrival of my

second child at the end of March. I will be out of the office on maternity leave for a few months after the birth. The ORA office personnel (Rebecca Rowley is your contact person) will cover all routine activities and submissions. However, it would be extremely helpful to get a heads-up as soon as you know you are planning to apply.

We are also more than willing to help you search for funding / develop a proposal / tweak your final submission. Drop me an email if you need assistance!

Best, *wendy*

OB/GYN INSIDE STORY—COMING IN APRIL!

All of the exciting things going on in the department have prompted a change in our newsletter. Starting in April, we will have features on the entire department. In our expanded

newsletter, you will find updates from the Chair, Divisions, Education, Clinical Areas, Research, and, of course, the accomplishments of your colleagues. See you in the Spring!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◆ **Jim Woods** and the **Peri-FACTS Team** are releasing their fourth edition of *Principles of Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring* on-line as of January 2009. This is the first time that the team has posted the searchable text to be available throughout the US.
- ◆ **David Hackney** published an article entitled, "Activation of the fibrinolytic cascade early in pregnancy among women with spontaneous preterm birth" in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*. Additionally, his abstract entitled, "Maternal activated receptor 4 polymorphisms and adverse obstetrical outcomes" was accepted for the SGI meeting. He has also had two other articles published in 2008.
- ◆ Post-doctoral fellow, **Rick Stahlhut's** paper, "Bisphenol A data in NHANES suggest longer than expected half-life, substantial non-food exposure, or both" was accepted by *Environmental Health Perspectives*.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** and her mentee Audra Gollenberg recently had their article entitled, "Semen quality in fertile men in relation to psychosocial stress" accepted in *Fertility and Sterility*. Also, Shanna and her mentee Jennifer Adibi had their article entitled, "Maternal urinary metabolites of di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in relation to the timing of labor in a U.S. multi-center pregnancy cohort" accepted by the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.
- ◆ Post-doctoral fellow, **Jaime Mendiola's** grant for conducting the analogue of RYMES in Murcia, Spain was funded by The Regional Agency for Science and Technology with 103.000 Euros (\$145.000). Also, Jaime has had 2 articles published in 2008 and three which are currently in press in the *Archives of Medical Science* and *Fertility and Sterility*.
- ◆ **Vivian Lewis** and **David Guzick** recently published an article entitled, "Do medical faculty understand the promotion system?" in *Medical Teacher*.
- ◆ An article entitled, "Mitochondrial DNA and copy number in sperm from infertile men" written by **Vivian Lewis** recently appeared in *Fertility and Sterility*.
- ◆ **Ellen Poleshuck** and her team have recently had two articles accepted. One is entitled, "Psychosocial stress and anxiety in pain patients with and without depression" in *General Hospital Psychiatry*. The second is entitled, "Pain as a predictor of depression treatment outcomes in women with childhood sexual abuse" in *Comprehensive Psychiatry*.
- ◆ In November, **Kathy Stryker** was certified by CBUNA as a Certified Urologic Registered Nurse.
- ◆ **Joanne Stevens** was invited to present a poster entitled "Promoting Oral Health in an Adolescent Group Prenatal Program" at the 34th National Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Symposium this July in Copper Mountain, Colorado.
- ◆ **Germaine Santoriello** presented a poster at ASRM in November.
- ◆ **Pam Wigent** presented as faculty at the 2009 Interstitial Cystitis Treatment Workshop Speaker Training Meeting in Dallas, Texas November 21-22.
- ◆ **Eugene Toy** was awarded a phase II clinical trial with Centocor Ortho Biotech Services LLC on Carboplatin and DOXIL plus Bevacizumab in Subjects with Platinum Sensitive Recurrent Ovarian, Fallopian Tube and Primary Peritoneal Cancers.
- ◆ **Loralei Thornburg, Eva Pressman** and **Chris Glantz** had their abstract on "Vitamin C, Alpha-Fetoprotein, and Interleukin-6 in Midtrimester Amniotic Fluid: Correlation with Pregnancy Outcome" accepted for a poster presentation for SGI.
- ◆ **Kristen Knight, Eva Pressman** and **Loralei Thornburg's** abstract on "Perinatal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetic Patients Compared with BMI-Matched Controls" was accepted for SMFM.
- ◆ **Loralei Thornburg, Marcy Mulconry, Daniel Grace** and **Eva Pressman's** abstract on "Nuchal Translucency Measurements in the Obese Gravida" was accepted for SMFM.
- ◆ **Dan Grace, Amy Zastrow, Loralei Thornburg, and Eva Pressman's** abstract on "Completion Rate of Screening Fetal Echocardiography in the Obese Gravida" was accepted for SMFM.
- ◆ The Mae Stone Goode Foundation has awarded grants to **David Hackney, Anna McNanley, Gene Toy, Shawn Murphy, and Chris Glantz**.
- ◆ **Jennifer Droz, David Guzick** and **Kathy Hoeger's** article on "Prevalence of Metabolic Syndrome and Related Characteristics in Obese Adolescents with and without Polycystic Ovary Syndrome" was published in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*.
- ◆ **Shanna Swan** and **Rick Stahlhut** received a grant from the Danish Council for Strategic Research for travel for their work on dietary exposure to environmental pollutants and the risk of obesity.
- ◆ **Mike Flynn** and **Ron Wood** received a very favorable score on their recent NIH submission for "Genetics of Spontaneous Pelvic Organ Prolapse in the Mouse."

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