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#### **ADDENDUM to 2011-2012 Annual Report**

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Under **Clinical Fellows**, the Fellows listed under Gynaecologic Oncology (RCPSC) and Mature Women's Health and Menopause (Mount Sinai Hospital) were inaccurate. Please see below:

#### **CLINICAL FELLOWS**

PROGRAM	DIRECTOR	FELLOW
Gynaecologic Oncology (RCPSC)	Allan Covens	Lua Eiriksson Tomer Feigenberg Rory Mcvey Clare Reade
		Yakir Segev Sarah Sinasac
SHOULD BE:		
Gynaecologic Oncology (RCPSC)	Allan Covens	Lua Eiriksson Tomer Feigenberg Gennady Miroshnichenko Clare Reade Sarah Sinasac Luc van Lonkhuijzen

Mature Women's Health & Menopause

-Mount Sinai Hospital Wendy Wolfman No fellow

**SHOULD BE:** 

Mature Women's Health & Menopause

**–Mount Sinai Hospital** Wendy Wolfman Debra Evaniuk Faiza Al-Gethami



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## CHAIR'S REPORT Alan D. Bocking, Professor and Chair

The academic year 2011-2012 could best be characterized as one of change for the University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. We celebrated the contributions of a number of members of our Department and said farewell to others.

Franca Conciatore had been the Department Business Manager since 2003 when I joined the Department, and, after 9 years of exemplary service, she has moved to the Department of Medieval Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science. We wish Franca well and have welcomed Arleen Morrin, who has joined us from George Brown College. Jeannette Moniz also joined our administrative team as Co-ordinator of the Undergraduate Medical Education program. We are delighted that both Arleen and Jeannette are such assets to our Department.

Dr. Heather Shapiro completed her term as Postgraduate Medical Education Director in February after 11 years of outstanding service and we welcomed Dr. Donna Steele into this vitally important role. Heather will continue in a new role as Vice-Chair, Education, with responsibility for overseeing the Fellowship programs, as well as assisting Donna and Filomena Meffe in the expansion of our education programs to the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. Dr. Jennifer Blake also completed her second term as Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Dr. Art Zaltz has taken over as the Interim Chief. Jenny will continue in her role as Director of Faculty Development for our Department.

This year, I was privileged to recommend to the Dean that 5 members of our Department be promoted to Associate Professor and these were all approved by the Provost effective July 1, 2012. Congratulations to Drs. Adrian Brown, Elaine Herer, Sari Kives, Michael Sved and Arthur Zaltz. We also welcomed 2 new fulltime members at the rank of Assistant Professor. Dr. Danielle Vicus joined the Division of Gynaecologic Oncology based at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Dr. Ann Malinowski joined the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, based at Mount Sinai Hospital. We also welcomed eleven new lecturers to the Department at our community-affiliate hospital sites. Our faculty members are listed on pages 5-8 of this report and, at last count, surpassed 220 in total.

We had another outstanding research day with Dr. Pat Catalano of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland as our Henderson Lcturer. The presentations by our trainees were all excellent and our congratulations go to the winners of the J W Knox Ritchie Research Awards, as well as all of the presenters and their supervisors. Dr. Mark Yudin was the recipient of the APOG Carl Nimrod Educator of the Year Award for our Department and I had the privilege of presenting him with this award at the APOG Annual Meeting. I also had the distinct pleasure of presenting the Chair's research and teaching awards, as well as Hospital Departmental Teaching Excellence Awards at our Faculty Professional Development Half-Day and Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to all of these individuals, who are listed on pages 29-30 of this report.





On the research front, it is of note that Dr. Stephen Lye was the recipient of a highly competitive \$1 million Connaught Challenge Grant from the University of Toronto to facilitate the establishment of an interdisciplinary Institute of Human Development. This is an outstanding achievement and our Department is fortunate to be able to assist the Faculty of Medicine in leading this important initiative.

In closing, I would like to thank all our faculty, trainees and staff for their incredible support and commitment to the Depratment of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and I hope you enjoy reading about our collective accomplishments.

Yours sincerely,

Alan D. Bocking, MD, FRCSC

Gordon C. Leitch Professor and Chair

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology





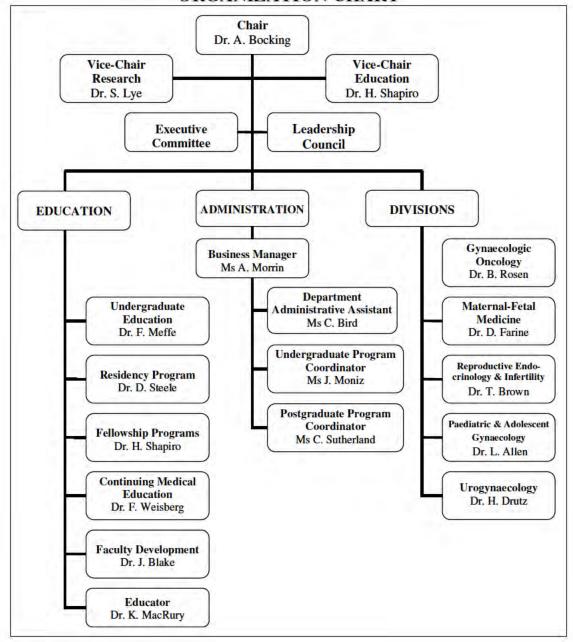








## University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology ORGANIZATION CHART





#### **FACULTY 2011-2012**

#### **Primary Appointments**

#### **Professors Emeriti**

Denny De Petrillo Terence A. Doran Douglas J Gare Walter J Hannah Gordon M Lickrish Ron A Livingstone Ted (J.E.) Morgan Jerry Shime



#### **Associate Professors Emeriti**

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#### **Professors**

S. Lee Adamson
Paul Bernstein
Jennifer Blake
Alan D. Bocking - Chair
Theodore J. Brown
Isabella Caniggia
Robert F. Casper
Allan L Covens

Harold Drutz
Dan Farine
Mary E Hannah
John Kingdom
Guylaine Lefebvre
Stephen Lye
JW Knox Ritchie

Barry Rosen Greg Ryan P Gareth R Seaward Mathew Sermer R Michael Shier Rory Windrim

#### **Associate Professors**

Lisa Allen
Jon Barrett
Abraham Bernstein
Adrian Brown
Christine Derzko
Alan Gerulath
James Goodwin
Ellen Greenblatt
Elaine Herer

Andrea Jurisicova Sari Kives Rose Kung Clifford L Librach Kay Lie Paul McCleary Filomena Meffe K Joan Murphy Kellie E Murphy Nanette Okun Richard Pittini Heather Shapiro Michael Sved Artin Ternamian Wendy Wolfman Mark Yudin Arthur Zaltz

#### **Assistant Professors**

Hani Akoury
May Alarab
Oluleke Badmos
Marshall Barkin
Samir Batarseh
Yaakov Bentov
Howard Berger
Marcus Bernardini
Janet Bodley

Nicolette Caccia Kenneth Cadesky Dennis K. Chu E Anne Claessens Howard Cohen Barbara Cruickshank Marjorie Dixon Jason Dodge Xuesen Dong<sup>†</sup>

Nancy Durand
William A Easton
Frederic A Engle
Navid Esfandiari
Michèle Farrugia
Sarah Ferguson
Tatiana Freire-Lizama
Lilian Gien

Lilian Gien Karen Glass





#### Primary Appointments cont'd

#### Assistant Professors cont'd

Mathias Gysler Ann Kinga Malinowski<sup>†</sup> Peter Hawrylyshyn Adelmo Martoglio Man Fan Ho Cynthia Maxwell Stephen Im Colleen McDermott Johannes Keunen Eva Mocarski Murray Kroach Sergey Moskovtsev Ori Nevo Rachel Kupets Elyse Lackie Robert D Nicholson Stephane Laframboise Melanie Ornstein Evelyn Lambe<sup>‡</sup> L Ray Osborne Andrea Lausman Wusun Paek Patricia Lee Nicholas Pairaudeau

Kimberly Liu Ian Rogers
Danny Lovatsis David Rosenthal
Elliott Lyons Jodi Shapiro
Katherine MacRury Prati Sharma

Rajiv Shah Sony Sierra Dana Soroka Rachel Spitzer Donna Steele Wilf Steinberg Karen Tessler Bruce W. Thomas Jackie Thomas

Modupe Tunde-Byass
Danielle Vicus<sup>†</sup>
Fay Weisberg
Wendy Whittle
Herb Wong
Suzanne Wong
Brenda T Woods

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Grace Liu

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Kristy A. Prouse

Deborah Robertson

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Astrid Christoffersen-Deb Jevan Ko<sup>†</sup> Abheha Satkunaratnam

Aleksandre Corbey

Stacy Costa

Catherine Ann Cowal

Jamie Kroft<sup>†</sup>

Asha Kurup<sup>†</sup>

Sabrina Lee

Joseph Cramer

Danny Kreichman

Jan Scheeres<sup>†</sup>

Peter W. Scheufler

Amanda Selk

Nicholas Shilletto

Eliane Shore<sup>†</sup>

Lanval (Joe) Daly
Alfonso Del Valle Rebeil
Anthony Di Pierdomenico

Sylvie Leone-Tomaschoff
Paul Shuen
Michael Silver†
Gita Singh

Patricia Doyle Roberta Mackenzie John Robert Smith





## Primary Appointments cont'd

#### **Lecturers cont'd**

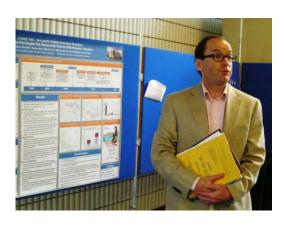
Kirsten Smith Carol Wade Jeremy C Wong Richard Stein Sierra Washington Vincent Wu Linda Stirk Peter Watt<sup>†</sup> Lynne Zolis<sup>†</sup> Melissa Tai Georgina Wilcock Scott Tigert

#### **Adjunct Faculty**

Craig Pennell Felice Petraglia Paul Thistle

†New appointment

‡Joint appointment with Department of Physiology











#### **Cross Appointments**

#### **University Professors Emeriti**

John Challis Physiology

#### Professors Emeriti

Jerald Bain Medicine Anne Kenshole Medicine Arne Ohlsson **Paediatrics** Maire E. Percy Physiology

#### **Professors**

Denise Belsham Physiology Shoo Lee **Paediatrics** William B. Chapman-Laboratory Michelle Letarte **Immunology** Medicine & Stephen Matthews Physiology Steven Narod Public Health Pathobiology

José Carvalho Anaesthesia

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Pathobiology Sam Siu Medicine

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Anthony W. Fyles **Radiation Oncology** Ants Toi **Medical Imaging Molecular Genetics** Stephen Halpern Anaesthesia Rosanna

Mahmoud Khalifa Weksberg Laboratory

> Medicine & Pathobiology

#### **Associate Professors**

Sarah Keating

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Elizabeth Asztalos **Paediatrics** 

Michael Dunn **Paediatrics** Carl Laskin **Immunology** Medicine Joel Ray Medicine Denice Feig

Katherine Fong **Medical Imaging** Shia Salem **Medical Imaging** Phyllis Glanc Laboratory **Medical Imaging** Patricia Shaw Medicine &

Stephen Holzapfel Family & Community

> Medicine Pathobiology Laboratory Andrew T. Shennan -**Paediatrics**

Medicine & Pathobiology





## Cross Appointments cont'd

#### **Assistant Professors**

Tony Barozzino - Paediatrics Rachel Wald<sup>†</sup> - Paediatrics

Karen Chong - Paediatrics Sandra Viero - Laboratory

Medicine

& Pathobiology

Michael Sgro - Paediatrics
Martin Skidmore - Paediatrics

Lecturer

Nina Venkatarangam - Family & Community

Medicine

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Coordinator of Postgraduate Program
Caroline Sutherland

**Departmental Assistant** Cherryl Bird















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David Gurau
Ummi Habiba
Adrienne Li
Rebecca Menzies
Rebecca Rich
Michael Secter
Alison Shea
Andrea Simpson
John Snelgrove
Liane Tan
Julie Thorne

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Kimberly Bremer
Caroline Chan\*
Amanda Cipolla
Courtney Jolliffe
Genevieve Lennox
Brian Liu
Karli Mayo
Heather Millar
Stephen Morris
Muhseen Yusuf

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Brian Ferguson
Helena Frecker
Louise-Helene Gagnon
Alice Han
Julia Kfouri
Kelsey Mills

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\*Split year













## **CLINICAL FELLOWS**

PROGRAM	DIRECTOR	FELLOW		
Advanced Obstetrics	P. Gareth Seaward	Sally Sabra Chaula Mehta Nasser Awad		
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Gynaecologic Oncology (RCPSC)	Allan Covens	Lua Eiriksson Tomer Feigenberg Rory Mcvey Clare Reade Yakir Segev Sarah Sinasac		
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (RCPSC)	Cynthia Maxwell	Abdulmohsen Al-Anjari Ali Al-Ibrahim Sawsan Al-Obaidly David Baud Marie Czikk Rohan D'Souza Rinat Hackmon Mary Higgins Noor Ladhani Shay Porat Na Tisha Robinson Tim Van Mieghem		
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Paediatric and Adolescent Sari Kives Yolanda Kirkham

Gynaecology

Hospital for Sick Children

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Mature Women's Health & Menopause

**-Mount Sinai Hospital** Wendy Wolfman No fellow

<sup>\*</sup>American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists









#### DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

#### **Executive Committee & Appointments Committee**

A.D. Bocking - Professor and Chair

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist-in-Chief,

Mount Sinai Hospital/University Health Network

J. Blake - Associate Chair

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist-in-Chief,

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

S.J. Lye - Vice-Chair, Research and Chair, Research Committee

L. Allen - Head, Division of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology

Site Chief, Women's College Hospital

A. Brown - Community Affiliate Hospital Representative

Chief, North York General Hospital

T. J. Brown
- Head, Division of Reproductive Sciences
D. Farine
- Head, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

G. Lefebvre - Obstetrician and Gynaecologist-in-Chief, St. Michael's Hospital

F. Meffe - Chair, Undergraduate Education Committee

B. Rosen - Head, Division of Gynaecologic Oncology, Princess Margaret

Hospital/University Health Network

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D. Steele

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J. Blake	D. Lovatsis	M. Sved
A. Bocking	K. MacRury	S. Tigert
M. Gans	U. Mohan	M. Yusuf
L. Hawkins	M. Morton (June 2012 on)	S. Wong

D. Hui

#### **Postgraduate Education Committee**

2012)/Donna Steele(Post M. Farrugia L. Sovran/J. Kfou Feb 2012), <i>Chair</i> S. Iqbal/S. Moore (PGY4) (PGY3)	
Feb 2012) Chair S. Jabal/S. Moore (PGV4) (PGV3)	ri
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J. Bodley K. MacRury J. Thomas	
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A. Corbey M. Ornstein/J. Cram L. Zolis/N. Pairaudeau





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K. Murphy

R. Casper

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A. Covens

M. Yudin

J. Kingdom

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T.J. Brown
B. Rosen
R. Casper
M. Sermer
A. Covens
K. MacRury
D. Farine
R. Windrim

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A. Bocking

R. Casper

A. Covens

B. Cruickshank

H. Drutz

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C. Librach

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C. Maxwell

G. Seaward

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#### HOSPITAL STATISTICS July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

	SMH	MSH/UHN	SHSC	TEGH	HSC	NYGH	SJHC	THP	WCH
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Total deliveries	3,207	6,602	3,735	3,414	NA	5,812	2,981	9,023	N/A
Caesarean section rate	27.4%	34.7%	34.5%	27.2%	NA	29%	32.24%	25.4%	N/A
Total gynaecology procedures (minor and major)	1,545	4,493	2,279	N/A	90	3,095	1,525	10,332	1,197
Clinic visits (excluding private office visits)	46,494	212,952	37,900	16,813	2,501	12,974	2,628	1,478	3,630
Number of obstetrics beds	29	84	68	32	NA	57	26	87	N/A
Number of gynaecology beds	9	28	12	59*	0	44*	16	10	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Shared with other surgical specialties





**SMH** – St. Michael's Hospital

MSH/UHN – Mount Sinai Hospital/University Health Network

SHSC – Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

**TEGH** – Toronto East General Hospital

**HSC** – Hospital for Sick Children

**NYGH** – North York General Hospital

SJHC - St. Joseph's Health Centre

**THP** – Trillium Health Partners (Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital & Queensway Health Centre)

WCH - Women's College Hospital

NA – Not Available/Applicable

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#### DIVISIONS



**Division of Gynaecologic Oncology** *Barry Rosen, Division Head* 

Gynaecologic Oncology continues to work primarily at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (SHSC) and the University Health Network/Princess Margaret Hospital (UHN/PMH), with plans to expand to Credit Valley Hospital. SHSC has now partnered with North York General Hospital to further develop their program. UHN/PMH is collaborating with St Michael's Hospital, with many patients receiving their initial assessment and treatment at St Mike's. Dr Allan Covens directs the RCPS-approved fellowship program, the largest in Canada, which has more than 50 graduates since 1985, and attracts many applicants from Canada and abroad.

At PMH, under site group leader, Dr. Stephane Laframboise, the group continues to use synoptic reporting for ovarian cancer OR reports and all colposcopy reporting, helping to create a new comprehensive database for quality care and clinical research. The robotic program at UHN is conducting an Academic Health Sciences Centres-funded prospective study comparing quality of life, hospital stay, and costs in robotic surgery to laparoscopic and open surgical cases for endometrial cancer. Dr Bernardini has recently published a paper evaluating results.

Dr. Rosen continues to travel to Kenya, soon to be followed by Drs. Murphy, Covens and Bernardini, in support of the University of Toronto collaboration with the AMPATH consortium, to develop a gynaecologic oncology program. This includes the first Sub-Saharan Africa fellowship-training program in gynaecologic oncology at Moi University.

Dr Ferguson leads the effort to develop infrastructure enabling the UHN/PMH group to put patients on clinical trials, to biobank, and to collect important clinical data to support research. Her research evaluates novel imaging techniques in endometrial cancer and she leads the PMH survivorship program. Dr Bernardini leads a multicentre study comparing outcomes of open vs minimally invasive surgery for endometrial cancer. Dr Murphy is the clinical lead for the Ontario Cervical Cancer Screening program and she is PI of a study of HPV use in evaluating women treated for cervical dysplasia.

SHSC site group leader, Dr Allan Covens, co-chairs the NCI Taskforce on Cervical Cancer and the Rare Tumour Committee for the Gynecologic Oncology Group. His leadership at NCI/USA recognizes his ongoing academic contributions to gynecologic oncology. Dr Rachel Kupets is developing her health services research and is working towards evaluating preoperative imaging for endometrial cancer.

Dr Jason Dodge, at PMH, continues to excel in teaching, receiving the Chair's Award for Excellence in CME Teaching. Dr. Lillian Gien, from Sunnybrook, received the very prestigious Young Investigator Award from the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG), the first given to a Canadian. We are pleased to welcome Dr Danielle Vicus, who has joined the Division at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.





#### **Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine**

Dan Farine, Division Head



Introduction: The Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) is the largest in Canada, with 25 members, 23 being clinicians or clinician-scientists. This is a very large portion of the 130 MFM sub-specialists in Canada based in 16 universities and several Level II centres. The six affiliated hospitals of the University of Toronto host approximately 24,000 births annually (soon to increase to 33,000 with the creation of the new academy). Statistics Canada has estimated 141,784 births in Ontario and 381,382 in Canada in 2009/10, of which about 87, 000 were in our region. Our Division provides tertiary perinatal services for more than 20% of all births in Canada and some quaternary perinatal services (e.g. fetal invasive procedures) for most of Canada. The Division is based in three hospitals (MSH, SHSC and SMH) and all three units are planning recruitments and expansion of some services. Ours is the only Canadian centre to provide all aspects of perinatal medicine to our patients and trainees.

**Highlights:** Members of the Division published 87 peer-reviewed articles this year, with John Kingdom (n=21) and David Chitayat (n=19) leading (as usual) in publications. In the last five years, our Division has played a prominent role in the two leading scientific meetings of our subspecialty, the SMFM and the SGI. The MFM fellowship program, run by Cindy Maxwell, has 9 fellows, is the largest in Canada, offers all aspects of MFM, and attracts 40-50 applicants yearly.

Activities and Research: Two years ago, the sub-specialty of Maternal-Fetal Medicine further evolved into more specialized groupings:

- Fetal group Greg Ryan
- Maternal group Mathew Sermer
- Labour group Gareth Seaward
- Prenatal screening group Nan Okun
- Multi-fetal pregnancy group Jon Barrett

Fetal group – The group has the largest referral center for fetal therapy, serving not only the entire province of Ontario, but most of Canada for several procedures, such as twins' laser. Maternal group – The group has probably the largest maternal disease clinics in the country. It has a unique setting in which MFM specialists work collaboratively with five internists whose practices focus on complicated pregnancies

Labour group – The hospitals affiliated with the University have close to 25,000 annual births (about 1 out of 14 births in Canada!). This allows our trainees to gain experience managing rare complications and pathologies. This also facilitates large clinical trials and studies of uncommon pathology.

*Prenatal screening group* – Our large obstetrical base and referral base of more then half the pregnancies in the province allow for extensive work and research in this area.

Multiples group – The multiple clinics of this group serve as a template to similar clinics around the country.

**The New Division Head:** Dr. John Kingdom takes over the role of Division head as of 2012. He is a clinical scientist with an impressive track record in basic and clinical research as well as a wide range of clinical and administrative activities.







## **Division of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology** *Lisa Allen, Division Head*

**Introduction:** The Division of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology (PAG) includes Section head Lisa Allen, and staff members Nicolette Caccia, Sari Kives, Ali Nevin, and Rachel Spitzer. Maintaining a diverse practice in common conditions and rare challenges, the Section, including the adolescent pregnancy program, provides over 2500 ambulatory visits annually, and attracts national and international referrals to its surgical complex anomalies program. The first community-affiliated PAG clinic opened this year at North York General Hospital. Led by Dr. Ali Nevin, this clinic allows children and adolescents to receive care closer to home and expands educational opportunities for our trainees.

After contributing for many years to the Section, Dr. Melanie Ornstein left to focus her attention on other aspects of her clinical practice, but remains involved in the reproductive care of young women with developmental delay. The Section welcomed Dr. Anjali Aggarwal, who completed a Paediatric Gynaecology Fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children in 2009. Her subsequent Masters of Health Science in Bioethics brings complementary expertise to our academic staff. We undertook a new model of disseminated leadership in the fall of 2011, designed to capitalize on individual strengths. Each member took on expanded administrative responsibilities as Dr. Lisa Allen took on a new role as Site Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Women's College Hospital.

**Highlights:** We continue to fulfill our mandate to enhance the gynaecologic care of children and adolescents through education and research. Our fellowship program attracts strong applicants and we educate residents and trainees from other subspecialties. We have joined with the United States to develop and participate in the inaugural North American Pediatric Gynecology Fellowship match. The Hospital for Sick Children hosted the first National PAG Videoconference Rounds, with sites across the country. The rounds presented by Dr. Mark Palmert were well received and CANPAGO, the PAG subspecialty committee of the SOGC, intends to continue these national rounds twice per year.

The provincial, national and international presence of our members continues to be strong: Dr. Allen continues as Co-Chair of CANPAGO and Dr. Spitzer is the new Ontario representative. Dr. Aggarwal is a member of the Social and Sexual Issues Committee. Both Drs Aggarwal and Spitzer are members of the International Women's Health Committee of the SOGC. Dr. Allen continues as a member of the subspecialty committee of APOG. Drs. Kives and Allen continue to serve on the Board of NASPAG.

**Honours:** Dr. Allen received the National Faculty Award from the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG). Dr Kives received the Department Chair's Award for Excellence in Postgraduate Teaching.

**Future Initiatives:** The section continues to collaborate with community and affiliated teaching hospitals to expand the network of paediatric and adolescent gynaecology care. Next year we will develop a transitional program jointly with the Gynaecology Department at Women's College Hospital to provide continuity for young women as they approach the age of 18.





## Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Theodore J. Brown, Division Head



**Introduction**: The Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) is a diverse group engaged in clinical and academic areas of reproductive health. Interests include strategies for improving IVF outcome, but also range from contraception, hormone action and replacement therapy to reproductive cancers, stem cells, mature women's health, and fertility preservation. Most Division members are associated with full service Assisted Reproduction Technology clinics and collaborate on research and education within and outside the Division.

**Highlights**: Dr. E. Greenblatt directs the Centre for Fertility and Reproductive Health (CFRH) at Mount Sinai Hospital, offering an RCPS-accredited graduate REI fellowship program, currently with three fellows. The CFRH holds weekly academic rounds and is engaged in translational research aimed at finding molecular markers predictive of embryo competence and uterine endometrial receptivity. The centre holds an EMD Serono Grant for Fertility Innovation award.

Dr. R. Casper directs the Unniversity-affiliated Toronto Centre for Assisted Reproductive Technology (TCART), affiliated with the University of Toronto. This clinic is committed to cutting edge research in infertility treatments and to the education of foreign REI fellows. Major research projects include determining if dietary supplements of coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) improve oocyte quality in older women and the use of robotics for intracytoplasmic sperm injection.

Dr. C. Librach directs the Canadian Reproductive Assisted Technology (CreATe) program, affiliated with Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. CreATe has a strong research environment in embryology and andrology and is developing assays to objectively assess embryo quality and predict implantation. A CIHR-funded collaboration with Dr. Richard Oko of Queen's University will study the regulation of the oocyte-activation factor PAWP in sperm and male infertility. Of note, Dr. K. Glass was elected chair of the ASRM Fertility Preservation special interest group.

Drs. C. Laskin and K. Cadesky head the LifeQuest Centre for Reproductive Medicine. As President of the CFAS, Dr Laskin organized the highly successful 2011 annual meeting in Toronto.Investigating the causes and treatment for recurrent miscarriage, the Centre is participating in an international NIH-funded observational study to determine if autoantibodies and other proteins in coagulation are involved in early pregnancy loss. The team recently welcomed Dr. Sony Sierra, whose research interest is in recurrent miscarriage.

An additional clinical highlight is the Mature Women's Health & Menopause clinic, initiated and headed by Dr. W. Wolfman, and offering a two-year fellowship training program. This clinic includes a unique multidisciplinary premature ovarian failure (POF) clinic.

**Future Initiatives:** Based on the Division's strong commitment to research and education and specialty training, we have recently developed a novel graduate level course with the Department of Physiology. The course brings together OB/GYN residents and Physiology graduate students to discuss molecular mechanisms underlying reproductive processes with clinical relevance. We hope the course will inspire further integration of clinical and basic science translational research.







**Division of Urogynaecology** *Harold Drutz, Division Head* 

**Introduction:** The Division of Urogynaecology at the University of Toronto constitutes the University program in "Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery" (FPMRS). The program teaches and trains medical students (Core and Elective) and Core and Elective Residents in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Urology for the University of Toronto and other national and international universities. Mount Sinai Hospital, with a branch at the Baycrest Geriatric Centre (BCG), offers a three year post graduate fellowship training program with two clinical years of training and one of basic and clinical science research. St. Michael's Hospital and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre offer a two year program.

Faculty members at Mount Sinai are Drs. Harold P. Drutz (MSH and BCG), Danny Lovatsis (MSH/WCH), May Alarab (MSH and BCG), and William Easton (Associate staff, Scarborough Centenary Hospital). Dr. May Alarab heads our basic science research program, with the only Canadian research into the genetics of pelvic organ prolapse (POP). At St. Michael's Hospital there are two subspecialists in FMPRS (Drs. Dana Soroka and Colleen McDermott, Division Head). Drs. Guylaine Lefebvre, Sari Kives, Abeha Satkunaratnam and Deborah Robertson are subspecialists in minimally invasive surgery (MIS). At Sunnybrook, Drs. Janet Bodley, Rose Kung and Patricia Lee are full time faculty and part of a group of eight MIGS surgeons, including Drs. Kai Lee, Grace Liu, Herb Wong, Jamie Kroft and Mary Melchior at the St. Joseph's site.

**Highlights:** Members from each site continue to publish peer-reviewed articles and present in international, national and local settings. At Mount Sinai, Dr. Alarab (PI) and Drs. Drutz and Shynlova (COPI) have two department grants and a PSI grant. Dr. Drutz is starting a trial for Cook myosites on the use of autologous myosites to treat stress urinary incontinence. Dr.Lovatsis has an MSH grant for his randomized controlled trial of cystocele plication risks (CPR trial).

At St. Michael's, Dr. Guylaine Lefebvre received the Enid Johnson MacLeod Award from the Federation of Medical Women of Canada and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Governor General of Canada. Dr. Janet Bodley, at Sunnybrook, was awarded the Chair's Award for excellence in postgraduate program development/innovation, and Dr. Rose Kung received the Service Excellence Recognition Award from Sunnybrook. At Mount Sinai, Dr. Lovatsis remains the Chair of the Urogynaecology Sub-Committee for the SOGC and Dr. Alarab received an award for the best new investigator poster presentation at the Society for Gynecologic Investigation.

**Future Initiatives:** At Sunnybrook, they are using laparoscopic ultrasound to assist in the treatment of fibroids, either with radiofrequency ablation or laparoscopic myomectomy. Their MIS group continues to teach the promotion of laparoscopic hysterectomies across Canada. At Mount Sinai Hospital the Division has moved to new space on the eighth floor of the Ontario Power Generation Building, where we are further developing a Mature Women's Health Care (MWHC) Program with Dr. Wendy Wolfman and the Menopause Unit. Drs. Wolfman and Drutz are Co-Directors of this program.





#### **PROGRAMS**

#### **Undergraduate Medical Education**

Filomena Meffe, Director



**Introduction:** The Undergraduate Medical Education Committee consists of the hospital site Clerkship Coordinators, Student representatives, Resident representatives, Undergraduate Director, Chairman, Departmental Educator and Faculty Educational Advisor. The committee meets approximately once a month to discuss issues and implement or modify educational strategies for the undergraduate curriculum, generate guidelines and policies for the administration of the clerkship, and respond to course evaluations, with the goal of optimizing the educational experiences of our students.

#### **Highlights:**

Mississauga Academy: The success of the 2010-11 pilot project involving 8 student clerkship placements in Mississauga led to an expansion of the project to a total of 24 student placements during the 2011-12 academic year. The use of videoconferencing technology was also extended to every rotation, which allowed our undergraduate students in Mississauga to participate in the seminar program. Student feedback regarding their experiences at both the Trillium Health Centre and Credit Valley Hospital has been very positive.

**Accreditation:** The Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation survey visit of the MD program concluded in May 2012. Preparation for this visit over an 18-month period resulted in extensive reflection and self-study by faculty, staff and students regarding all aspects of the program. Complete survey results will be available on the Undergraduate Medical Education, University of Toronto website in the fall of 2012.

**Honours:** It is always a pleasure to acknowledge our student award winners and to recognize their hard work, dedication and commitment to our specialty. Congratulations to our 2011-12 student award winners!

Dr. Jacob Goldstein Scholarship: Rachel Vanderlaan Hendry Memorial Scholarship: Lynn Sterling Dr. Frederick R. Papsin Award: Matthew Orava

Dr. Sidney M. and Roselyn Tobin Compassionate Scholarship: Phil Zhang

**Future Initiatives:** In consultation with our colleagues at the Mississauga Academy of Medicine, we formulated a plan to double the number of student placements to a total of 48 and to expand our videoconferencing from 2 weeks to 4 weeks per rotation for the academic year 2012-13. This step-wise implementation plan should prepare our Mississauga teaching sites for the projected total of 54 students who will be entering clerkship in 2013 and who were assigned to the Mississauga campus upon medical school admission. Building capacity and experience in an incremental fashion over time is essential to the successful implementation of an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clerkship Program in Mississauga for 2013-14. We will also offer Faculty development opportunities with regard to clerkship matters and best practices in teaching.







## **Postgraduate Medical Education** *Donna Steele. Director*

It is my distinct privilege to serve in the role of Residency Program Director as of March 1, 2012. I would like to extend my thanks to Heather Shapiro for her continuing engagement with the residency program as Vice Chair, Education.

**Highlights:** Thirteen PGY1 residents will join us in July 2012, bringing our total to 60 — the largest Obstetrics and Gynaecology residency program in Canada. We have increased our resident participation at St. Joseph's Health Centre and Toronto East General with the addition of a Chief Resident rotation, and are planning this same expansion for Credit Valley Hospital. Minimally-invasive surgical approaches are becoming the standard of care for providing surgical treatment for gynaecologic conditions; in order to assist in achieving core competency in endoscopic procedures, a Total Laparoscopic Pig Lab was provided by Covidien Canada in April 2012. This was received with great enthusiasm by residents and teachers alike, and will continue for our PGY3s and 4s, along with an electrocautery session. There are also laparoscopic trainers and computer-based simulation programs at many of the core training sites.

In the past year, in an effort to address the issue of work/life balance and resident wellness, the Department has introduced split on-call shifts. The initial feedback is positive and the added benefit is better continuity of patient care. The split on-call shifts have been in place at St. Michael's Hospital for the past year and will be starting at Mount Sinai Hospital on July 1, 2012.

**Honours:** Congratulations to our residents: Karthika Devarajan (PGY5): Dr. Frederick R. Papsin Award; Crystal Chan (PGY4): Physicians' Services Incorporated Foundation Grant, and one of five In-Training Awards for Research from the American Society of Reproductive Medicine; Paulina Cybulska (PGY3): Kristi Piia CALLUM Memorial Fellowship in Ovarian Cancer Research, and Frank Fletcher Memorial Fund for Research; Helena Frecker (PGY3):Resident Teacher Award from the Fitzgerald Academy; and to our Faculty: Art Zaltz: Neelam Sierra Resident Advocacy Award, and Lisa Allen: CREOG Teaching Award.

**Future Initiatives:** We are planning a revised academic curriculum that will reflect topics considered important by Royal College standards and by the residents. The planned format is to divide the time equally between obstetrical and gynaecologic topics, and to repeat topics on a two-year cycle. The Academic Half Day will be extended to 3 hours and protected time will be extended to include travel time to and from the teaching site. Two hours will be faculty-driven and one hour will be resident-driven, reviewing seminal papers and guidelines. There will be a transition-to-residency course ("Boot Camp") during the summer. For PGY4s, there will be a new course offered through the School of Graduate Studies, which concentrates on physiology and molecular mechanisms underlying common clinical reproductive disorders.

The Department will be reviewed as part of the Royal College Accreditation process in April, 2013.





## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**



Research Committee Stephen Lye, Chair

**Introduction:** The role of the Research Committee is to encourage and foster the highest quality research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and facilitate communication of research activities amongst the Department's divisions and institutions, as well as to assist in the dissemination of our research to the national and international community.

The committee includes both scientists and clinicians active in research and drawn from across the Department, including Lee Adamson, Jon Barrett, Theodore Brown, Isabella Caniggia, Robert Casper, Allan Covens, John Kingdom, Rose Kung, Evelyn Lambe, Clifford Librach, Stephen Lye, Stephen Matthews, Kellie Murphy, Rory Windrim, and Mark Yudin.

**Highlights:** Members of the Department published over 200 peer-reviewed original research papers, plus 80 additional publications in 2011/2012, and hold funding for approximately 160 research projects.

The Department's Annual Research Day took place on Friday, May 4, 2012 in the Medical Sciences Building. This event assists us to come together as a Department to encourage trainees and share the wealth of wide-ranging research that is produced here. There were 14 oral and 62 poster presentations by trainees, covering a range of basic and clinical topics. There was also an informative and thought-provoking Henderson Lecture, delivered by Patrick Catalano MD, Professor, Reproductive Biology in the MetroHealth Medical Center/CaseWestern Reserve University. His engaging topic was "Maternal Obesity and Pregnancy: Much Ado about Something."

Please see page 102 for a list of abstracts and details of the day. Research Day continues to be well attended, with approximately 250 trainees, faculty members and staff.

Members of the Research Committee continued to act as research advisors to Residents in the 2011-2012 year in an effort to assist them towards success in research.

**Honours:** We would like to congratulate the winners of the J.W. Knox Ritchie Research Awards for best abstract/presentation by trainee category. (See page 117) Also, please note all the award winners in the awards section (page 29), of which many are in the area of research.

**Future Initiatives:** The Committee is always striving to improve Research Day. The Committee has asked Dr Donna Steele, Residency Program Director, to join the Committee in her *ex officio* capacity and looks forward to improving the assistance to, and experience of, trainees engaging in research.







**Continuing Medical Education** *Fay Weisberg, Chair* 

The focus for Continuing Medical Education in the Department has been to invite clinically-relevant, practice-changing speakers for Interhospital Rounds while pursuing a long-term strategy. Working along with the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) at the University of Toronto, our Department has hosted a large number of highly successful University of Toronto approved courses. Many of these courses are held on an annual basis and are attended by large numbers of multidisciplinary physicians and medical workers.

Interhospital rounds continue to be held on a monthly basis and are successfully webcasted throughout the departments in the Greater Toronto area. This allows us to bring in hospitals that have not formally been involved with interhospital rounds in the past. We are thrilled at the success of using technologies to help disseminate these widely popular rounds.

Many thanks to those who ran our CME courses this year:

Elizabeth Gan, CME Administrative Course Director

David Chitayat
Harold Drutz
Dan Farine
Michèle Farrugia
John Kingdom
Guylaine Lefebvre
Cindy Maxwell
Deborah Robertson
Greg Ryan
Mathew Sermer
Jackie Thomas
Rory Windrim
Wendy Wolfman











## **Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology CME Courses**

Courses	Date	Venue	Medical Course Director
7th Annual Everyday Gynaecology	Friday October 28	Ben Sadowski Auditorium	Jackie Thomas
Pregnancy and Obesity: A Challenge in Women's Health	Friday November 11	Ben Sadowski Auditorium	Cindy Maxwell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Medical Disorders in Pregnancy: Critical Care Focus	Friday November 25	Ben Sadowski Auditorium	Mathew Sermer Cindy Maxwell
8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Obstetrical Malpractice: A Survival Guide for 2012	Saturday January 21	Ben Sadowski Auditorium	Dan Farine
Women's Health Symposium	Friday Feb 03	LiKaShing	Deborah Robertson
15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Imaging: Advances in Gynaecologic Imaging and First Trimester U/S	February 24 - 26	Marriott – Eaton's Centre	Greg Ryan Shia Salem Phyllis Glanc Rory Windrim
8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mature Women's Health Care	Friday April 13	Isabel Bader Theatre	Harold Drutz Wendy Wolfman
10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Refresher in Primary Maternity Care	Friday May 11	Northrop Frye Auditorium	John Kingdom Family Practice
Breastfeeding Current Research and Best Practices	Saturday May 12	Northrop Frye Auditorium	Michele Farrugia
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium New Developments in Prenatal Diagnosis & Medical Genetics	Wednesday May 16	JJR MacLeod Auditorium or Sadowski Auditorium	David Chitayat



## Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2011-12 Interhospital Rounds, University of Toronto

Presenter	Date	Location
<b>Dr. Suzan Schneeweiss</b> The New Royal College Maintenance of Certification Program		Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
<b>Dr. Hans Peter Dietz</b> Pelvic Floor Imaging: What's in it for the clinician?	Fri, Sept 23, 2011	Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
<b>Dr. Laura Magee</b> The Control of Hypertension in Pregnancy	Fri, Oct 28, 2011	Mount Sinai Hospital
Dr. Carol Townsley The PMH & WCH After Cancer Treatment Transition Initiative: ACTT	Fri, Nov 18, 2011	St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Dorothy Shaw APOG/Cannell Lecture Competency in Global Women's Health: Training Needs And Opportunities		The Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics & Gynaecology - APOG/Cannell Lecture Marriot Hotel, Eaton Centre, 525 Bay Street, Toronto
<b>Dr. Stephen Lye</b> Developmental Origins of Health and Disease	Fri, Jan 13, 2012	Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Mary Anne Jamieson Adolescent Menometrorrhagia: Lessons from the Women and Bleeding Disorders Clinic		Mount Sinai Hospital
Dr. Malcolm G. Munro Abnormal Uterine Bleeding in the Reproductive Years: The FIGO response to a professional challenge	Fri, Mar 2, 2012	St. Michael's Hospital
<b>Dr. Andrea Jurisicova</b> Aging female gametes - what can we do about it?	Fri, Apr 20, 2012	Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Research Day - No Rounds	•	University of Toronto, JJR Macleod Auditorium & Stone Lobby, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle
<b>Dr. Kevin Imrie</b> Resident Duty Hours: Is Surgery Different?		Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (changed from St. Michael's Hospital)





#### EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Department's Educational Partnership initiative continues to develop and support teaching activities within the areas of Postgraduate, Undergraduate, and Continuing Medical Education.

We would like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge and thank all our partners for their generous commitment and support of our educational activities throughout this and past years.

The 2011 - 2012 Industry Sponsors are:

#### **GOLD LEVEL**

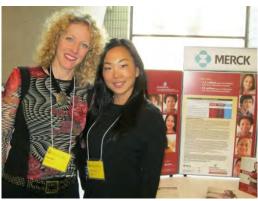
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We look forward to future collaborations with our Industry Partners that continue to enhance development and growth within the educational programs of the Department.











#### SIGNIFICANT HONOURS AND AWARDS

#### **DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

#### **2011-2012 CHAIR'S AWARDS**

Mark Yudin Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Sari Kives Excellence in Postgraduate Teaching

Resident Wellness Team: Donna Steele, Janet Bodley,

Michèle Farrugia Excellence in Postgraduate Program

Development/Innovation

Sarah Ferguson Outstanding Research Potential

Arthur Zaltz Excellence in Research Facilitation

Jon Barrett Sustained Excellence in Research

**Jason Dodge** Excellence in CME Teaching

**Deborah Robertson** 

(Women's Health Symposium) Excellence in CME Course Coordination

**Dalip Bhangu** Excellence in Integrated Undergraduate Education

Melanie Ornstein Excellence in Integrated Postgraduate Education









#### 2012 AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Fred Engle University Health Network
Johannes Keunen Mount Sinai Hospital

Grace Liu Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Filomena Meffe St. Michael's Hospital

Melanie OrnsteinToronto East General HospitalJeremy WongNorth York General HospitalSuzanne WongSt Joseph's Health Centre

#### MASTER TEACHER AWARDS

Grace Liu Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Filomena Meffe St Michael's Hospital Suzanne Wong St Joseph's Health Centre











#### Hani Akoury

Chief and Program Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology St. Joseph's Health Centre July 1, 2011

#### **May Alarab**

One of five members elected to serve on the International Urogynecological Association Scientific Committee.

Award for Best New Investigator Poster Presentation. SGI Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, California, USA March 9, 2012.

#### Lisa Allen

CREOG (Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology) National Faculty Award Selected by the PGY5 residents for promoting high standards of residency education in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2011-2012

#### Anjali Aggarwal

Undergraduate Medical Training representative/coordinator for Toronto East General Hospital September 7, 2011

#### **Oluleke Badmos**

As Chair of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department at Toronto East General Hospital (TEGH), partnered with the TEGH Ophthalmology Department to start the first Amnion banking service in Ontario.

#### Jennifer Blake

25 Top Women of Influence Award Women of Influence Inc. 2011

#### Janet Bodley

Postgraduate Medical Education Site Director Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

#### **Adrian Brown**

Master's certificate for completion of the OMA-CMA Physician Leadership Program Schulich School of Business
June 2012.







#### Theodore J Brown and Ellen Greenblatt

"A minimally-invasive look into the window of implantation: identification of candidate biomarkers of endometrial receptivity by transcriptomic analysis of uterine fluid aspirations" selected by the Scientific Program Committee to receive one of five ASRM "In-Training Awards for Research." These awards are given in recognition of outstanding research conducted by individuals who are in-training: Crystal Chan.

American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Orlando, Florida, USA October 15-19, 2011.

#### Isabella Caniggia

National Bank Business Excellence Award Italian Chamber of Commerce 2012

#### José Carvalho

Gertie Marx Award

Carbetocin vs oxytocin: In vitro human myometrial contractions after oxytocin pre-treatment. Naida Cole, Magda Erik Soussi, **José CA Carvalho, John Kingdom** and Mrinalini Balki Best paper presented by a Fellow or Resident 44th Annual Meeting of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology Monterey, California, USA, May 2-5, 2012

Fred Zuspan Award, Best Collaborative Paper between Obstetrics & Perinatal Anesthesia "Carbetocin at elective Cesarean delivery: A dose-finding study - part 2" Zuresh Anandakrihsnan, Mrinalini Balki, **Gareth Seaward**, and **José CA Carvalho**. 44th Annual Meeting of the Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology. May 2012

#### **Astrid Christoffersen-Deb**

2011 recipient of the inaugural Grand Challenges Canada Rising Stars in Global Health prize for her project, "mHealth for Maternal and Newborn Health: Clinical decision support for community health workers in Western Kenya," which aims to link women and infants to care through the use of clinical decision support on mobile phones.

#### **David Chitayat**

Richard Rowe Award for Clinical Excellence University of Toronto Department of Pediatrics 2012

#### **Terence Colgan**

President's Meritorious Award for Service to the Society American Society of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy March 2012





#### Lilian Gien

Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG)

Young Investigator Award

First Canadian to win this award, to lead a GOG ancillary data project, and be a member of the GOG Cervix Committee (2 year term)

2012

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American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Orlando, Florida, USA October 15-19, 2011.

#### **Elaine Herer**

Celebrating Excellence in Education Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre 2011

#### John Kingdom

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# Andrea Lausman

Re-appointed Head of Labour and Delivery at St. Michael's Hospital

#### Shoo Lee

Appointed Scientific Directorfor the CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH).

# **Guylaine Lefebvre**

Enid Johnson MacLeod Award

Federation of Medical Women of Canada

Awarded annually to a physician or non-physician for promotion of women's health research and/or women's health education

2012

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Governor General of Canada In recognition of contributions to women's health in Canada 2012

Inaugural Chair of Women's Health jointly held between St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto

This Chair will help support work in gynaecologic surgery, innovation and education.





Reappointed Chief of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, St Michael's Hospital, for a two-year extended term to April 2014.

Chair, Search Committee, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

#### Michelle Letarte

Experiments and Adventures with Endoglin and Immunology!

2011 Cinader Award, Canadian Society of Immunology

The Bernhard Cinader award lectureship is given to a Canadian scientist who exemplifies distinguished scientific leadership and accomplishments in Immunology.

#### **Stephen Matthews**

President's Achievement Award Society for Gynecologic Investigation 2012

#### Tara Macleod

2012 Toronto East General Hospital Residents Teaching Award. Toronto East General Hospital Presented at the staff and residents' appreciation dinner The Estates of Sunnybrook, June 4, 2012.

#### **Colleen McDermott**

Head, Division of Pelvic Medicine and Minimally-Invasive Surgery St Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto

#### Filomena Meffe

The Paul McCleary Award

In recognition of the contributions to promotion of education in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital. June 2012

# K Joan Murphy

SOGC GOC Presidential Medal

The Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada

Presented to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to gynecologic oncology.

Conferred June 2011

#### Steven Narod

Honoris Causa Doctoris Pomeranian University of Medicine, Poland 2011

# Nicholas Pairaudeau

Reappointed Honorary Professor in Beijing Hospital, China, 2011/2012





#### P Gareth R Seaward

Karen McGibbon Award of Excellence - Seymour Schulich Honorarium Team Member, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. (Code Omega Team) April 2012

Fred Zuspan Award, Best Collaborative Paper between Obstetrics & Perinatal Anesthesia "Carbetocin at elective Cesarean delivery: A dose-finding study - part 2" Zuresh Anandakrihsnan, Mrinalini Balki, **Gareth Seaward**, and **José CA Carvalho**. 44th Annual Meeting of the Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology. May 2012

# **Heather Shapiro**

Inaugural Vice-Chair, Education University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology March 1, 2012

#### **Michael Shier**

Member, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society AOA is a professional medical organization that recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine

#### **Donna Steele**

Residency Program Director University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology March 1, 2012

#### Melissa Tai

MSc in Clinical Epidemiology, University of Toronto June 2012

MSc Best Poster Award (Clinical Epidemiology)

#### Robert Duff Barron Award

Best poster related to Public Health Policy or most closely related academic field For poster: The cost-effectiveness of prophylactic distal fimbriectomies versus conventional laparoscopic tubal sterilizations in the prevention of ovarian cancer. IHPME, University of Toronto May 2 2012.

# **Paul Thistle**

Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world July 2011





# Ants Toi

Fellow of the AIUM (FAIUM)

Nominated by peers and Board of Governors for distinguished service to ultrasound and the AIUM.

Distinguished Reviewer, AIUM, United States

For outstanding reviews submitted to the Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine during 2011

#### Wendy Wolfman

Certified Menopause Clinician

North American Menopause Society, USA

Certification conferred by North American Menopause Society by exam or adequate educational credits.

July 2011 – June 2014

Young Investigator Award for most promising research, one of 3 awarded for trainee Kelsy Mills. NAMS, Washington, DC, USA, September 2011

NAMS Pfizer Medical Residents and Fellows Reporter Program Award for trainee Rebecca Menzies

NAMS, Washington, DC, USA, September 2011

Young Investigator Award, Internist-Endocrinologist for Menopause Fellow Maria Velazquez. NAMS, Washington, DC, USA September, 2011

#### Mark Yudin

Carl Nimrod Educator Award Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (APOG) 2011

Fitzgerald Academy Education Award For postgraduate teaching in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2011-12

Deputy-Head Department of Ob/Gyn, St Michael's Hospital

### **Arthur Zaltz**

Interim Chief Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre January 1, 2012

The Neelam Sierra Resident Advocacy Award

Selected annual by the graduating residents and presented to an individual who has been an exceptional advocate for residents in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, consistently supporting residents throughout their training 2011-2012





# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

# **Original Research**

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# INVITED LECTURES AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

# **International**

**Alarab M.** Insight into the genetics of pelvic organ prolapse (POP) and factors that promote and degrade extracellular matrix (ECM) ICS, Workshop, Glasgow, UK, August 29, 2011.

**Allen L.** The multidisciplinaryapproach to disorders of sexual development.Invited Speaker. North American Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, Annual Clinical Meeting, South Beach, Florida, USA, April 19, 2012.

**Berger H.** HAPO increases the number of patients labeled as GDM, but this does not improve pregnancy outcome. Invited Speaker: The 14th World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Infertility Conference, Paris, France, November 18, 2011.

**Bernardini M,** Swallow C, Fleshner N. What is Success? How Aggressive Should We Be? Symposium on Pelvic Exenteration, Invited Speaker. Society of Pelvic Surgeons Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. September 15, 2011.

**Bocking AD.** Preterm birth and the vaginal flora: Is there a Link? Distinguished Speaker. Annual Symposium of Perinatology, Shenzen Maternity and Children's Hospital, Shenzen, China, November 2011.

**Bocking AD.** Probiotic lactobacilli during pregnancy - Is there a role? Presidential Lecture. Distinguished Speaker. 38th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chicago, Illinois, USA, August 2011.

**Bocking AD.** Probiotic therapy for the reversal of bacterial vaginosis in pregnancy. Twin Birth Study for International Collaborators' Meeting, Speaker. Presentation of Primary Results. Toronto, Ontario, Canada May 11, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Women and children's health – A global perspective. Mini Symposia. Moderator. Society for Gynaecological Investigation, San Diego, California, USA, March 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Women and children's health - A global perspective - Maternal mortality and morbidity. Speaker. Society for Gynaecological Investigation, San Diego, California, USA, March 2012.

**Casper RF.** The role of mitochondria in fertility. Invited Lecturer. Boston Biotech Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, April 17, 2012.

Casper RF. Cigarettes, Red Wine and Reproduction. Lecturer. Sevilla, Spain. January 27, 2012.

**Casper RF.** Can we rejuvenate old eggs? MEFS Annual Meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, November 2011.

**Casper RF.** New methods for ovulation induction. MEFS Annual Meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, November 2011.





**Casper RF.** Rotating night shifts: working with the dark side of light. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Detroit, Michigan, USA, September 24, 2011.

**Casper RF**. GnRH agonists in the management of endometriosis. American College of Obstetrcians and Gynecologists, Detroit, Michigan, USA, September 23, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Brain abnormalities in Beckwith-Wiedeman syndrome. The 33rd Fetoscopy Working Group Meeting, Hong Kong, China, September 8-11, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** The Chromosomal Microarrays: The benefits and challenges of introduction into prenatal diagnosis. Keynote speaker. Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, September 8, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Prenatal Diagnosis of micrognathia. The 33rd Fetoscopy Working Group Meeting, Hong Kong, China, September 8-11, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Microarray analysis in prenatal diagnosis. The First Chinese Congress of Fetal Medicine, Shanghai, China, September 11, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** The role of the medical geneticist in prenatal diagnosis. The First Chinese Congress of Fetal Medicine, Shanghai, China, September 11, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** An approach to the newborn with DSD. Haemek Medical Center, Afula, Israel, December 21, 2011.

Chitayat D. Sex differentiation. Haemek Medical Center, Afula, Israel, December 21, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Prenatally detected genital abnormalities. International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis, 16th International Conference, Miami, Florida, USA, June 3, 2012.

**Colgan T.** Glandular lesions of the cervix. Invited faculty member. 64th Annual Meeting of the California Society of Pathologists, California, USA, December 1, 2011.

**Colgan T.** Cervical cancer screening and prevention. The role of molecular testing. Invited Work Group Member. ASCCP - ACS - ASCP Consensus Conference, Besthesda, Maryland, USA, November 17, 2011.

**Covens A.** First line management for ovarian cancer. Amgen Investigator's Meeting. Newport Beach, California, USA, 2012.

**Covens A.** Time for radical changes to radical hysterectomy. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Canton, Ohio, USA, 2012.

**Derzko C.** Update on the management of menopause & osteoporosis. U of T – Saudi Aramco Live Telecast, July 5, 2011.

**Derzko C.** The Canadian Humanitarian Medical Mission to Ukraine (Feb 10 – 17/2012). Radio Canada International, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 6, 2012.

**Derzko C.** Interview of Canadian Physicians in Kharkhiv. International Press Corps, Kharkiv, Ukraine), February 14, 2012.





- **Derzko C.** The Canadian Humanitarian Medical Mission to Ukraine (Feb 10 17/2012). Chicago Radio, Chicago, Illinois, USA, March 7, 2012.
- **Farine D.** 2012 Apr 2 Invited Speaker. Is Cerebral Palsy in Babies Resulting from ART related to Twinning? Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence, Plazza SS Annunziata, Twins, art and science" Art Exhibition by David Teplica Offician opening of the Exhibition, Florence, Florence, Italy. Presenter(s): Farine, Dan
- **Farine D.** Epidemiology of mono and dichorionic twins. Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence, Plazza SS Annunziata Twins, Art and Science: Art Exhibition by David Teplica Official opening of the Exhibition, Florence, Italy. April 2, 2012.
- **Farine D.** Management of premature rupture of membranes before 34 weeks of gestation. 14th Jornada Medica Bienal, Luis Castelazo Ayala Hospital, Mexico City, Mexico. March 15, 2012.
- **Farine D.** Use of progesterone. Plenary Symposium on Preterm Delivery. 14th Jornada Medica Bienal, Mexico City, Mexico. March 15, 2012.
- **Farine D.** Should we use progesterone prophylactically for all pregnancies? The 14th World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility, Paris, France. November 18, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Uterine atony: What can be done before hysterectomy? The 14th World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility, Paris, France, November 18, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Shoulder Dystocia. 10th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine, Punta del Este, Uruguay, November 8 11, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Active mismanagement of labour. 10th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine, Punta del Este, Uruguay. November 8 11, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Modern technology to monitor labor progress. Birth Clinical Challenges in Labour & Delivery Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, USA, September 9, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Post-partum hemorrhage & carbetocin. Ferring Pharmaceuticals, China, July 20-28, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Post-partum hemorrhage & carbetocin. Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Bangkok, Thailand, July 20-28, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Post-partum hemorrhage & carbetocin. Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, July 20-28, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Post-partum hemorrhage & carbetocin. Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Singapore, July 20-28, 2011.
- **Farine D.** Post-partum hemorrhage & carbetocin. Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Manila, Philippines, July 20-28, 2011.





**Farine D.** Diagnosis and management of placenta previa. First International Meeting of Perinatal Medicine, Modern Perinatology: Organization, Technologies and Quality. Moscow, Central Federal District, Russian Federation, July 16, 2011.

**Ferguson SE.** Sexuality after gynae cancer treatment. The Gynaecology Travellers of Great Britain and Ireland Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 14, 2012.

**Fyles A.** Luminal A Subtype predicts radiation response in T1N0 breast cancer in a randomized trial of tamoxifen with out without breast radiation. SABCS-AACR San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, San Antonio, Texas, USA, December, 2011.

**Fyles A.** Vulva contouring study. Gynecological Working Group, RTOG Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, January, 2012.

**Kingdom J.** Interactions between heparin and the placenta: Preventing pre-eclampsia. The Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, November 2011.

**Kingdom J.** Does heparin prevent placental complications? Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Melbourne, Australia, November 2011.

**Kingdom J.** Screening for placental dysfunction: Are we there yet? Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Melbourne, Australia, November 2011.

**Kingdom J.** Is heparin a placental anticoagulant. Travellers Meeting (UK Group), Intercontinental Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, May 2012.

**Lee SK.** Canadian Neonatal Network. International Neonatal Symposium, Urumqi, China, August, 2011.

**Lee SK.** Around the world in 80 days. Perinatal Research Society Annual Meeting, Roanoke, Virginia, USA, September 2011.

Lee SK. EPIQ. SIBEN Annual Conference, Santiiago, Chile, October 2011.

Lee SK. EPIQ. Shenzhen Neonatal Conference, Shenzhen, China, October 2011.

**Lee SK.** Evidence-based practice for improving quality: Innovative new strategies for improving outcomes for infants. PSANZ & FAOPS Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia, March 2012.

Lee SK. Around the world in 80 Days. Resuscitation Conference, Shenzhen, China, June 2012.

**Letarte M**. Endoglin function in the vascular and immune systems. Program in Translational Cardiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, October 10, 2011.





- **Letarte M**. Potential role of endoglin in regulation of inflammation. Department of Immunology, Federal University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, October 11, 2011.
- **Letarte M**. Immune dysregulation in endoglin heterozygous mice subjected to experimental colitis. Round Table 7, New insights in the biology of B cells. XXXVI Brazilian Congress of Immunology, Foz de Iguaçu-PR, Brazil, October 16, 2011.
- **Letarte M**. Many facets of the regulatory role of Endoglin (CD105). Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, New York, USA, March 28, 2012.
- **Liu K**. Advanced Reproductive Age and Fertility SOGC guidelines. Interview. Published in multiple newspapers, including Globe and Mail (on-line), Calgary Herald and Ottawa Citizen. November 17, 2011.
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- **Liu K**. Advanced Reproductive Age and Fertility SOGC guidelines. Interview. Global TV News, November 17, 2011.
- **Liu K.** Fertility for the Family Physician. Ontario College of Family Physicians Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. November 24, 2011.
- **McDermott C,** Hale D. The ins and outs of laparoscopic abdominal sacrocolpoperineopexy. 41st Annual Meeting of the International Continence Society, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, August 30, 2011.
- **Narod S.** A model for breast cancer risk based on stem cell theory: Implications for chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. New Horizons in Cancer Genetics & Applications to Clinical Practice, Chicago, Illinois, USA, April 21, 2012.
- **Narod S.** A model for breast cancer risk based on stem cell theory: Implications for Chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 Carriers. Breast Rounds at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, April 17, 2012.
- **Narod S.** A model for breast cancer risk based on stem cell theory: Implications for chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Colombus, Ohio, USA, April 9, 2012.
- **Narod S.** Genetic testing in the Jewish Population: Are we doing enough? Temple Beth Am, Miami, Florida, USA, March 14, 2012.
- **Narod S.** A model for breast cancer risk based on stem cell theory: Implications for chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. University of Miami, Miami, Florida, USA, March 13, 2012.
- **Narod S.** A model for breast cancer risk based on stem cell theory: implications for chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. 1st Asia-Pacific Breast Cancer Summit, Singapore, February 12, 2012.





**Narod S.** Chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. Women's University Clinic, Vienna, Austria, January 13, 2012.

**Narod S.** Chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. AMGEN Scientific Advisory Board, San Antonio, Texas, USA, December 6, 2011.

**Narod S.** Treatment of hereditary breast cancer. Curso Internacional De Genetica Y Cancer, Santiago, Chile, November 24, 2011.

**Narod S.** Genetic counseling for hereditary cancer - Clinical cases of BRCA1/2. Curso Internacional De Genetica Y Cancer, Santiago, Chile, November 24, 2011.

**Narod S.** Historical perspective of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. Curso Internacional De Genetica Y Cancer, Santiago, Chile November 23, 2011.

**Narod S.** Chemoprevention for BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers. Curso Internacional De Genetica Y Cancer, Santiago, Chile, November 23, 2011.

**Narod S.** Prevention and treatment of hereditary breast cancer. Beijing Cancer Hospital, Beijing, China, October 10, 2011.

**Narod S.** Breast and ovarian cancer prevention in women with a BRCA mutation. What is the evidance? St. Vincent Cancer Care, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, September 17, 2011.

**Narod S.** Breast and ovarian cancer screening in women with BRCA mutations. St. Vincent Cancer Care, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, September 17, 2011.

**Oza A.** Translational research in advanced ovarian cancer. Centro di Ricerca Oncologia, National Cancer Institute, Aviano, Italy, December 16, 2011.

Oza A. Wee-1 inhibitors in ovarian cancer. OncoSummit, Lisbon, Portugal. October 7, 2011.

**Oza A.** Ovarian and endometrial cancer treatment overview. Rosia IDMC meeting, Stockholm, weden, September 26, 2011.

**Pairaudeau N.** Safety in the OR. Lecture as Honorary Professor, Beijing Hospital. Beijing Hospital, Beijing, China, March 2012.

**Pairaudeau N.** The surgical check list. Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, Singapore, November, 2011.

**Pairaudeau N**. Hysteroscopy complications. 8th Affiliate Hospital of Jiansu Medical School, Shanghai, China, December 8, 2011.

**Pairaudeau N.** Hysterectomy in Canada. 2nd Affiliate Hospital of Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, April 2, 2012.

**Sermer M**. Peripartum management of the cardiac patient - The Toronto experience. The 2nd International Congress on Cardic Problems in Pregnancy, Berlin, Germany, May 2012.





**Sermer M.** Debate: C-Section is the Preferred Mode of Delivery for Women with Heart Disease. Antagonist. The 2nd International Congress on Cardiac Problems in Pregnancy, Berlin, Germany, May 2012.

**Sermer M.** What is the most appropriate peripartum management of women with congenital heart disease? 22nd International Symposium on Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 2012.

**Sermer M.** Pregnancy and Heart Disease. Panel Member. Scientific Session, 22nd International Symposium on Adult Congenital Heart Disase, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 2012.

**Steinberg W.** Menopause: The debate goes on. Women's Health Conference: CME Seacourses Caribbean, Nassau, St. Maarten, Dutch Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, March 11-18, 2012.

**Steinberg W.** Office Gynaecology Procedures (Laboratory). Women's Health Conference: CME Seacourses Caribbean, Nassau, St. Maarten, Dutch Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, March 11-18, 2012.

**Steinberg W.** IUDs Update. 2 Hour hands-on LAB. Women's Health Conference: CME Seacourses Caribbean, Nassau, St. Maarten, Dutch Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, March 11-18, 2012.

**Steinberg W**. Abnormal uterine bleeding. 1 Hour hands-on LAB, Women's Health Conference: CME Seacourses Caribbean, Nassau, St. Maarten, Dutch Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, March 11-18, 2012.

**Steinberg W.** Recent advances in cervical cancer protection. Women's Health Conference: CME Seacourses Caribbean, Nassau, St. Maarten, Dutch Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, March 11-18, 2012.

**Steinberg W.** AUG: Diagnosis & management. Women's Health Conference: CME Seacourses Caribbean, Nassau, St. Maarten, Dutch Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, March 11-18, 2012.

**Stirk L.** Cancer of the cervix.By invitation of the Dean, Student Affiars/Lecturer, Royal Institute of Health Sciences, Thimpu, Bhutan, April 2012.

**Stirk L**. Infertility treatment. Royal Institute of Health Sciences, By invitation of the Dean, Student Affiars/Lecturer, Thimpu, Bhutan, April 2012.

**Ternamian A.** Faculty at the Gynaecological Endoscopic and Reproductive Medicine Course, University of Kiel, Department of Obsterics and Gynaecology, Kiel, Germany, June 7-10, 2012.

**Ternamian A.** Safe Laparoscopic Peritoneal Entry and Risk Management in Endoscopic Surgery. Hands-On Suturing and Hysteroscopy Course. University of Kiel, Department of Obsterics and Gynaecology, Kiel, Germany, June 7-10, 2012.





**Ternamian A.** Automated peritoneal access. Technology Symposium. Innovative tools and Robotics. 20th International Congress of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery. Brussels, Belgium, June 20-23, 2012.

**Thistle P**, Mwakutuya J. Doctors in distress. The role of the Health Committee of the Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe.Zimbabwe College of Psychiatry & Counseling Service Unit Workshop, Harare, Zimbabwe, June 2012.

**Thomas G.** Research challenges in the developing world – Focus on cervical cancer. 11th Peninsula Cancer Research Network Symposium, Buckfast Abbey, UK, July 2011.

**Thomas G.** The big picture down under: Concurrent Chemo-Radiation: Where are we now? COSA Meeting, Perth, Australia, November 2011.

**Thomas G.** The true cost of running trials for CCTGs: An international perspective on cooperative trials groups. The Complicated PelvisMeeting, Annual Scientific Meeting of the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia (COSA) Meeting, Perth, Australia, November 18-19, 2011.

**Thomas G.** Endometrial cancer should be managed by the specialist Gynecologist not the Gynecologic Oncologist. Debate: Pro side. COSA Meeting, Perth Australia, November 18-19, 2011.

**Thomas G.** Vulvar Cancer: "Put Down the Knife and Bring on the Healing Ray." COSA Meeting, Perth Australia, November 18-19, 2011.

**Thomas G.** Are we missing the boat? Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Australia, 2011.

**Thomas G.** Expert Opinion/Debate: Contra Surgical Staging. Progress and Controversies in Gynecologic Oncology Conference, Barcelona, Spain, April 13-14, 2012.

**Toi A.** Fetal live scan. Inaugural Pacific Rim Congress on Ultrasound and MRI Imaging of the Fetus. Whisler, British Columbia, Canada, March 4, 2012.

**Toi A.** Case Presentations. Inaugural Pacific Rim Congress on Ultrasound and MRI Imaging of the Fetus, Whisler, British Columbia, Canada, March 4, 2012.

**Toi A.** Borderline findings in fetal CNS: Diagnosing abnormality in a normal appearing brain. ISUOG, Los Angeles, California, USA, September 18, 2011.

**Wolfman W.** Review of testosterone therapies in treatment of Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD). North American Menopause Society. Round Table Breakfast. Washington, DC, USA, September 20, 2011.













### **National**

**Adamson SL.** Advancing preeclampsia research by integrating biobanks, databanks, mice and humans. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. April 5, 2012.

**Adamson SL.** Advancing preeclampsia research by integrating biobanks, databanks, mice and humans. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Montreal, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, April 4, 2012.

**Allen L.** Adult women with TS. Invited Speaker. Discussion workshop on aging, menopause and TS. Presentation to Patients/Public. Turner Syndrome Society of Canada. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 26, 2012.

Allen L. Ovarian torsion: Twist and shout. Invited Speaker. Surgery in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, Annual Ontario Meeting, Concurrent Session: Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada and Society of Minimally Invasive Gynecologists, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 2, 2011.

**Allen L**. Genital trauma. Invited Speaker. Surgery in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, Annual Ontario Meeting, Concurrent Session, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada and Society of Minimally Invasive Gynecologists, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 2, 2011.

**Allen L**. The obstructed vagina. Invited Lecturer. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Plenary, Annual Ontario Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 1, 2011.

**Bernardini MQ.** Clinical challenge of endometrial cancer - Lessons learned from ovarian cancer. Invited Speaker. Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research (CCOCR), Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. May 29, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Comparative study of two transabdominal approaches for uterine artery doppler velocimetry at 11-13 weeks. Invited Moderator. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Group prenatal care versus individual prenatal care: A systematic review and metaanalyses. Invited Moderator. . Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** The effect of vitamin d levels on pregnancy outcomes: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Invited Moderator. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Timing of elective repeat cesarean delivery at term in British Columbia. Invited Moderator. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Trends, predictors and mortality among women with venous thromboembolism in pregancy: A population-based study of 8 million births. Invited Moderator. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2012.





**Bocking AD.** Do academic institutions have a social responsibility? Distinguished Speaker. 37th Annual R.T. Weaver Scientific Day, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Nov 9, 2011.

**Bocking AD.** Preterm birth: Unravelling the mystery of the vaginal flora. Invited Speaker. Grand Rounds, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, November 9, 2011.

**Bodley J.** Role Modeling: "Monkey See, Monkey Do!" Canadian Association for Medical Education Webinar Development and Leader: Understanding the Importance of Intentional Role Modeling. October 2011.

**Brown TJ.** Ovulation and predisposition to epithelial ovarian cancer. Invited Lecturer. Queen's University, Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Kingston, Ontario, January 20, 2012.

**Casper RF.** Can we rejuvenate old eggs? Royal Victoria Hospital, MUHC Reproductive Cente Journal Club & Case Review, Montreal, Quebec, March 16, 2012.

**Casper RF.** Shift work: The dark side of light. Royal Victoria Hospital, Department of Ob/Gyn Grand Rounds, Montreal, Quebec, March 15, 2012.

Casper RF. Egg preservation: Practical issues, SOGC, CME Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, December 2, 2011.

**Casper RF.** Canadian usage and experience of umbilical cord banking, SOGC, CME Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, December 1, 2011.

**Casper RF.** Invited Speaker. Cen We Rejuvenate Old Eggs? Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, Toronto, Ontario, September 22, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** An update on screening for fetal aneuploidy. 68th Annual Meeting, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2012.

**Colgan T.** Gynaecological pathology: Update 2011. Invited faculty member. Banff Pathology Course, Banff, Alberta, August 25, 2011.

**Colgan T.** A day of gynaecological pathology. Visiting Professor. University of Western Ontario, Department of Pathology, London, Ontario, June 13, 2012.

**Colgan T.** Cervical Glandular Lesions. 74th Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association of Pathologists, October 16, 2011.

**Covens A.** Evidence-based laparoscopic surgery. Gynecologic Cancer: Universal access to minimal invasive surgery. Division of Gynecologic Oncology, McGill University Montreal, Quebec

**Derzko C.** Screening for STI's – Why vigilance matters. Ontario College of Family Practice 2011 Annual General Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, November 26, 2011.

**Feig D.** Planning pregnancy in women with type 2 diabetes: where to start? Canadian Diabetes Association, Association Annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, October 29, 2011.





**Feig D.** Debate: Should oral agents be used as first-line therapy for women with gestational diabetes? Canadian Diabetes in Pregnancy Study group (CanDIPS), Toronto, Ontario, October 28, 2011.

**Ferguson SE.** Survivorship care for women with gynecologic cancer: A model of care. 37th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, October 2011.

**Keating S.** What's so special about perinatal pathology? Forensic Pathologists of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, April 25, 2012.

**Kingdom J.** Is heparin a placental anticoagulant? University of British Columbia Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Annual Academic Day, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 2012.

**Kingdom J.** Placental insufficiency syndromes: Are we winning? BC Women's Hospital Interprofessional Grand Rounds, Children's and Women's Health Centre of Britsh Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 2012.

**Kroft J.** Essentials in Endoscopic Surgery Course. Society of Minimally Invasive Gynaecology/Association of Professors of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 1, 2011.

Lee SK. EPIQ. WinterCAPS Retreat, Whistler, British Columbia, September 2011.

Lee SK. Improving neonatal care. Alberta Innovates Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, Oct 2011.

Lee SK. Quality improvement. CCHCSP Annual Symposium, Ottawa, Ontario, October 2011.

**Lee SK.** Around the world in 80 days. CAPHC Annual Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, October 2011.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR Mental Health Forum, Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Halifax, Nova Scotia, April 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CHU Sainte-Justine Symposium, Sainte-Adele, Quebec, May 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Montreal, Quebec, May 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Hamilton, Ontario, May 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Calgary, Alberta, May 2012.

Lee SK. CCHCSP Address. 2012 CCHCSP Symposium, Calgary, Alberta, June 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Quebec City, Quebec, May 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Ottawa, Ontario, May 2012.

Lee SK. Royal College Lecture. 2012 CPS Conference, London, Ontario, June 2012.





Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Edmonton, Alberta, June 2012.

Lee SK. IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 2012.

**Lefebvre G,** Heywood M, Hopkins L, Legrand-Westfall L. Risk management in gynecologic surgery. 67th Annual Clinical Meeting of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. June 15, 2011.

**Lovatsis D.** Transobturator slings: Inside-out versus outside-in. Invited Speaker. Lecture to OB/GYN and Urology practicing physicians. Owen Sound Hospital, Owen Sound, Ontario, September 12, 2011.

**Lovatsis D.** Live surgery - laparoscopic sacral colpopexy. live surgery with audiovisual feed to lecture theatre to 10 practicing OB/GYNs2011. Centre for Minimal Access Surgery (CMAS), Hamilton, Ontario, October 14, 2011.

Mansour F, Boggs E, McDermott C, **Lefebvre G** Acute management of ureteric injury at minimally invasive hysterectomy. SOGC Annual Clinical Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 15, 2011.

**Maxwell C.** Overview of literature, evidence, guidelines and clinical pearls for management of the obese pregnant woman. 2011 Obstetrics & Gynecology Clinical Day, Current Approaches to the Obese Pregnant Patient. South Lake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, Ontario, October 26, 2011.

**Murphy K**. Canadian Research Investigators: 'How to' and Wisdom. Canadian Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine Initiative, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 2012.

**Narod S.** Treatment of hereditary breast cancer: Report from Poland. 4th International Symposium on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 26, 2012.

**Narod S.** MRI versus Mastectomy. 4th International Symposium on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 25, 2012.

**Oza A.** Gynecologic cancers. Best of Oncology Conference, Toronto, Ontario, December 2, 2011.

**Rogers IM.** Lunch and Learn: Human umbilical cord blood stem cells: Present and future uses. Invited Speaker. Frederiction Medical Centre, Frederiction, New Brunswick, November 4, 2011.

**Rosen B,** Miller D. Review of the objectives of CoP in international women's health. GOC - Communities of Practice Forum, Toronto, Ontario, December 2, 2011.

Shaw D, **Spitzer**, **RF**. Global Reproductive Health Education. APOG, Toronto, Ontario, December 3, 2011.

**Spitzer RF.** (on behalf of CANPAGO). Infection detection: Sexually transmitted infections in the adolescent and young adult. SOGC, Toronto, Ontario, December 3, 2011.





**Spitzer RF.** Meeting contraceptive challenges. Southlake Regional Health Centre. Newmarket, Ontario, October 26, 2011.

**Stirk L.** Alcohol & Pregnancy. Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Rounds, NYGH, Toronto, Ontario, March 2012.

**Tai M.** Cesarean Section rates, How high is too high? TEGH MRP-QIP Grand Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, January 18, 2012.

**Toi A.** Prostate ultrasound and biopsy. CAR 75th Annual Scientific Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, April 26, 2012.

**Toi A.** Fetal head beyond the ventricles. Multimodality gynaecologic and obstetrical imaging. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, October 29, 2011.

**Toi A.** Fetal live scan. Multimodality gynecologic and obstetrical imaging. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, October 29, 2011.

**Windrim R.** Contemporary topics in prenatal care: A Special Symposium on Twins and Delayed Childbearing". Calgary Ultrasound Meeting Half-day MCDA Twins, TTTS, Doppler, Early screening. Calgary Health Services, Early prenatal Risk Assessment Program, Calgary Alberta, September 23-24, 2011.

**Wolfman W.** Best Practice Session: Androgens and Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Aruba, February 27, 2012.

**Wolfman W.** Breakout Session: Adnormal uterine bleeding in the endometrium. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Toronto, Ontario, December 1, 2011.

**Wolfman W.** Graft versus host disease. The Canadian Bone Marrow Transplant Group. Montreal, Quebec, September 16, 2011.

**Wolfman W.** Androgens in gynaecology. Course for gynaecologists. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, June 23, 2012.

**Yudin M.** Perinatal infections: Update on diagnosis and treatment. Plenary Session. Atlantic Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ASOG) Annual Clinical Meeting. Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, September 24, 2011.

**Yudin M.** STI Update. Best Practice Session. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) 68th Annual Clinical Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 22, 2012.

**Yudin M.** Working with and supporting HIV-positive mothers at Hamilton Health Sciences: An educational forum. Office of Human Rights and Diversity Lunch Conference. Hamilton, Ontario, May 2, 2012.

**Yudin M.** Caring for the HIV+ pregnant woman. Ontario HIV Outpatient Clinics Education Day and Conference. AIDS Bureau, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Toronto, Ontario, February 10, 2012.





**Yudin M.** The Positive Pregnancy Programme (P3): a collaborative model for providing care to HIV-positive women during pregnancy. Susan King Memorial Lecture. The Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) 14th Annual Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario, November 14, 2011

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### Local

- **Alarab M.** The role of the primary health care provider and the management of pessaries. 8th Annual Mature Women's Health Care, Toronto, Ontario, April 13, 2012.
- **Alarab M.** New advances in the management of vaginal atrophy. Family Medicine CME, Delta Meadowvale Hotel and Conference Centre. Mississauga, Ontario, February 2, 2012
- **Alarab M.** Anal aphincter skills/workshops.PGY1 Resident teaching. Surgical Skills Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, September 7, 2011.
- **Allen L.** Gynecologic causes of acute abdominal pain in the ER. Invited Speaker. Pediatric Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 24, 2012.
- **Allen L.** Laparoscopic cerclage: A new way to do an old stitch. Invited Speaker. Inservice for perioperative nurses. Women's College Hospital Perioperative Nursing, Toronto, Ontario, January 22, 2012.
- **Arthur R.** Endometriosis and infertility. Invited Speaker. Obsterician/Gynaecologists from the Barrie and Orillia area. Barrie, Ontario, April 25, 2012.
- **Arthur R.** Fibroid management: A practical approach. Invited Speaker. A Gynecology Review Day, Toronto, Ontario, October 28, 2011.
- **Arthur R.** Endometriosis and infertility.Invited Lecturer. Grand Rounds, Mount Sinai Hospital Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Toronto, Ontario, May 25, 2012.
- **Arthur R**. Review of infertility. Infertility Royal College Exam Review. Invited Speaker. Presentation to Senior Residents, Toronto, Ontario, February 29, 2012.
- **Berger H**. Early embryo development. Invited Speaker. Basic Science Academic Half-Day, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, October 5, 2011.
- **Berger H**. Gestational and Pre-Gestational Diabetes. Pregnancy & Obesity: A Challenge in Women's Health, Invited Speaker. Toronto, Ontario, November 11, 2011.
- **Berger H.** Rhombencephalosynapsis. Invited Speaker. University of Toronto Fetal Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, January 31, 2012
- **Berger H.** Screening for GDM the Controversy. Invited Speaker. Mount Sinai Hospital, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Medical Complication Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, October 6, 2011.
- **Berger H**. The Great Debate Time for a new definition of GDM. Invited Speaker: OB/GYN Education Day, Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 1, 2011.
- **Bernstein P.** How to avoid Caesarean section in the second stage. Invited Speaker. Mount Sinai Hospital/University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 11, 2012.





**Bocking AD.** 20th Annual Symposium: new developments in prenatal diagnosis and medical genetics. Invited Moderator. Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Toronto, Ontario, May 16, 2012.

**Bocking AD.** Social responsibility: What is our role? Presenter. Faculty Development Day, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada October 26, 2011.

**Bodley J.** Minimally invasive surgery for prolapse and incontinence. Sunnybrook Estates, Toronto, Ontario, May 2012.

**Brown TJ.** The role of ovulation and the fallopian tube in ovarian cancer. Invited Speaker. Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, September 21, 2011.

**Brown TJ.** Steroid Hormones: Control of synthesis and action. Invited Lecturer. Centre for Fertility and Reproductive Health, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, September 14, 2011.

**Brown TJ.** Human research ethics. Lecturer. Graduate Student Orientation, Department of Physiology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, September 14, 2011.

**Brown TJ.** Introductory principles of experimental design and statistics. Lecturer. Graduate Student Orientation, Department of Physiology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, September 7, 2011.

**Casper RF.** The aging ovary. London Health Sciences Centre, The Fertility Clinic, London, Ontario, April 25, 2012.

**Casper RF.** Current and future uses of umbilical cord blood. Ottawa Civic Hospital, Interhospital Rounds, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ottawa, Ontario, February 8, 2012.

**Casper RF.** Can we rejuvenate old eggs? Hospital for Sick Children, Genetic Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, February 2012.

**Chitayat D.** Current Topics in Medical Genetics – Approach to dysmorphology. Training Program in Medical Genetics, University of Toronto/Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, July 31, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Current topics in Medical Genetics – Prenatal genetics. Introductory Course Series. Training Program in Medical Genetics, University of Toronto/Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, August 4, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Prenatal prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Obstetrics and Gynaecology Residents, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, August 31, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Approach to a dysmorphic newborn. Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Training Program, SickKids Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, September 28, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Concepts in Clinical Genetics – Dysmorphology. MSc Program in Genetic Counselling, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, September 30, 2011.





**Chitayat D.** Sex determination and approach to the child with ambiguous genitalia. Training Program in Medical Genetics, University of Toronto/Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, October 3, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Concepts in Clinical Genetics – Dysmorphology II. MSc Program in Genetic Counselling, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, October 6, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Prenatal Screening and Diagnosis. Genetics Technology Program – The Michener Institute, Toronto, Ontario, October 18, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** MSB-Labs Genetics Seminars – Mechanisms, manifestations and management of disease. Medical students, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 26, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Microarray analysis in the pre and postnatal setting. Department of Pediatrics, Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, October 27, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Concepts in Clinical Genetics - Sex determination and approach to the child with ambiguous genitalia. MSc Program in Genetic Counselling, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, November 9, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Ambiguous genitalia. Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Training Program, SickKids Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 16, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Genetics of cardiac abnormalities. Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Training Program, SickKids Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 30, 2011.

**Chitayat D.** Multifactorial inheritance. MSc Program in Genetic Counselling, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, January 12, 2012.

**Chitayat D.** Current topics in Medical Genetics - Ambiguous genitalia. Training in Medical Genetics, University of Toronto/Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, March 1, 2012.

**Chitayat D.** Prenatal screening and diagnosis. The Motherisk Program, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, March 2, 2012.

**Chitayat D.** Concepts in Clinical Genetics - Genetic disorders. MSc Program in Genetic Counselling, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, April 26, 2012.

**Chitayat D.** Genetic syndromes and congenital heart disease. Fetal Teaching Session, Division of Cardiology, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, June 14, 2012.

**Chitayat D.** Prenatal diagnosis. Fetal Teaching Session, Division of Cardiology, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, June 28, 2012.

**Colman J.** The undifferentiated patient. Lecturer. Heart Disease and Pregnancy Seminar Series - Heart Disease and Pregnancy Program MSH/UHN, Seminar with heart disease and pregnancy fellows Toronto, Ontario, November 11, 2011.

**Covens A.** Fertility-sparing surgical techniques in Gynecologic Oncology. Masters Course, Radiation Technologists, Toronto, Ontario, 2011.





**Covens A.** Cervical cancer – A foundation for new direction in treatment. 62nd Annual Meeting, Society of Pelvic Surgeons, Toronto, Ontario, 2011.

Covens A. Advanced ovarian cancer debulking procedures. Covidien, Toronto, Ontario, 2012.

**Derzko C.** When sex hurts----- and----- Vulvovaginal atrophy is the reason. Primary Care Today Annual 2011 Conference, Toronto, Ontario, May 10, 2012.

**Derzko C.** Is transdermal menopausal ET/EPT safer? Etobicoke Family Physicians Journal Club, Toronto, Ontario, June 13, 2012.

**Derzko C.** 2012 Update on Menopause Management. North Toronto Medical Clinic, Toronto, Ontario, May 9, 2012.

**Derzko C.** Menopause Hormone Therapy: Risks vs Rewards. Toronto Chinese Physicians Journal Club, Toronto, Ontario, March 8, 2012.

**Derzko C.** SOGC Guidelines on Menopausal HT. Oshawa Clinic Physicians, Oshawa, Ontario, November 8, 2011.

**Derzko C.** Management of women in early menopause. Toronto Physicians Group, Toronto, Ontario, July 27, 2011.

**Derzko C.** When politics trumps medical care: The Canadian Humanitarian Medical Mission to Ukraine (Feb 10-17,2012) The Ukrainian Women's Organizations of Toronto, St Vladimir's Cathedral, Toronto Ontario, June 10, 2012.

**Derzko C.** Consent and Coersion: The Canadian Humanitarian Medical Mission to Ukraine (Feb 10-17,2012). Ukrainian - Canadian Youth Organization, Toronto, Ontario, March 22, 2012.

**Derzko C.** COSBILD: The Canadian Humanitarian Medical Mission to Ukraine (Feb 10-17,2012). Toronto, Ontario, March 9, 2012.

**Derzko C.** The Fate of Yulia Tymoshenko – Is her life in danger? CBC, As it Happens. Toronto, Ontario, May 9, 2012.

**Feig D.** Diabetes: The ongoing nature of the problem and its impact on pregnancy. Pregnancy and Birth Conference, Toronto, Ontario, December 2011.

**Feig D.** Diabetic ketoacidosis in pregnancy. Medical Disorders of Pregnancy Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, November 25, 2011.

**Feig D.** Type 2 diabetes in pregnancy: New Challenges. Medical Grand Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, October 13, 2011.

**Feig D.** The CONCEPTT Trial: Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Women with Type 1 Diabetes in Pregnancy Trial. University of Toronto Diabetes in Pregnancy Study, University of Toronto, January 12, 2011.

**Fyles A.** Ontario Ride to Conquer Cancer Rider Recognition Event, Toronto, Ontario, September 2011.





**Greenblatt E.** Rethink breast cancer, Public presentation to young breast cancer survivors about fertility options and fertility preservation. Toronto, Ontario, January 29, 2012.

**Greenblatt E.** Fertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies. Pregnancy and Obesity: A Challenge in Women's Health. Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital/University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, November 11, 2011.

**Greenblatt E.** Effects of advancing age on fertility and ARTs. Expert interview with journalist Rachel Giese. Planned Parenthood. Flare Magazine, November 2011.

**Kingdom J**, **Pittini R**, **Allen L**. Promotions Workshop. Invited Speakers. Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 26, 2011.

**Keunen J,** Halpern R. Are the ACOG/SOGC Guidelines on Asphyxia misguided? Obstetrical Malpractice: a Survival Guide for 2012, Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, January 8, 2012.

**Keunen J.** Severe preeclampsia. Medical Disorders in Pregnancy, Focus on Critical Care. Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, November 25, 2011.

**Keunen J**. Overnutrition, malnutrition and pregnancy. Pregnancy and Obesity, A Challenge in Women's Health. Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, November 11, 2011.

**Khalifa M.** Endometrial intraepithelial neoplasia (EIN): From pathology to clinical practice. Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Ontario, February 24, 2012.

**Kingdom J.** 2012 May First trimester dating (Hot Topics # 1). 10th Annual Refresher in Primary Maternity Care, Continuing Medical Education Seminars, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Kingdom J,** Forte M, Goldman D. Reducing your own second stage C-section rate (Workshop). 10th Annual Refresher in Primary Maternity Care, Continuing Medical Education Seminars, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, May 2012.

**Kingdom J.** The case for placental health testing in nulliparous women. Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, January 2012.

**Kingdom J.** All these new tests for fetal wellbeing (Doppler, PAPPA, etc.). 8th Annual Obstetrical Malpractice: A Survival Guide for 2012, Continuing Medical Education Seminars, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, January 2012.

**Kingdom J.** Delivery challenges in the obses gravida. Pregnancy and Obesity: A Challenge in Women's Health, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 2011.

**Kingdom J.** Obstetrics & Gynaecology in Toronto - Is it for You? Panel Discussion. Information Session re Residency Program, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto, Residency Program, Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 14, 2011.





**Kroft J.** Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Emergency Department. University Health Network Emergency Medicine Conference, Toronto, Ontario, November 2, 2011.

**Kung R, Kives S, Liu G, Rosenthal D, Melchior M, Allen L.** Hysterectomy trends in the GTA. Invited Speakers. MIS City Rounds, MIS Surgical Group, Toronto, Ontario, March 6, 2012.

**Lee SK.** CIHR address. Allergen 7th Annual Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario, January 2012.

**Lee SK.** Around the world in 80 days. CANN Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, February 2012.

**Lee SK.** IHDCYH address. CIHR IHDCYH Forum, Toronto, Ontario, May 2012. **Letarte M.** Ode to Endoglin.Department of Immunology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 31, 2011.

**Letarte M.** La vie fascinante d'un chercheur en Sciences de la Sante. Dans le cours "Exploration des carrieres en SANTE – 2012. College Boreal, Toronto, Ontario, March 2, 2012.

**Malinowski A,** Sen J. Hyperreactio luteinalis in pregnancy. Obstetrical Medicine Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, March 22, 2012.

**Malinowski A.** Obstetrical Haemorrhage. Invited Speaker. Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 25, 2011.

**Maxwell C.** Obesity: What to do and when? Evidence and Guidelines from SOGC, RCOG and ACOG. Pregnancy and Obesity: A Challenge in Women's Health Continuing Education Course, Toronto, Ontario, November 11, 2011.

**Maxwell C.** Managing gestational breast cancer: The Maternal-Fetal Medicine Perspective. Toronto Cancer 2011 Education Conference & Medical Exposition, Princess Margaret Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 25, 2011.

**Maxwell C, Buchman S, Newman A, Bothwell M, Guest S, Abella A. Interdisciplinary Complex Case Rounds. Toronto Cancer 2011 Education Conference & Medical Exposition, Princess Margaret Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 25, 2011.** 

**McDermott** C. Managing patients with urinary incontinence. Invited Speaker. St. Michael's Hospital 3rd Women's Health Symposium, Toronto, Ontario, February 3, 2012.

**McDermott** C. Dealing with urinary incontinence: What can we offer patients? Grand Rounds to the Department of Family and Community Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital Department of Family & Community Medicine, Toronto, Ontario, November 17, 2011.

**McDermott** C. Gynecology order sets. St. Michael's Hospital Nursing Education Day, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 8, 2011.

**McDermott** C. The ins and outs of laparoscopic sacral colpoperine pexy. Urogynaecology Division Rounds, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, September 21, 2011.





**McDermott** C. Research tips and tricks: How to succeed. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, August 15, 2011.

**McDermott C**. Female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery – An American perspective. University of Toronto Division of Urogynaecology & Pelvic Floor Disorders Retreat, Toronto, Ontario, October 21, 2011.

**Meffe F.** Teaching in the clinical setting, Trillium Health Centre, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Toronto, Ontario, December 15, 2011.

**Meffe F.** Making a big impact in small group teaching. Stepping Stones Program, Centre for Faculty Development, University of Toronto, November 29, 2011.

**Meffe F.** Clerkship Matter: Why we need to know about TRES. Faculty Development Half Day, Department of Obsterics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 26, 2011.

**Murphy K**. Acute fatty liver disease in pregancy. The Scarborough Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, November 2011.

**Murphy K.** HIV-tamed but not beaten. Gynae Travellers of Great Britian and Ireland, Toronto, Ontario, May 13, 2012.

**Murphy K,** Martin M-J.Increasing awareness and streamlining research within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology- Where are we and where are we going? Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, February 17, 2012.

**Murphy K.** Hepatitis B in pregnancy. Toronto Western Hosptial, Toronto, Ontario, OB Skills Day for Family Practice Residents. January 25, 2012.

**Murphy K.** Neuroprotection of the preterm infant: MgSO4, Celestone and Delayed Cord Clamping. Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, January 16, 2012.

**Murphy K.** Double Trouble: Management of Multiple Gestations. Lecture for Genetic Counseling Students. Hospital for Sick Children Genetics Department, Toronto, Ontario, October 2011.

**Murphy K.** Planning your research project. U of T Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program, Toronto, Ontario, September 16, 2011.

**Narod S.** Prevention of cancer using medications. Latest Updates in BRCA1 and BRCA2: A Biannual Conference on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer, Toronto, Ontario, May 11, 2012.

**Narod S.** Chemotherapy for the treatment of BRCA-associated breast cancer. Latest Updates in BRCA1 and BRCA2: A Biannual Conference on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 11, 2012.

**Narod S.** WCH School of Nursing Alumnae, Toronto, Ontario, May 7, 2012.

**Narod S.** Association of Volunteers WCH Annual General Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, April 23, 2012.





**Narod S.** Genetic testing in the Jewish population: Are we doing enough? Genetic Grand Rounds, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, April 12, 2012.

**Narod S.** Genetic testing in the Jewish population: Are we doing enough? Darchei Noam Synagogue, Toronto, Ontario, February 26, 2012.

**Narod S.** Update on hereditary breast cancer. Women's College, Toronto, Ontario, October 28, 2011.

Pairaudeau N. Diagnosis and management of uterine rupture. More OB. Toronto, Ontario, 2011.

Pairaudeau N. Management of twins, Toronto, Ontario, 2012.

**Pairaudeau N.** Vasa previa diagnosis and management, Toronto, Ontario, 2012.

**Pittini R, Kingdom J, Allen L.** Preparing for Promotion. Invited Speaker. Faculty Development Day, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario, October 27, 2011.

**Rogers IM.** Umbilical cord blood use. MD Private Investment Council, Toronto, Ontario, June 7, 2012.

**Rogers IM.** Treatment of Type 1 Diabetes. Legacy Giving Foundation, Toronto, Ontario, May 8, 2012

**Rogers IM.** Stem cell-based treatment for peripheral vascular disease. MaRS Showcase, Toronto, Ontario, May 4, 2012.

**Rogers IM.** Umbilical cord blood cells for cellular therapy. Perinatal Rounds, Orillia, Ontario, April 2, 2012.

**Rogers IM.** Adult versus embryonic stem cells. Stem Cell Talks, Toronto, Ontario, March 9, 2012.

Rogers IM. Stem Cells. Dinner with Scientists, Toronto, Ontario, March 6, 2012.

**Rogers IM.** Invited Speaker. Blood, sweat, and iPS: the battle of the stem cells. Ontario Stem Cell Iniative Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, October 5, 2011.

**Rogers IM.** Bone marrow transplantation and umbilical cord blood. ISIS Fertility Clinic, Mississauga, Ontario, September 7, 2011.

**Rogers IM.** Umbilical cord derived stem cells to treat generalized tissue damage: Direct and indirect mechanisms. Summer of Science Series on Regenerative Radiation Medicine, Toronto, Ontario, August 4, 2011.

**Seaward PGR**. Misses and Near Misses in Labour and Delivery 2005 – 2010. University of Toronto and Mount Sinai Hospital Dept Ob/Gyn, Obstetric Malpratice: A Survival Guide for 2011, Toronto, Ontario, January 28, 2012.

**Seaward PGR** Multifetal pregnancy reductions. Genetics Lecture, MFM and Genetics Noon Rounds, Toronto, Ontario, January 16, 2012.





**Seaward PGR** When should a high risk obstetrician be consulted. Ornge Transport Physicians, Mississauga, Ontario, November 29, 2011.

**Seaward PGR** Hypertensive emergencies in pregnancy. Ornge Transport Physicians, Mississauga, Ontario, November 29, 2011.

**Sharma P.** Evaluation of the Infertile Couple. Women's Health Lecture Series. Yearly Lecture to Family Doctors, Toronto, Ontario, 2011-2012.

**Sharma P.** Family Doctor Lecture Series on "Workup of the Infertile Couple." Quarterly lectures, Toronto, Ontario, 2008-present.

**Shapiro H.** Women's health and conflict. Dr. Izzeld Abuelaish, Toronto, Ontario, November 14, 2011.

**Shapiro H.** Controversial issues related to infertility. Gyne Review Day. Toronto, Ontario, October 28, 2011.

**Shapiro H.** Reproductive Failure – Infertility. Genetics Lecture. Toronto, Ontario, October 24, 2011.

**Spitzer R.** Contraception for complex adolescent patients. Kaufman M, Spitzer R. Sick Kids Rheumatology Fellow Rounds, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, January 25, 2012.

**Steinberg W.** Menopause hormone therapy. Family Practice Rounds, Mississauga, Ontario, September 22, 2011.

**Steinberg W.** Medical catastrophe: Is there a price to pay? Grand Rounds. St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, October 14, 2011.

**Steinberg W.** Women's Health Update. Medcan Clinical Update, Collingwood, Ontario, October 22-23, 2011.

**Steinberg W.** Women's Health Update. Medcan Nurses CME, Toronto, Ontario, March 31, 2012.

**Steinberg W.** Day of Boomer Health for GPs. Getting the vaginal atrophy conversation started: How can the clinician inspire confidence? Mississauga, Ontario June 15, 2012.

**Stirk L.** Alcohol and pregnancy. Maternal Morbidity Rounds: North York General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, March 2012.

**Toi A.** Prenatal diagnosis of craniofacial anomalies. 20th Annual Symposium. New Developments in Prenatal Diagnosis and Medical Genetics. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, May 16, 2012.

**Toi A.** Fetal CNS ultrasound. Mount Sinai Hospital Obstetrical Fellows lecture series, Toronto, Ontario, April 20, 2012.

**Toi A.** Fetal Brain Imaging. Maternal Fetal Medicine Academic Half Day Seminar. Univerity of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, April 20, 2012.





**Toi A.** Dating early pregnancy: Pitfalls and common mistakes. University of Toronto, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Medical Imaging, 15th Annual Women's Imaging: Advances in Gynecological Imaging and First Trimester Ultrasound. Toronto, Ontario, February 24, 2012.

**Toi A.** 18-20 week obstetrical scan. Provincial Web Lecture. Cardiology Department, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, February 16, 2012.

VanVliet M, Hartery Angus, Ghai S, **Toi A,** Menezes RJ, Hartery Andrew. HGPIN as predictive factor of prostate cancer detection and role in repeat biopsy strategy. Radiology Research Day, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, April 2012.

**Venkatarangam N.** Third trimester bleeding. The Scarborough Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, October 2011.

Wilcock G. HPV. Presentation to Family Doctors, Toronto, Ontario, September 2011.

Wilcock G. HPV. Presentation to Family Doctors, Toronto, Ontario, November 2011.

Wilcock G. HPV. Presentation to Family Doctors, Toronto, Ontario, December 2011.

**Windrim R.** Abnormal labour Part II, SMS Seminars, University of Toronto & Mount Sinai Hospital, July 28, 2011.

**Windrim R.** Fetal medicine. Fetal Medicine Orientation for MFM, 1 year Fellows, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, July 29, 2011.

**Windrim R.** Prenatal diagnosis Talk to the Neonatal and Perinatal Fellows, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Ontario, October 26, 2011.

**Windrim R.** Abnormal Labour and Emergencies, Part II. SMS Seminars, University of Toronto & Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, January 31, 2012.

**Windrim R.** Pearls and pitfalls in first trimester screening. 17th Annual Sheila Cohen Lecture and Clinic Day, North York General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, May 15, 2012.

**Wolfman W.** An update on HRT. St. Joseph's Hospital. Toronto, Ontario, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Rounds, May 25, 2012.

**Wolfman W.** Update on menopause. Toronto East General Hospital. Toronto, Ontario, April 18, 2012.

**Wolfman W.** HRT: The pedulum is swinging. Mature women's health care. Mount Sinai Hospital, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario, April 13, 2012.

**Wolfman W.** Nuts and bolts of everything hormonal. Gyne Review Day. Mount Sinai Hospital, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario, October 28, 2011.





**Wolfman W.** An update on menopause. Endocrinology Rounds. Princess Margaret Hospital. Toronto, Ontario, October 18, 2011.

**Wong S.** Teaching in the operating room. Workshop for Faculty Development Day, Credit Valley/Trillium Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, June 2, 2012.

**Wong S.** A picture is worth a thousand words: Using GYN US to enhance the diagnosis and management of GYN pathoogy. Grand Rounds St Joseph's Heath Centre, Toronto, Ontario, April 10, 2012.

**Wu V.** Presentation at Annual Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Grand Round Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario, 2011.

**Yudin M.** Common vulvar complaints: Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask. Workshop, St. Michael's Hospital Annual Women's Health Symposium. St. Michael's Hospital and University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Toronto, Ontario, February 3, 2012.

**Yudin M.** Recurrent herpes. St. Michael's Hospital Annual Women's Health Symposium. St. Michael's Hospital and University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Toronto, Ontario, February 3, 2012.

**Yudin M.** The Positive Pregnancy Programme (P3): Pregnancy care for HIV-positive women at St. Michael's Hospital. Grand Rounds. St. Michael's Hospital Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, January 27, 2012.

**Yudin M.** Innovations in antenatal care for HIV+ women: The Positive Pregnancy Programme. St. Michael's Hospital HIV Rounds. St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, January 24, 2012.

**Yudin M.** Interdisciplinary HIV Pregnancy Research Group (IHPREG): Research with a focus on the health of HIV-positive women during preconception, pregnancy, and motherhood. St. Michael's Hospital Clinical and Population Research Rounds. St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, December 1, 2011.









# ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

# **National and International Meetings**

Al Maawali A, Yoon G, Halliday W, Clarke JTR, Feigenbaum A, Banwell B, **Chitayat D**, Blaser S. Hypertrophy of the clava, a new MRI sign in patients with PLA2G6 mutations. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Amyere M, Greenberger S, **Chitayat D**, Pras E, **Chong K**, Uster T, Teznik-Wold H, Marek-Yagel D, Boon L, Vikkula M. Exclusion of known lymphedema genes in two families with severe congenital lymphedema. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Ardelean D, Jerkic M, Peter M, **Letarte M.** Anti-VEGF therapy attenuates dysregulated angiogenesis in endoglin and Alk1 heterozygous mouse models of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia. NAVBO 2011 Workshop in Vascular Biology.Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA, October 16-20, 2011.

Ardelean D, Jerkic M, Peter M, Letarte M. Anti-VEGF decreases inflammation and pathological angiogenesis in a mouse model of chronic inflammation. CAPRI Annual Meeting 2011, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, October 26-29, 2011.

Babwah J, **Khalifa MA**, Rowsell C Analysis of addendum reports in anatomic pathology as a quality improvement initiative. Poster. 2012 USCAP Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 17 -23, 2012.

Barlin JN, Dao F, Bou Zgheib N, **Ferguson SE**, Sabbatini P, Hensley ML, Konner J, Tew W, Aghajanian C, Chi DS. Progression-free and overall survival of a modified outpatient regimen of primary intravenous/intraperitoneal paclitaxel and intraperitoneal cisplatin is comparable to results from GOG 172. Society of Gynecologic Oncology, Austin, Texas, USA, March 2012.

Basil K, Mirea L, Shah P, **Lee SK**. Temporal trends of congenital anomalies in infants admitted to Canadian NICUs, 2005-2008. (CCASN) Scientific Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, November 16-18, 2011.

Baud D, **Keunen J, Seaward G,** Van Mieghem T, **Windrim R, Ryan G.** Fetoscopic laser surgery for twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome before 17 weeks and after 26 weeks of gestation. International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 22nd World Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2012.

Baud D, **Keunen J, Seaward G, Windrim R, Ryan G.** Validity of referral diagnoses in twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome. International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 22nd World Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2012.

Baud D, **Keunen J**, van Enter B, Van Mieghem T, **Windrim R**, Bandeira Margarido C, **Ryan G**.Maternal hematologic changes following treatment by laser coagulation of placental vascular anastomoses. International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 22nd World Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2012.





**Berger H**, Hasan L, De Souza L, Lebovic G. Canadian women's attitudes towards noninvasive prenatal testing of fetal DNA in maternal plasma. SMFM Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, USA, February 11, 2012.

**Berger H**, Hasan L, De Souza L, Lebovic G. Women do not always agree with their partners: Gestational diabetes risk perception and acceptability. 4th Asia Pacific Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Infertility, Bangkok, Thailand, November 25, 2011.

**Bernardini M, Gien L**, **Ferguson S**, Cybulska P, Louie K, Storness-Bliss C, Ho T, Atenafu E, McAlpine J. CHREC-A Canadian High Risk Endometrial Cancer Consortium. Society of Gynecologic Oncology, Austin, Texas, USA. March 24, 2012.

**Bentov Y, Esfandiari N, Casper RF.** What is the major estrogen binding protein in the follicular fluid? ASRM 67th Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA, October 2011.

**Bentov Y**, Kenigsberg S, **Casper RF**. A novel LH/HCG receptor mutation. CFAS meeting, Toronto, Ontario, September 9, 2011.

Best C, **Drutz H, Alarab M.** Obstetrical snal sphincter injuries: A survey of clinical practice among Canadian obstericians. NeuroUrology and Urodynamics, ICS Glasgow, UK, September 2, 2011.

**Caccia N**, Lynch B, VanWagner V. Refinement and expansion of a curriculum to teach management of obstetrical lacerations and suturing skills. APOG AGM, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 2011.

**Caccia N,** Posner G, Pylypjuk C, Ford M, Menezes AI, Nadeau B & Kent N. Creation of a database of innovative teaching and learning. Techniques for use in Canadian Obstetrics and Gynaecology Programs. APOG AGM, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 2011.

**Caccia N**, VanWagner V. A curriculum to teach management of obstetrical lacerations and suturing skills. Poster. Canadian Conference on Medical Education, Banff, Alberta, Canada, April 2012.

Caprara D, **Shah R**, MacGillivray J, Urquia M, **Yudin MH**. Demographic and management trends among HIV-positive pregnant women over ten years at a Canadian urban hospital. Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research (CAHR), Annual Clinical Meeting, Montreal, Ouebec, Canada, April 19-22, 2012.

Chan C, Virtanen C, Winegarden N, Colgan T, Brown TJ. A minimally invasive look into the window of implantation: Identification of candidate biomarkers of endometrial receptivity by transcriptomic analysis of uterine fluid. American Society of Reproductive Medicine, Orlando, Florida, USA, October 2011.

Chan C, **Brown T**, Virtanen C, Winegarden N, **Colgan T**, **Greenblatt E**.Development of a novel minimally-invasive technique of uterine fluid aspiration to identify transcriptomic signatures and candidate biomarkers of endometrial receptivity. Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society's 58th Annual Meeting, 58th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 21-24, 2011.





**Chitayat D**, Gardiner K, Chofani S, Shuman S, Blaser S, Terespolsky D, Ray P, Baskin B, **Weksberg R**. Brain abnormalities in individuals with Beckwith-Wiedemann Syndrome. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

**Chong K**, Jessen J, **Fong K**, **Keating S**, Shannon P. Prenatal ultrasound and autopsy findings in Costello Syndrome. Poster. The Americal Society of Human Genetics 61st Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Chow T, Whiteley J, **Rogers I.** Trogocytosis mediated transfer of MHC class I proteins between donor and recipient cells during bone marrow transplantation increases donor cell survival and engraftment. World Cord Blood Congress, Rome Italy, October 27-29, 2011.

Chow T, Whiteley J, **Rogers I.** Trogocytosis improves donor cell survival and engraftment in bone marrow transplantation. Stem Cell Network's 11th Annual Scientific Meeting, Montreal Quebec, April 30 - May 2, 2012.

Chung BHY, Hinek A, Shannon P, **Keating S, Weksberg R**, Shah V, Blaser S, Hawkins C, **Chitayat D**. Overgrowth with increased proliferation of fibroblast and matrix metalloproteinase activity related to reduced TIMP1: A new syndrome? Oral. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual David W. Smith Workshop on Malformations and Morphogenesis, Hong Kong, September 9, 2011.

**Claessens A.** Exogenous androgens can improve pregnancy and take-home baby rates in women over 40 yr. Fact or Fiction? Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, Toronto, Ontario, September 22, 2011.

**Claessens A**, Blanco Mejia S, Maroleanu M, **Ryan EAJ**. The role of androgen supplementation in the improvement of IVF success rates in older women.15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Gynecological Endocrinology, Firenze, Italy, March 7-10, 2012.

Cole N, Soussi ME, Carvalho JCA, Kingdom J, Balki M. Carbetocin vs oxytocin: In vitro human myometrial contractions after oxytocin pre-treatment. 44th Annual Meeting of the Society for Obstetrics Anesthesia and Perinatology, Monterey, California, USA, May 2012.

Dalvi PS, Erbiceanu FS, Irwin DM, **Belsham DD.** Proglucagon gene expression is regulated by insulin, leptin and cAMP in mouse embryonic and adult hypothalamic neuronal cells. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April, 2012.

Dalvi PS, Erbiceanu FD, Irwin DM, **Belsham DD.** Proglucagon gene expression is regulated by insulin, leptin and cAMP in mouse embryonic and adult hypothalamic neuronal cells. 94th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Houston, Texas, USA, June, 2012.

Dalvi PS, **Belsham DD.** The effect of exendin-4 on appetite-regulating neuropeptides in the mouse hypothalamus. 14th CDA/CSEM Professional Conference and Annual Meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October, 2011.

DeMatteo R, Kenna K, Hardin R, Walker D, **Bocking AD**, Brien J. Does daily ethanol exposure during late gestation alter liver development? Fetal and Neonatal Physiological Society, Palm Cove, Australia. July 2011.





**Dong X**, Liu L, Xie N, **Challis J**, **Lye S**. Improving women's health through personalized medicine. SGI 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, March 21-24, 2012.

Douglas SL, De Souza LR, **Yudin MH.** Identification of factors that influence full disclosure during a gynaecology appointment. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) 68th Annual Meeting. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 20-24, 2012.

Drewlo S, McCarthy F, Levytska K, Kenny L, **Kingdom J**.The PPAR-y agonist rosiglitazone reverses sFLT1 hyper-secretion from first trimester placental villi in GCM1-dependent manner. 59th Annual Meeting of the Society of Gynaecologic Investigation, San Diego, California, USA, March 2012.

D'Souza N, Parmar N, Shuman C, **Chitayat D**, Hewson S, Amaria K, Kirby-Allen M. Challenges in health education for sickle cell disease: Genetic information needs of adolescent hemoglobinopathy patients. Poster. Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, 39th Annual Convention, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, September 27, 2011.

Dunn S, Rossiter L, Barnes E, Ferne J, **Shier M.** Evaluation of a diagnostic colposcopy service for underserved women with pap smear abnormalities. Canadian Cancer Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario, November 27-30, 2011.

Eiriksson L, Kaur H, Ismiil N, Covens A, Saad R, Khalifa M, Nofech Mozes S, Dube V, Ghorab Z, Barbera L. Risk of Recurrence in Stage III, High Grade Endometrial Cancer by Primary Tumour Factors and Treatment Received. 14th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society. Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2012.

Feigenberg T, Virtanen C, Letarte M, Clarke B; Brown T, Rosen B, Murphy KJ. Pathways associated with differential accumulation of ascites in high grade serous ovarian cancer: A search for targated therapy to control ascites. 6th Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, May 28, 2012.

Feigenberg T, Covens A, Nofech-Mozes S. Is routine appendectomy at the time of primary surgery for mucinous ovarian tumors helpful? Society of Gynecologic Oncology 43rd Annual Meeting on Womens Cancer, Austin, Texas, USA, March 24-27, 2012.

**Ferguson SE,** Clarke B, Mojtahed G, **Oza AM**, Gallinger S, Pollett A, Mackay H, **Bernardini M**, Aronson M. Brief family history questionnaire for identification of Lynch Syndrome in women with newly diagnosed endometrial cancer. ASCO, Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 2, 2012.

Frasch M, Duchatellier Hamrahi CH, **Bocking AD**, Richardson B. Effects of acute hypoxicacidemia on Electrocorticogram (ECoG) state activity in fetal sheep: Contributions of Hypoxic Pre-Conditioning (HPC). Society for Gynaecological Investigation, San Diego, California, USA, March 2012.

Friedman ZB, Kim GL, Xu S, **Belsham DD.**. Characterization of hypothalamic kisspeptin cell models: control of the Kiss-1 system by sex steroids. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April, 2012.

Ghamami N, Peter M, **Letarte M.** Analysis of B cell subsets in Eng +/+ and Eng +/- mice subjected to an experimental colitis model. 2011SickKids Summer Research Program. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 14, 2011.





Gien LT, Bernardini MQ, Kupets R, Mitra S, Covens A. Is preoperative routine imaging useful for decision making in early stage cervix cancer? Society of Gynecologic Oncology 43rd Annual Meeting on Womens Cancer, Austin, Texas, USA, March 24-27, 2012.

Gojska N, **Belsham DD.** Central mechanisms for the direct inhibitory effects of gonadotropin-inhibitory hormone (GnIH) on gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) using novel hypothalamic cell models. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April, 2012.

Gojska N, **Belsham DD.** Central mechanisms for the direct inhibitory effects of gonadotropin-inhibitory hormone (GnIH) on gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) using novel hypothalamic cell models. 94th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Houston, Texas, USA, June, 2012.

Gojska N, Gingerich S, **Belsham DD.** Characterization of hypothalamic gonadotropininhibitory hormone cell models to define the hormonal regulation and direct signaling effects in hypothalamic neurons. 14th CDA/CSEM Professional Conference and Annual Meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October, 2011.

Gray A, Henshaw C, Wright J, Leah J, **Spitzer RF**, Omenge E, Chemwolo B. Effect of EMR implementation on patient and staff satisfaction and chart completeness in a resource-limited antenatal clinic in Kenya. Bethune Roundtable on International Surgical Education. Toronto, Ontario, Oral. May 25, 2012.

Greco J, Wellhauser L, **Belsham DD.** The direct effects of palmitate and omega-3 fatty acids on the molecular circadian clock in immortalized, clonal hypothalamic neuron. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April, 2012.

Greco J, Wellhauser L, **Belsham DD.** The direct effects of palmitate and omega-3 fatty acids on the molecular circadian clock in immortalized, clonal hypothalamic neuron. 94th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Houston, Texas, USA, June, 2012.

Greco J, Fick LJ, **Belsham DD**. The fatty acid palmitate disrupts normal circadian clock gene transcription in hypothalamic neurons. 14th CSEM/CDA Professional Conference and Annual Meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October, 2011.

Greutmann M, Tobler D, Kovacs AH, Ivanov J, Haile SR, Gruetmann-Yantiri M, Oechslin EN, Silversides CK, Williams WG, **Colman JM**. The fate of complex congenital heart disease: Prediction of mortality in adulthood. Poster presentation, European Society of Cardiology Congress. Paris, France, August 26-31, 2011.

Guerin A, Babul-Hirji R, Al-Zaidy S, Donner E, Shago M, **Chitayat D.** De novo 5q14.3 deletion in a child with developmental delay, microcephaly, venous malformation and seizures. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Hackmon R, **Librach** C, Matok I, Cho I, Rodrigues N, **Ray J**, **Farine D, Berger H.** Can first-trimester CRL and BPD at time of nuchal translucency predict term birth-weight? ISUOG, Los Angeles, California, USA, September 2011.





Halperin I, **Wolfman W**, Spontaneous pregnancy after chemotherapy induced acute ovarian failure. Society of Canadian Endocrinology and Metabolism, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. October 2011.

Hashemi B, Siriwardena K, Jain S, Moharir M, Bar-Yousef O, Ali A, **Chitayat D.** New syndrome? Situs inversus totalis and infantile spasm and generalized hypotonia with severe global developmental delay. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Iqbal S, De Souza LR, **Yudin MH.** Attitudes and expectations of Canadian women in labour towards point of care HIV testing on the labour and delivery unit. Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research (CAHR), Annual Clinical Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 19-22, 2012.

Iqbal S, De Souza LR, **Yudin MH.** Attitudes and expectations of Canadian women in labour towards point of care HIV testing on the labour and delivery unit. Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) 68th Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 20-24, 2012.

Jang JJ, Chalmers JA, **Belsham DD.** Glucose-Sensing Mechanisms involved in the downregulation of AgRP gene expression using immortalized hypothalamic glucose-inhibitory cell models. 94th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Houston, Texas, USA, June, 2012.

Jefferies A, Qiu X, Chiu A, Macartney J, Osiovich H, Simmons B, **Lee S.** Impact of an International Training Program in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine in Shanghai. China Chamber of Commerce, 2011.

Jimenez J L, Ley-Zaporozhan J, Moshonov H, Wintersperger BJ, Crean AM, Ley S, Nguyen E, Paul NS, Krieger E, Valente A, Silversides C, **Colman JM**, Wald RM, Siu S. Aortic dimensions on cardiovascular magnetic resonance imaging relate to pregnancy outcomes in women with coarctation of the aorta: A multicenter study. Society of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR) 2012 Scientific Sessions. Orlando Florida, USA, February 2012.

Kapur NK, Wilson S, Yunis AA, Baker C., Aronovitz MJ., Lu Q, **Letarte M**, Karas RH, Kass DA, Mendelsohn ME. Opposing roles for endoglin and soluble endoglin in cardiac remodeling and heart failure. Basic Cardiovascular Sciences 2011 Scientific Sessions: From Concept to Clinic – Leading Translational Cardiovascular Science. New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. July 18-21, 2011.

Kaur H, Eiriksson L, Ismiil N, Ghorab Z, Barbera L, **Covens A,** Nofech-Mozes S, Saad R, Dubé V, **Khalifa M**. Prognostic significance of primary tumour factors in Stage III high grade endometrial cancer. United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology's 101st Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, March 2012.

Kirkham Y, Allen L, Kives S, Caccia N, Spitzer R, Aggarwal A, Ornstein M. Trends in menstrual concerns and suppression in adolescents with cognitive & physical challenges. Oral Presentation. 26th Annaul Clinical Meeting, North American Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology (NASPAG), Florida, USA, April 2012.





Kollara A, Shathasivam P, **Brown TJ**. Modulation of androgen receptor (AR) signaling by ventricular zone-expressed PH domain-containing protein homolog 1 (Veph1) in ovarian cancer cells. 40th Annual Southern Ontario Reproductive Biology Workshop, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, April 27, 2012.

Kosick RJE, Reid G, Kim SO, Li W, **Challis JRG, Bocking AD.** Effect of lactobacillus rhamnosus GR-1 supernatant on cytokine and chemokine output from human amnion cells treated with lipoteichoic acid and lipopolysaccharide. Society for Gynaecological Investigation, San Diego, California, USA, March 2012.

**Kroft J**, Ordon M, **Arthur R**, **Pittini R**. Does Surgical "Warming-up" Improve Operative Performance? American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, Hollywood, Florida, USA, November 2011.

Kufaishi H, Shynlova O, **Drutz H, Lye S, Alarab M.** Procollagen N proteinase expression in vaginal tissue of women with and with out pelvic organ prolapse. SGI Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, March 9, 2012.

Kufaishi H, Shynlova O, **Drutz H, Lye S, Alarab A.** LOX, TIMP and MMP enzyme expression in vaginal tissue of women with and with out pelvic organ prolapse. SGI Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, March 9, 2012.

Lacchetti C, Dodge J, Covens A, Elit L, Le T, Debries-Aboud M, Fung Kee Fung M, and the Gynecology Cancer Disease Site Group. Management of a suspicious adnexal mass: A Clinical Practice Guideline. Canadian Cancer Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario, November 27-30, 2011.

Lau A, Kollara A, St. John E, Tone A, **Greenblatt EM**, King A, **Brown TJ.** Characterization of bovine oviductal epithelum cells in culture and inflammatory response to follicular fluid exposure. 40th Annual Southern Ontario Reproductive Biology Workshop, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, April 27, 2012.

Lee DK, Caniggia I, Nevo O. Attenuation of VEGFR-2 expression by soluble VEGFR-1 (sFlt-1) and hypoxia in the human placenta. SGI 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, March 21-24, 2012.

Li M, Whiteley J, Chua SJ, Chow T, **Rogers IM.** In vitro whole organ development with 3-D matrices from decellularized kidneys. Stem Cell Network's 11th Annual Scientific Meeting, Montreal Quebec, April 30 - May 2, 2012.

Li W, Yang SW, Kim SO, Reid G, **Challis JRG, Bocking AD.** Effect of lactobacillus rhamnosus GR-1 (GR-1) on Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced cytokine production profiles from human term decidual cells. Society for Gynaecological Investigation, San Diego, California, USA, March 2012.

Malowany JI, Parsoei A, **Bernardini MQ**, **Fyles A**, Rouzbahman M. MELF pattern of myoinvasion in endometrioid endometrial adenocarcinoma is associated with low-grade tumors, deep myometrial invasion and a low proliferative index. USCAP - United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 17, 2012.





Martin N, Taylor G, Whitington P, Melin-Aldana H, Lachman RS, Wilcox WR, **Toi A, Windrim R, Chitayat D, Chong K**. Prenatal onset of neonatal hemochromatosis and infantile cortical hyperostosis: A possible mechanism for disease association. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

**McDermott C.** Sacral colpopexy versus total vaginal mesh in obese patients.Poster. 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting, American Urogynecology Society, Providence, Rhode Island, USA, September 14, 2011.

**McDermott C,** Terry C, Mattar S, Hale D. Pelvic floor symptoms before and after bariatric surgery. Poster. 41st Annual Meeting of the International Continence Society, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. August 29, 2011.

McFadden SA, Chalmers JA, Jang JJ, **Belsham DD.** Glucose sensing in mHypoAGnRH/GFP immortalized hypothalamic neurons. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April, 2012.

McFadden SA, Dhillon SS, Chalmers JA, **Belsham DD.** Characterization of an immortalized GnRH-GFP neuronal cell line FAC-sorted from adult-derived GnRH-GFP mouse primary culture. 14th CSEM/CDA Professional Conference and Annual Meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October, 2011.

Menchella J, Nazarians-Armavil A, **Belsham DD.** Analysis of potential candidate compounds that may alleviate cellular insulin resistance in immortalized rHypoE-19 hypothalamic neurons. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April, 2012.

Mendoza-Londono R, **Chitayat D**, Kahr W, Hinek A, Blaser S, Dupuis L, Goh E, Howard A, Mittaz L, Superti-Furga A, Unger S, Nishimura G, Bonafe L. Expanding the Phenotype of the Novel Ehlers-Danlos caused by mutations in the CHST14 gene. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Mills K, Velasco M, **Wolfman W.** Menopausal symptoms by age and therapy type, premature ovarian failure. North American Menopause Society. Washington, DC, USA, September 21, 2011.

Mills K, Velasco M, **Wolfman W.** Menopausal symptoms by age and therapy type, premature Ovarian Failure. SOGC, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 20, 2011.

Miroschnichenko G, Covens A, Snelgrove J, Ismiil N, Nofech Mozes S, Dube V, Khalifa M, Ghorab Z. R, Radical vaginal trachelectomy-fertility outcomes and significance of the lower uterine segment presence in the superior margin of the pathologic specimen. Annual Clinical Meeting of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 2012.

Miroschnichenko G, **Kupets R, Covens A.** Relationship of MRI tests and referral of malignant adnexal masses to gynecologic oncologists for surgery. Annual Clinical Meeting of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 2012.





Mohan U, **Keating S, Chitayat D, Toi A, Chong K,** Tomlinson G, **Glanc P**. Distribution of fetal skeletal dysplasias in a tertiary care centre: Genetic, pathologic, and radiological findings in 91 cases. Oral. 97th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, Chicago, Illinois, USA, November 28, 2011.

Mohan U, **Keating S, Chitayat D, Toi A, Chong K**, Tomlinson G, **Glanc P**. Distribution of fetal skeletal dysplasias in a tertiary care centre: Genetic, pathologic, and radiological findings in 91 cases. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Moretti M, Koren G, Ito S, **Berger H,** Ungar WJ. A cost effectiveness analysis of maternal genotyping to guide treatment for postpartum pain and avert infant adverse events: A decision analysis. International Health Economics Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 11, 2011.

Mwangi WW, M'imunya JM, Kiarie J, Kinuthia J, Kudoyi W, **Spitzer RF**, Mabeya H, Mukoko D, Mutai K, Jepchirchir J. Utility of an Algorithm of Surrogate Markers for CD4 Count to Determine Eligibility for HAART Among HIV Infected Pregnant Women. IDSA Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, October 23, 2011.

Myles-Reid D, Nield L, Shannon P, Teitelbaum R, Thompson M, **Chitayat D.** A complex cardiac abnormality associated with deletion of the NOTCH1gene. Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Murphy K, Willan A, Hannah M, Ohlsson A, Kelly E, Matthews S, Saigal S, Asztalos E, Ross S, Delisle M-F, Amankwah K, Guselle P, Gafni A, Lee S, Armson A. Do antenatal corticosteroids reduce fetal growth or gestational age at births? A secondary analysis from the mutiple courses of antenatal corticosteroids for preterm birth study (MACS). 32nd Annual Meeting Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Dallas, Texas, USA, February 6, 2012.

Nafisi H, Ghorab Z, Ismiil N, Saad R, Dube V, **Khalifa MA**, Nofech-Mozes S. P16 expression in early Mullerian serous carcinogenesis. Poster. 2012 USCAP Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 17 -23, 2012.

Napier MP, Sutherland JE, Day MA, Hayeem RZ, **Chitayat D.** How do young adults with Leber congenital amaurosis perceive gene therapy? Poster. American Society of Human Genetics/ICHG, 61st Annual ASHG Meeting/12th ICHG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 11, 2011.

Nazarians-Armavil A, **Belsham DD.** Effects of insulin resistance on hypothalamic leptin regulation of pro-opiomelanocortin-expressing neurons. 14th CSEM/CDA Professional Conference and Annual Meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October, 2011.

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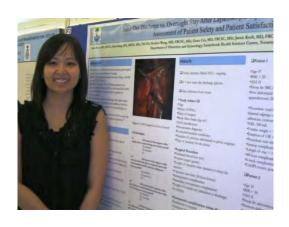
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# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual RESEARCH DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012

JJR Macleod Auditorium & Stone Lobby

Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto

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8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

HENDERSON LECTURE: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Patrick Catalano MD
Maternal Obesity and Pregnancy: Much Ado about Something

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION: 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

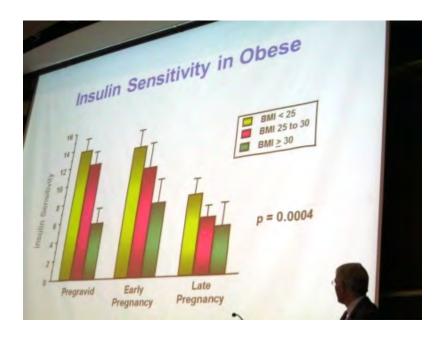




# Research Day, May 4, 2012

The Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day took place on Friday, May 4, 2012. There were 14 oral and 62 poster excellent presentations by trainees from the Department, covering both basic and clinical work. There was also an informative and thought-provoking Henderson Lecture, delivered by Patrick Catalano MD, Professor, Reproductive Biology in the MetroHealth Medical Center/CaseWestern Reserve University. His engaging topic was "Maternal Obesity and Pregnancy: Much Ado about Something."







#### **Oral Presentations**

Graduate Student = G; Resident = R; Clinical Fellow = F; Post-Doctoral Fellow = PD; Medical Student = M; Presenter in *italics*; Faculty in **bold.** 

# O1 The Effect of High AMH and High Antral Follicle Count on IVF Success and Pregnancy Rate in Young Egg Donors

Shir Dar [F](1,2), Stephanie A. Grover (1), **Clifford L. Librach** (1, 2, 3). (1) CReATe Fertility Centre, (2) Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Women's College Hospital, (3) Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Toronto.

O2 Radiologic Imaging Patterns of Gynecologic Patients: Does Physician Specialty Matter? Gennady Miroshnichenko [F](1), Rachel Kupets(2), Lawrence Paszat(3). (1)Division of GynAecologic Oncology, Department of Obstetrics and GynAecology, University of Toronto; (2)Division of Gynaecologic Oncology, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University of Toronto; (3)Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University of Toronto.

# O3 Radical Vaginal Trachelectomy- Fertility Outcomes and Significance of the Lower Uterine Segment Presence in the Superior Margin of the Pathologic Specimen.

Gennady Miroshnichenko [F](1), **Allan Covens**(2), *John Snelgrove* [R](3), Nadia Ismil(4), Sharon Nofech-Mozes(4), Valerie Dube(4), **Mahmoud Khalifa**(4), Ghorab Zeina(4)

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O4 Prenatal Diagnosis and Clinical Outcomes in Pregnancies Complicated by Breus' Mole Abdulmohsen Alanjari [F](1), Sarah Keating (2), Greg Ryan (1), JCP Kingdom (1). (1)Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, (2)Department of Pathology, Mount Sinai Hospital

# O5 LOX, TIMP, MMP and ADAMTS2 Enzymes Expression in Vaginal Tissue of Premenopausal Women with and without Pelvic Organ Prolapse

Hala Kufaishi [G](1,4), Oksana Shynlova (1), Harold Drutz(2,4), Stephen Lye(1,2,3), May Alarab(1,4)(1)Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital, (2)Obstetrics & Gynaecology; (3)Physiology and (4)Urogynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto.





#### O6 Reduced Coq10 Gene Expression in Cumulus Cells with Aging

Assaf Ben-Meir [F](1,2), Yaakov Bentov(1,2), Navid Esfandiari(2), Andrea Jurisicova(1,3), Robert F Casper(1,2,3)

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#### O7 Risk of Preeclampsia in HIV-Positive Pregnant Women Receiving HAART: A Matched Cohort Study

*Talar Boyajian* [M](1), **Kellie Murphy**(2)

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## O8 Brief Family History Questionnaire for Identification of Lynch Syndrome in Women with Newly Diagnosed Endometrial Cancer

Lua Eiriksson [G](1), Melyssa Aronson(2), Blaise Clarke(3), Golnessa Mojtahedi(4), Aaron Pollett(5), Steve Gallinger(6), Amit Oza(7), Christine Massey(8), Marcus Bernardini(4), Helen MacKay(7), Sarah E. Ferguson(4)

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# O9 Effect of Lactobacillus rhamnosus GR-1 (GR-1) on Cytokines and Chemokines in Maternal Plasma, Amniotic Fluid and Intra-uterine Tissues of Pregnant CD-1 Mice.

Siwen Yang [G](1), Wei Li(1), John RG Challis(1), Sung O Kim(2), Gregor Reid(2), Alan D Bocking(1)

(1) Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Physiology, University of Toronto. (2) Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Western Ontario.

# O10 Multidrug Resistance in the Developing Blood-Brain-Barrier (BBB): Interactions between Cytokines and Glucocorticoids (GCs)

*Majid Iqbal* [G](1), Hay Lam Ho(1), Melanie C Audette(1), Sophie Petropoulos(1), William Gibb(2), **Stephen G Matthews**(1).

(1)Physiology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, and Medicine, University of Toronto, and (2)Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Cellular & Molecular Medicine, University of Ottawa.

# O11 Trends in Menstrual Concerns and Suppression in Adolescents with Cognitive and Physical Challenges

Yolanda Kirkham [F], Lisa Allen, Sari Kives, Nicolette Caccia, Rachel Spitzer, Anjali Aggarwal, Melanie Ornstein.

Section of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto





# O12 Interleukin-1β (IL-1β)-Stimulated Inflammatory Gene Expression in Fallopian Tube Epithelial Cells is Reversed by Glucocorticoids

Stéphanie Backman [R](1), Alexandra Kollara(1), Carl Virtanen(2), **Theodore J Brown**(1). (1)Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto, (2)OCI Microarray Centre, Toronto.

#### O13 Effect of VEGF Overexpression by Concepti on Maternal VEGF in Mice

Abhijeet Minhas [G](1), Shannon Bainbridge(2), Dawei Qu(1), Hoon-Ki Sung(1), **Andras Nagy**(1,3), **S Lee Adamson**(1,2,4)

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#### O14 The Safety of Methimazole and Propylthiouracil Use in Pregnancy

Rinat Hackmon [F](1,2), Monica Blichowski[G](3), **Dan Farine**(1), Gideon Koren(2)(1) Maternal-Fetal-Medicine Division, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, (2)Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Division, Hospital for Sick Children; (3)University of Toronto.

#### **Poster Presentations**

P-A1 VEPH1 Inhibits Canonical TGF-β Signalling in Ovarian Cancer Cells by Impeding Nuclear Accumulation of SMAD2.

Premalatha Shathasivam [G](1,2,3), A. Kollara(1,3), C. Virtanen(5), J. Wrana(1,4), and T. J. Brown(1,2,3).

- (1)Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital; and Departments of (2)Physiology, (3)Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and (4)Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto; (5)OCI Genomics Centre, Toronto, Ontario.
- P-A2 Pathways Associated with Differential Accumulation of Ascites in High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer: A Search for Targeted Therapy to Control Ascites.

  Tomer Feigenberg [F], Carl Virtanen, Michelle Letarte, Marcus Bernardini, Blaise Clarke, Theodore J Brown, Barry Rosen, and K Joan Murphy. Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University Health Network (UHN) and Mount Sinai Hospital; Hospital for Sick Children and Department of Immunology, University of Toronto; Department of Pathology, UHN, and the Ontario Cancer Institute Genomics Centre (OCIG), Toronto, Ontario.
- P-A3 Modulation of Androgen Receptor (AR) signaling by Ventricular Zone-expressed PH Domain-Containing Protein Homolog 1 (Veph1) in Ovarian Cancer Cells. *Alexandra Kollara* [O](1,2), Premalatha Shathasivam (1,2,3), **Theodore J Brown** (1,2,3).
  - (1) Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital (2) Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, (3) Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto





# P-A4 Impact of BRCA1/2 Mutation Status on Inflammatory Signalling by Fallopian Tube Epithelial Cells in Culture in Response to Follicular Fluid Exposure – Work-in-Progress.

Angela Lau [G](1-3), Terry Colgan (2), Lisa Allen (2), Michèle Farrugia (2), Elyse Levinsky (2), Jodi Shapiro (2), Ellen M. Greenblatt (1,2), K. Joan Murphy (2, 4), Barry Rosen (2,4), Theodore J. Brown (1-3).

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## P-A5 Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy in Vulvar Cancer: A Health Technology Assessment for the Canadian Health Care Context

Clare Reade [F](1), Waldo Jimenez (2), Daria O'Reilly (3), Al Covens (4). (1) University of Toronto Gynaecologic Oncology Fellowship Program, McMaster University Health Research Methodology Program, (2) Gynecologic Oncology, Juravinski Cancer Centre, (3) PATH Research Institute, Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, McMaster University, (4) Gynecologic Oncology, Odette Cancer Centre

## P-A6 Effects of Veph1 on FoxO-regulated SOD2 in Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Cells in Response to Oxidative Stress

*Thomasina Spybey* [G](1,2,3), Premalatha Shathasivam (1,2,3), Alexandra Kollara (1,2), **Theodore Brown** (1,2,3).

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# P-B1 Transforming Growth Factor-B1 Regulates Multidrug Resistance at the Developing Blood-Brain Barrier

Stephanie Baello [G](1), M Iqbal(1), W Gibb (2), SG Matthews(1). (1)Physiology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, and Medicine, University of Toronto, and (2)Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Cellular & Molecular Medicine, University of Ottawa.

#### P-B2 Capillary Rarefaction, a Phenomenon that Antedates Essential Hypertension Is Not Present in Low Birth Infants at Birth

Rohan D'Souza [F](1),Rajendra Raghuraman(2), Preetha Nathan(3), Isaac Manyonda(3), Tarek Antonios(2)

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P-B3 Decidual Neutrophils: A Novel Angiogenic Population in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester.

Caroline E Dunk [O](1), H Amsalem(2), M Kwan(3), RL Jones(5), SJ Lye(1,2,4)

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# P-B4 Activation of PPAR-g and HO-1 via Rosiglitazone in BeWo cells Recapitulates the *in vivo* Molecular Pathway

*Khrystyna Levytska* [G](1,2), Sascha Drewlo(1,4), Dora Baczyk(1), **John Kingdom**(1,3,4)

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# P-B5 GSK3β reduces Mcl-1 Phosphorylation in Preeclamptic Placentae Jayonta Bhattacharjee [PD](1), Isabella Caniggia (1, 2, 3). (1) Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital, (2) Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, (3) Department of Physiology, University of Toronto.

# P-B6 Soluble VEGFR-1 (sFlt-1) and Hypoxia Decrease VEGFR-2 Expression in the Human Placenta

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#### P-C1 Dual Specificity Phosphatase 9 (DUSP9) Regulation in Severe Early Onset Preeclampsia and in a Placental Villous Explant Model

*Marie J Czikk* [F](1), Sascha Drewlo(2), Dora Baczyk (2), **S. Lee Adamson** (1,2), **John CP Kingdom** (1,2).

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## P-C2 Developing an *in vitro* Model of Kidney Differentiation as a Tool to Help Us Understand Kidney Developmental Defects

*Manpreet Sambi* [G](1,2), Theresa Chow (1,2), Jennifer Whiteley (1), **Ian Rogers** (1,2,3)

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# P-C3 Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines and Chemokines Induced by Mechanical Stretch of Myometrial Cells Promote Neutrophil Infiltration by Enhanced Adhesion and Transendothelial Migration

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- P-C4 Characterization of *In Vitro* P-gp Transport in Human Placental Tissue Culture *Mohsen Javam* [G](1), Melanie Audette(1), William Gibb(4), Stephen G. Matthews(1,2,3).
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- P-C5 First Trimester Uterine Natural Killer Cells Migrate in Response to Secreted Cytokines in Trophoblast-Conditioned Media

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- P-C6 Glucose Sensing in mHypoA-GnRH/GFP Immortalized Hypothalamic Neurons Sean A McFadden [G](1), Jennifer A Chalmers(1), Janet J Jang(1) Maria-Luisa Centeno(1), Denise D Belsham(1,2)
  Departments of (1)Physiology,(2)OB/Gyn and Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, and University Health Network.
- P-D1 The Prevalence of Reproductive Tract Infections (RTI) in Adolescents at Presentation to Colposcopy

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- P-D2 Effect of EMR Implementation on Patient and Staff Satisfaction, and Chart Completeness in a Resource-Limited Ante-Natal Clinic in Kenya Alice Gray [M](1), Christe Henshaw(1), Julie Wright(1), Jessica Leah(1), Rachel F. Spitzer(1), Elkanah Omenge(2), Benjamin Chemwolo(2). (1)University of Toronto Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2) Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and Moi University School of Medicine Department of Reproductive Health, Eldoret, Kenya.
- P-D3 Maternal Experiences with Breastfeeding: A Comparison Between Women Who are Exclusively Breastfeeding and those Who are Formula-Feeding at Six Weeks

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# P-D4 A Survey of Postgraduate Training in Indigenous Women's Health in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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## P-D5 Canadian Women's Attitudes toward Noninvasive Prenatal Testing of Fetal DNA in Maternal Plasma

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# P-E1 Evaluation of Sperm Aneuploidy in Patients with Severe Oligozoospermia Siamak Bashar [O](1); Naazish Alladin(1); Hanna Balakier(1); Clifford L. Librach(1,2,3); Sergey I. Moskovtsev(1, 3)

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#### P-E2 Correlation of Telomere Length and DNA Damage in Human Spermatozoa Pamela L. Chan [G](1); Sergey I. Moskovtsev(1, 2); Shlomit Kenigsberg(1); Naazish Alladin(1); Clifford L. Librach(1, 2, 3)

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#### P-E3 Neural Potential of First Trimester Human Umbilical Cord Perivascular Stem Cells

Anouk-Martine Teichert [O](1), Shlomit Kenigsberg(1), Leila Magdhen(1), Ashley Ramelloo(1), Schreiber Pereira(1), **Clifford L. Librach**(1)(2).

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# P-E4 The Impact of Vitamin D Status on Implantation and Clinical Pregnancy Rates Following *In Vitro* Fertilization

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## P-E5 Improved Survival of Umbilical Cord Derived Donor Cells in Bone Marrow Transplantation due to Trogocytosis

Theresa Chow [G](1,2), Jennifer Whiteley(1), Ian Rogers(1,2,3)

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## P-E6 3D Image Analysis of Chromatin Structure of Motile and Immotile Sperm Populations

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# P-F1 Outcome of Laparoscopic Two-Team Sling, Tension Free Transvaginal Tape (TVT) and Transobturator Tape (TOT) for Women with Recurrent Stress Urinary Incontinence: A Retrospective Cohort Study.

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#### P-F2 Same-Day Discharge versus Overnight Stay after Laparoscopic Hysterectomy: A Prospective Assessment of Patient Safety and Patient Satisfaction [Research-in-Progress]

Alice Pham [F], Rose C Kung, Herb Wong, Grace Y Liu, Jamie Kroft, Janet Bodley, Patricia E Lee

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## P-F3 Maternal and Fetal Outcomes in Canadian Women after Bariatric Surgery (Work-in-Progress)

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#### P-F4 Female Genital Tract Graft-vs-Host Disease: A Current Retrospective Patient Review.

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#### P-F5 Identification of Factors that Influence Full Disclosure during a Gynaecology Appointment

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P-G1 Vitrification of Human Spermatozoa without Permeable Cryoprotectants

Valeriy Kuznyetsov[O](1); Sergey I. Moskovtsev (1, 2); Ayub Lulat (1); Sergey

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#### P-G2 WITHDRAWN

P-G3 Can Fewer Eggs Make More Babies? Conversion of High-Response Gonadotropin Intrauterine Insemination Cycles as a Model for Mild Stimulation in Vitro Fertilization.

Kaajal Abrol [F], Heather Shapiro

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- P-G4 First Trimester Human Umbilical Cord Perivascular Cells (Fthuc-Pvcs) Can Differentiate towards the Hepatic Lineage Using a Two-Step Induction and Maturation Approach

*Leila Maghen*(1), Seok-Ho Hong [O](1), Ashley Rammeloo(1), Andrée Gauthier-Fisher (1), **Clifford L. Librach**(1,2,3)

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# P-G5 Pilot Study: A Comparison of Ovarian Reserve in BRCA Positive Women Versus Age-Matched BRCA Negative Controls

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- P-G6 Assessment of Global Methylation of Human Sperm

*Anouk-Martine Teichert*(1), Shlomit Kenigsberg [O](1), Anna Kop(2), Apurva Shirodkar(2), Naazish Alladin(1), **Sergey Moskovtsev**(1)(3), Philip A. Marsden(2), **Clifford L. Librach**(1)(3).

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#### P-H1 SSEA-4 Expression Marks a Highly Proliferative and Multipotent Subpopulation of First Trimester Human Umbilical Cord-Derived Perivascular Stem Cells

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# P-H2 NLRP5 Regulates Autophagy in Preimplantation Embryos. (Work-in-Progress) Taline Naranian[G](1,2), AlaPerumalsamy(1), Russanthy Velummailum(1), Tong ZhiBin(3), Igor Jurisica(4), Lawrence Nelson(3) and Andrea Jurisicova(1,2). (1)Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital (2)Department of Physiology, Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, (3)Developmental Endocrinology Branch, National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, (4) Ontario Cancer Institute, Princess Margaret Hospital.

#### P-H3 Real-Time PCR Array-Based Gene Expression Profiling of Human Umbilical Cord-Derived Perivascular Cells.

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#### **P-H4**

#### Role of Bim in Oocyte Survival

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#### **P-H5**

Central Mechanisms for the Direct Inhibitory Effects of Gonadotropin-Inhibitory Hormone (GnIH) on Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH) using Novel Hypothalamic Cell Models

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## P-H6 Utilizing Two Different Extraction Methodologies to Determine a Correlation Between Sperm DNA Damage and Sperm Protein Profile.

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#### P-I1 Effects of Prenatal Synthetic Glucocorticoid Exposure on Hypothalamo-Pituitary-Adrenal (HPA) Function in Juvenile Offspring

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## P-I2 Umbilical Cord Diameter Percentile Curves and their Correlation to Birth Weight and Placental Pathology

Leslie K Proctor [M](1,2), Brendan Fitzgerald(1), Wendy L Whittle(2), Navid Mokhtari(1), Ellen Lee(1), Geoffrey Machin(1,3), John CP Kingdom(2,3), Sarah J Keating(1,3).

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# P-I3 Number and Activation Status of Uterine Natural Killer Cells Suggest a Novel Role in the Second Trimester of Pregnancy

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## P-I4 Antenatal Dexamethasone Exposure in Mice Does Not Affect Levels of SNAT Proteins in the Placental Microvillous Membrane

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## P-I5 Transabdominal Amnioinfusion in Premature Preterm Rupture of Membranes: A Systematic Review and a Meta-Analysis

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# P-I6 Anti-Mullerian Hormone as a Marker of Fertility in IVF and IUI Therapy: A Pilot Study.

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#### P-J1 A Review of Laparoscopic Sacrocolpopexy: Surgical Outcomes, Complications and Failures

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# P-J2 Attitudes and Expectations of Canadian Women in Labour towards Point of Care HIV Testing on The Labour and Delivery Unit

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#### P-J3 Cervico-Vaginal Inflammatory Changes in IUCD Users: A Pilot Study

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#### P-J4 Prevalence of Unidentified/Subclinical Hypothyroidism in Two Urban Prenatal Populations: Can Predisposing Maternal Risk Factors be Identified?

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# P-J5 Outcomes from a Radical Hysterectomy Training Program in a Low Resource Setting in Africa.

Samantha Young[M](1), Peter Itsura(2), Hellen Muliro(2), Brendan Charles(3), Astrid Christoffersen-Deb(1), Rachel Spitzer(4), Barry Rosen(3), Elkanah Omenge Orango(2).

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- P-J6 Power, Passenger, Passage...and Physician?: Changing Obstetrical Practice as a Determinant of the C-Section Rate at a Toronto Community Hospital Gregory Handrigan[M](1), Brenda Woods (2), Leke Badmos (2), Kellie Murphy(3), Melissa Tai (2)
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- P-K1 Effects Of Placental VEGFA Deficiency on Pregnancy in Mice

  Han Li [G](1), Dawei Qu (1), Hoon-Ki Sung (1), Andras Nagy(1,4), S Lee

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  Depts of (2) Physiology, (3) Obstetrics & Gynaecology, and (4) Molecular Genetics,
  University of Toronto.
- P-K2 The Impact of the International Association of Diabetes and Pregnancy Study Groups (IADPSG) Diagnostic Thresholds for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) on the Incidence of GDM in a Canadian Inner-City Multi-Ethnic Population.

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P-K3 Altered Mechanisms of Acid Sphingomyelinase Regulation and Processing in Preeclampsia

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P-K4 Transgenerational Effects of Antenatal Synthetic Glucocorticoid Treatment on Learning and Memory

Vasilis Moisiadis [G](1), Alisa Kostaki(1), Jeff Emack(1), **Stephen G. Matthews**(1,2,3). (1)Departments of Physiology, (2)Obstetrics and Gynaecology and (3)Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

P-K5 Kick-Starting Action: Canadian Women's Understanding of Fetal Movement Guidelines

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P-K6 The PPAR-y agonist Rosiglitazone Reverses sFLT1 Hyper-secretion from First Trimester Placental Villi in a GCM1-Dependent Manner Sascha Drewlo [PD](1), Fergus McCarthy(2), Khrystyna Levytska(1), Louise

Kenny, PhD(2), **John Kingdom**(1). (1)Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital, (2) University College Cork, Anu Research Centre, Ireland.





#### Research Day Awards

The **2012 JW Knox Ritchie Research Awards** for best abstract/presentation by trainee category were awarded to the following winners:

Clinical Fellow: Kimberley Garbedian (Supervisor: Kimberley Liu). The Impact of Vitamin D Status on Implantation and Clinical Pregnancy Rates Following In Vitro Fertilization. Kimberley Garbedian, Miranda Boggild, Joel Moody, Kimberley Liu.

Post-Doctoral Fellow: Sascha Drewlo (Supervisor: John Kingdom) The PPAR- agonist Rosiglitazone Reverses sFLT1 Hyper-secretion from First Trimester Placental Villi in a GCM1-Dependent Manner. Sascha Drewlo, Fergus McCarthy, Khrystyna Levytska, Louise Kenny, John Kingdom.

Resident: Stéphanie Backman (Supervisor: Theodore J Brown) Interleukin-1β (IL-1β)-Stimulated Inflammatory Gene Expression in Fallopian Tube Epithelial Cells is reversed by Glucocorticoids. Stéphanie Backman, Alexandra Kollara, Carl Virtanen, Theodore J Brown.

Graduate Student: Theresa Chow (Supervisor: Ian Rogers) Improved Survival of Umbilical Cord Derived Donor Cells in Bone Marrow Transplantation due to Trogocytosis. Theresa Chow, Jennifer Whiteley, Ian Rogers.

Student: Sarah Cao (Supervisor: Andrea Jurisicova) Role of Bim in Oocyte Survival. Sarah Cao, Shakib Omari, Andrea Jurisicova.

The **Frederick R Papsin Award** for postgraduate resident in final year of training, based on teaching ability, mentorship activities and leadership, as chosen by peers, was awarded to **Karthika Devarajan.** 











#### RESEARCH GRANTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

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#### **COMMON ABBREVIATIONS**

AACR American Association for Cancer Research

AAGL American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists

AAP American Academy of Pediatrics

ACMG Annual Clinical Medical Genetics Meeting

ACOG American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

ACS American Cancer Society

AEPC Association for European Paediatric Cardiology

AHA American Heart Association

AHFMR Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

AHSC Academic Health Sciences Centres

AIUM American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
AMPATH Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare
APGO Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics

APOG Association of Professors of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of Canada

ASBMR American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

ASCCP American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

ASCP American Society for Clinical Pathology ASCO American Society of Clinical Oncology ASHG American Society of Human Genetics

ASRM American Society for Reproductive Medicine

AWHONN Association of Women's Heath, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

BICOG British International Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

CAFS Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society
CAGS Canadian Association of General Surgeons
CAHR Canadian Association of HIV Research

CAHSPR Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research

CanDIPS Canadian Diabetes in Pregnancy Study group CANN Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses

CANPAGO Canadian Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology/Obstetrics Committee (SOGC)

CAPHC Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres

CAPRI Canadian Alliance for Pediatric Rheumatology Investigators

CAPSNet Canadian Pediatric Surgery Network
CAR Canadian Association of Radiologists
CaRMS The Canadian Resident Matching Service

CARO/ACRO Canadian Association of Radiation Oncology | Association canadienne de radio-

oncologie

CBCF Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation
CBCRA Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance

CCASN Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance Network

CCC Canadian Cardiovascular Congress

CCHCSP Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program

CFPC College of Family Physicians of Canada
CCME Canadian Conference on Medical Education





CCMG Canadian College of Medical Geneticists
CCMS Chinese Canadian Medical Society (Ontario)
CCOCR Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research
CCSRI Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute

CDA Canadian Diabetes Association

CEPD Continuing Education and Professional Development (University of Toronto)

CERI Canadian Epilepsy Research Initiative
CFPC College of Family Physicians of Canada

CFRC Centre for Fertility and Reproductive Care (MSH)

CHI Canada Health Infoway

CHU Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine
CIHR Canadian Institutes of Health Research
CMAS The Centre for Minimal Access Surgery

CMICR The Centre for Mother, Infant, and Child Research

COGI World Congress on Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Infertility

COSA Clinical Oncological Society of Australia CPA Canadian Physiotherapy Association

CPS Canadian Paediatric Society

CREOG Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology

CSEM Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism

CSMFM Canadian Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine
CSTM Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine

CUA Canadian Urologic Association

DCP (NCI) Division of Cancer Prevention (National Cancer Institute)

DPSG Diabetic Pregnancy Study Group, EASD

ECNP European College of Neuropsychopharmacology

EORTC European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer

EPA European Placenta Group ESC European Society of Cardiology

ESHRE European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology

FAIS Federation of African Immunological Societies FAOPS Federation of Asian and Oceania Perinatal Societies

FCMS Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies

FIGO International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics

FMWC Federation of Medical Women of Canada FORCE Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

GOC The Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada

GOG Gynecologic Oncology Group

HSC Hospital for Sick Children

HSFO Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario

HUPO Human Proteome Organisation

IBD Inflammatory Bowel Disease

ICAAC Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy ICONN The International Collaboration of Neonatal-perinatal Networks

ICS International Continence Society





IGCS International Gynecologic Cancer Society
 ICHG International Congress of Human Genetics
 IDSA Infectious Diseases Society of America

IDSOG Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IFMSS The International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society
IGORS International Gynecologic Oncology Robotic Symposium

IFPA International Federation of Placenta Associations

IHDCYH Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health

IMS International Menopause Society

INTAPP An International Trial of Antioxidants in the Prevention of Preeclampsia

IPEG International Pediatric Endoscopy Group

IPE Interprofessional Education

IPOS International Psycho-Oncology Society
ISDS International Skeletal Dysplasia Society
ISSCR International Society for Stem Cell Research

ISSHP The International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy

ISSTD International Society for the Study of Trophoblastic Diseases

IUGA International Urogynecological Association

LHIN Local Health Integration Network

MEFS Middle East Fertility Society

MICYRN Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network MOHLTC Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ontario)

MSH Mount Sinai Hospital

NAFTNet The North American Fetal Therapy Network

NAMS North American Menopause Society

NASOM North American Society of Obstetric Medicine

NASPAG North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

NESA New European Surgical Academy
NCI National Cancer Institute (part of NIH)
NIDA National Institute on Drug Abuse
NIH National Institutes of Health

NSERC Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

NYGH North York General Hospital

NYSORA The New York School of Regional Anesthesia

OCFP Ontario College of Family Physicians

OGS/OGSST Ontario Graduate Scholarship/Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and

**Technology** 

Ornge Formerly Ontario Air Ambulance
OMA Ontario Medical Association

OTIS Organization of Teratology Information Specialists

PAG Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology
PAS The Pediatric Academic Societies

PAX Peritoneal Society: New name: PnS: Peritoneum and Surgery

PMH Princess Margaret Hospital

PNOGA Pacific Northwest Obstetrical & Gynecological Association





PREBIC PREterm BIrth Collaborative

PSANZ Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand

PSI Physicians' Services Incorporated

RCOG Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (UK)
RCPSC Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

RSNA Radiological Society of North America

SAEM Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

SAGES Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

SCMR Society of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

SGI Society for Gynecologic Investigation SGO Society of Gynecologic Oncologists SHSC Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

SHUTC Sunnybrook Hospital University of Toronto Clinic (legal name, operates, as of

1973, as Academic Clinicians' Management Services)

SIBEN SIBEN, the Sociedad Iberoamericana de Neonatología SIECAN Sex Information and Education Council of Canada

SIR Society of Interventional Radiology

SJHC St. Joseph's Health Centre

SLRI Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute SMFM Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

SMH St Michael's Hospital

SMIG Society of Minimally Invasive Gynaecology

SOGC Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada SOGT Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Toronto

SORB Southern Ontario Reproductive Biology SSR Society for the Study of Reproduction

STGO Tunisian Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics

STLHE Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

TEGH Toronto East General Hospital

UHN University Health Network

USCAP United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

WAGO Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists

WEBC Weekend to End Breast Cancer

WFUMB World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology

WHI Women's Health Initiative
WHO World Health Organization

WRGC World Robotic Gynecology Congress

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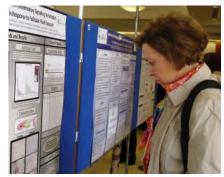
























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