

# OB/GYN Residency Newsletter

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**Welcome to...  
our first class of  
five interns!**



## A word from the Program Director

A word from the PD:

Welcome to our “Fab Five,” our first class of five interns! They are truly fabulous, and they are off to a great start. Thank you to our residency recruitment team for helping to recruit our outstanding interns and for adding to our diverse workforce.

I want to highlight some of our achievements from the 2022-2023 academic year:

- ❖ Our graduates exceeded all their ACGME minimum numbers of procedures.
- ❖ Two of our residents had leadership positions in ACOG.
- ❖ Three research studies were presented at national conferences by Kyle Le, M.D., and one study has been accepted for publication.
- ❖ Hosted Philadelphia Regional Educational Consortium of OBGYN (PRECOG) on June 28, 2023, at the CMSRU Simulation lab. We had 58 interns and 21 faculty from the South Jersey and Philadelphia regions attend the intern bootcamp.
- ❖ Two graduates matched into highly competitive fellowships:
  - Stephanie Kass, M.D., Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery - Northwell Health, Long Island, NY
  - Chelsea Katz, M.D., Gynecology Oncology - Cooper University Hospital
  - Stephanie Kass, M.D. with a special delivery:



Our Program Goals for 2023-2024:

- ❖ Diversity Plan
- ❖ Improve the timeliness and quality of monthly faculty evaluations of residents.
- ❖ Refine the process of completing Gyn floor consults.
- ❖ Refine the resident continuity clinic template at Jaffe Family Women’s Care Clinic.
- ❖ Develop and implement a formal Resident QI/PI Curriculum.
- ❖ Create a positive learning environment for medical students.

### Residents -

- Complete your post rotation TrueLearn quizzes
- Remember to log your duty hours daily.
- Please keep your case logs up to date on a weekly basis
- Schedule a monthly meeting with your mentor and complete the mentoring form.

### Faculty -

- Please continue to complete the monthly post rotation evaluations in New Innovations within 2 weeks of receiving them.
- Please continue to complete myTIPreports
- Thank you for your commitment to resident education!

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion:

Department of OBGYN Diversity Program Goals:

1. Department of OBGYN Anti-racism Task Force - meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, led by Dr. Perry
2. Continue to improve the education for faculty and residents regarding racial disparities in healthcare
3. Continue our community outreach with fundraising for local women's shelters, preeclampsia support of the Preeclampsia Promise Walk, and education for the youth involved in the Lifting Up Camden Youth (LUCY) Outreach Program
4. Implement our Visiting Elective Scholars Program for 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students who self-identify as URM and perform a more holistic review of applications to increase diversity in our residency program
5. Promote Quality Improvement projects that identify cultural barriers to care and test these interventions to address these barriers

Antiracism Task Force continues to meet. We are establishing goals for 2022-2023.

If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Dr. Perry

### Department Anti-racism Tasks: Information shared by Dr. Perry

[Reducing Implicit Bias in Maternal and Child Health | New Jersey Hospital Association \(njha.com\)](https://www.njha.com/reducing-implicit-bias-in-maternal-and-child-health)



The long history of racial injustice in the United States – and in our healthcare delivery system – produces disparate health outcomes for people of color. Perhaps nowhere is that more evident than in maternal and infant health. A Black baby born in New Jersey today is more than 3 times more likely to die before its first birthday than a White infant. Implicit biases, which lie within each of us, can contribute to these racial disparities.

NJHA examines these biases in a new course, *Reducing Implicit Bias in Maternal and Child Health*. This four-part course breaks down the conscious and unconscious biases within all individuals; describes their impact on healthcare access and treatment for Black and brown women; and explores interventions to defuse them. Dr. Meika Neblett, MD, lead of equity in clinical care at RWJBarnabas Health and chief medical officer and chief academic officer at Community Medical Center, serves as faculty. The video on-demand course is offered through NJHA Education; you can find it here: [Reducing Implicit Bias in Maternal and Child Health](https://www.njha.com/reducing-implicit-bias-in-maternal-and-child-health).

This education program builds on NJHA's *Patients, Prejudice and Policy* speaker series and the work of the N.J. Perinatal Quality Collaborative to move this important, and sometimes uncomfortable, issue from awareness to action. It also supports the goals of Nurture NJ, championed by First Lady Tammy Murphy, to "make New Jersey the safest place in the nation to deliver and raise a baby."

This free course is supported by funding from the CDC through the N.J. Perinatal Quality Collaborative. It provides credits in continuing medical education, continuing nursing education, public health and certified health education specialists. We invite you to join NJHA in the spirit of learning and self-reflection to ensure that all New Jersey mothers and babies have every opportunity for good health.



Congratulations to Guy Hewlett, MD,  
promoted to Associate Dean of Diversity  
Equity Inclusion and Community Affairs  
at CMSRU  
Transition planned for mid-October 2022

## Research Division News

### Congratulations!!

Bednar EM, ..., Warshal DP, Bowman E, Goedde TA, Halaharvi D, Rath K, Grana G, Mina L, Lu KH. **Outcomes of the "BRCA Quality Improvement Dissemination Program": An initiative to improve patient receipt of cancer genetics services at five health systems.** Gynecol Oncol. 2023;172:106-14. Epub 2023/04/03. doi: 10.1016/j.ygyno.2023.03.016. PubMed PMID: 37004303; PMCID: PMC10192022.

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### Cooper was granted 2 small research Grants from the Perinatal Research Consortium:

1. Variation in Charge to Average Cost Ratio for Uncomplicated Births in the United States. Avery Gulino, BA, MS2; Krystal Hunter PhD, MBA; Meena Khandelwal, MD Using NIS database - \$2500
2. Effects of Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy on left ventricular myocardial strain and central aortic stiffness - A Prospective Pilot Study. Bhaven Murji, MBBS, Msci; Meena Khandelwal, MD; Lawrence Mulligan, PhD FAHA; Kunal Deolankar, M3; Ludmil Mitrev, MD; Michele Mele, MD; Robert A. Hirsh, MD \$10,000

## Resident/Fellow Research Presentation Dinner

The Resident/Fellow Research Day was held on June 12th. Third-year residents and fellows present to the faculty, residents, medical students, and staff. The research presentations are judged, and awards are given to the resident and fellow with the most outstanding research paper.



Congratulations to the award winners for most outstanding research papers!!

Fellows: Diego Aviles, M.D. for: "Exploiting the Epigenetic Properties of Green Tea and Broccoli to Treat Ovarian Cancer— a Dietary Revolution for our Patient"

Resident: Blaire Nasstrom, D.O. for "Olive Oil Use During Second Stage of Labor Effect on Obstetric Lacerations: Interim Analysis Abstract"



## **Research Division News**

### **Current research studies:**

#### **Postpartum Depression Longitudinal Study: A Care Coordination Intervention**

Investigators: Drs. Kim and Iavicoli

Updates:

- Just started enrollment of patients
- Anonymous provider survey will be sent to those who do postpartum visits on 7/20/2023.
- Enrollment limited to 6 months - minimum need 60 patients.
- If you do not want your patients to be contacted as a part of this study, please reach out to an investigator.

Inclusion:

- EDPS score of 10 or more and between 1-6 months postpartum. (English only unfortunately)

Process:

- Study team is screening all postpartum visits, calling, and consenting remotely.
- Patients complete 4 surveys over a year and are provided \$25 for completing each one.

#### **EASE Study: A randomized, controlled study to Evaluate the Safety and Effectiveness of the Materna Prep Device to pre-stretch (i.e., dilate) the vaginal canal and pelvic floor tissues in preparation for vaginal delivery**

Principal Investigator: Dr. Rori Dajao

Co-Investigators: Drs. Lipetskaia, Khandelwal, Hutcheson, and Nasstrom! (anyone else interested?)

Updates:

- Now offering participants a voucher for 3 months of a diaper delivery service at 3-month follow-up visit
- Have an interested patient? Send an Epic message to Alex Santangelo

Inclusion:

- Looking to consent nulliparous patients over the age of 18
- Randomizing and potential device placement at 6-8 cm dilation

#### **Pregnancy Loss - LosSEQ**

Perinatal Research Consortium NIH Grant through Harvard University

Principal Investigator: Dr. Robin Perry

Co-Investigators: Please reach out if interested

Updates:

- Up to 4 enrollments, thanks to everyone who made it possible.
- Spanish consents are in coming soon

Reminders:

- Clinical provider to ask the patient if she is willing to be approached about the study.
- Please text or call Dr. Perry or Alex Santangelo.
- **Please remember to collect a 1 to 2 cm section of the umbilical cord on all stillbirths, stored ambient in fridge with saline.**

Inclusion

- In utero fetal demise, >14 weeks gestation and occurring prior to the onset of labor
- Parent are 18 years or older
- No confirmed cause

## **Research Division**

### **Current research studies continued:**

Assessment of Urinary Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology in the evaluation and management of females with chronic bladder pain and cystitis-like symptoms

Principal Investigator: Dr. Lipetskaia

Co-Is: Drs. Eggers, Mama

Updates:

- 2 enrollments this past month
- Looking for referrals for possible patients

General Inclusion:

- Symptomatic subjects with perceived bladder pain +/- urinary storage symptoms or symptomatic patients with chronic cystitis-like symptoms
- previous failure of standard urine culture directed therapy approach
- 3 months of continuous symptoms

### **Research Division: General Updates**

General Updates

- Currently recruiting for Clinical Research Coordinator I position
- 2 Trainee Grants funded this past month by PRC!

Studies currently in startup:

- RallyBio FNAIT Natural History Study, aiming for startup in August - Dr. Khandelwal
- Site selected for Maternal GBS Vaccine Trial, Q4 2023 start - Dr. Chen
- Tafoxiparin a new drug candidate for labor - Looking For PI!
  - Phase 3 Trial planning meeting in Sept 2023
- parsNIPS: parallel aneuploidy and recessive surveillance via NIPS - Looking For PI!

### **QI/PI Projects 2022-2023**

PGY-4:

Residents: Sabrina Brunozzi, M.D., Cosette Gabriel, D.O., Stephanie Kass, M.D., Chelsea Katz, M.D.

Faculty Mentor: Amanda Malik, M.D.

Topic: "Improving Attendance at Postpartum Appointments"

PGY-2:

Residents: Caroline Macgillivray, M.D., Lexie Quinonez, D.O., Anna White, D.O., MPH, Amelle Williams, M.D.

Faculty Mentor: Peter Chen, M.D.

Topic: "Reducing Post Cesarean Section Narcotic Use"

PGY-1:

Residents: Alexa Corso, D.O., Emily Hahm, M.D., Alyssa Lasure Black, M.D., Karissa Rajagopal, D.O.

Faculty Mentor: Rori Dajao, M.D.

Topic: "Severe Hypertension Treatment"

## Spotlight on Faculty Member, Dr. Kathy Schaeffer

**Where did you go to medical school and residency?**

Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic  
Medicine (PCOM) 2000. Residency: Cooper Hospital 2005

**What do you look forward to the most about teaching residents?** I enjoy watching the residents build their skill sets and learn how to communicate with patients. I enjoy seeing them take on a challenging task and accomplishing their goal.

**What books are you currently reading?** I recently read *Riding the bus with my sister* by Rachel Simon

**What is your favorite restaurant?** Salt Air in Rehoboth

**What do you like most and least about medicine?** I love the relationships I get to build with my patient and the challenging cases I get to do. I least like the difficulty of separating EPIC work time from my family time.



*Kathy Schaeffer, DO, FACOG*

*Head, Section of Surgical Gynecology*

*Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics  
and Gynecology*



*Dr. Krill and her family*

**"...seeing them take on a  
challenging task and  
accomplishing their goal."**

## Spotlight on New Faculty Member, Dr. Ruth Hennebery

### Where did you complete your residency?

I completed my residency at Christiana Care in Delaware

### What do you look forward to the most about teaching residents?

I look forward to hands on teaching in the OR (my favorite place to be!)

### Do you have a favorite restaurant?

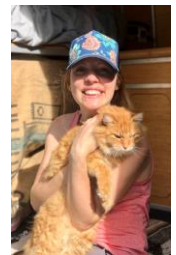
Hadramout restaurant in Philadelphia has the best Yemeni food in the area!

### What do you like to do when you're not working?

Traveling with my husband, Rock-climbing, long-distance hiking, camping, snuggling my cat Simba, and volunteering with the Refugee community in Delaware.



Ruth Hennebery, MD  
Generalist, Department of  
Obstetrics & Gynecology



## Spotlight on New Faculty Member, Dr. Christina Chu

### Where did you complete your residency?

I completed my residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

### What do you look forward to the most about teaching residents?

I hope to get residents excited about gyn cancer and laparoscopic hyst.

### Do you have a favorite restaurant?

I have many favorites, but here's a couple: In Philly, Su Xing House on 15th and Sansom. Awesome vegetarian Chinese food. In Jersey, Prospector's Steak House.

### What do you like to do when you're not working?

When I'm not working, I like to travel!



Christina Chu, MD, FACOG  
Gynecologic Oncologist  
Assistant Program Director  
Gyn Onc Fellowship



## Spotlight on Administrative Chiefs

### Dr. Blaire Nasstrom



**Where did you relocate from?** I came to Camden by way of Des Moines, Iowa where I went to medical school. But I am originally from the San Francisco Bay Area in California.

**What do you enjoy most about Cooper?** The people. The patients, attendings, nurses, staff are unparalleled. Most importantly the residents who gave me a support system when I moved here by myself in the start of COVID and turned into lifelong friendships.

**Do you have a favorite restaurant?** This is a tough question for someone living in Philadelphia! This city and these residents have turned me into somewhat of a foodie. But every resident has heard me rave about my favorite place, High Street Philly. It's this cute French-American cafe which happens to be right next to my apartment. Try their cinnamon buns!

**What do you like to do when you are not working?** Whenever I have a full weekend off, I go to my "weekend house" which is my brother's gorgeous home in Wyncote, PA. There I go hiking, spend time with my brother and brother-in-law, and my puppy niece and nephew. Otherwise, you'll find me going to dinner/drinks with the Cooper fam or traveling to San Diego to visit my husband and my own dog/house.

**Now that you are in your last year of residency, what advice do you have for your junior residents?** Everything is a learning opportunity, especially if you put the effort in to find it. It's easy to get bogged down in the pace of all the computer work and physical tasks. Take the time to think critically about what you are doing and why and then follow that up with looking things up and asking questions constantly. Making this a daily practice will build your knowledge and comfortability more than you realize. Everyone is here to help build you up to be the best physician you can be, so take advantage!

### Dr. Danielle Schenker

**Where did you relocate from?**

I have lived in my home in Fairmount since medical school! Prior to med school I was in the Midwest at University of Michigan, then in Wisconsin working at Epic.

**What do you enjoy most about Cooper?**

My fantastic colleagues make even the toughest days an enjoyable and positive experience.

**Do you have a favorite restaurant?**

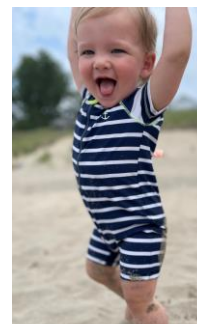
I am going to miss the Philadelphia food scene when I move. I love Zahav and Her Place.

**What do you like to do when you are not working?**

Hang out with my son. Outdoor picnics. Visit friends on weekends off.

**Now that you are in your last year of residency, what advice do you have for your junior residents?**

Use every tough patient encounter, consult, or challenging surgery as a learning opportunity!





*Nyarai Mushonga, M.D.  
FPMRS, Wellspan Health System  
Chambersburg & Gettysburg, PA  
Cooper OBGYN Resident 2008-2012*

## Spotlight on Alumna, Dr. Nyarai Mushonga

### What year did you finish residency?

I completed my residency in 2012 and fellowship in 2015.

### Current role and location?

FPMRS at Wellspan Hospital system servicing the western PA locations based out of Chambersburg and Gettysburg PA

### What first inspired me to go into OBGYN?

Honestly as a medical student this was the rotation I enjoyed the most. My late father was an orthopedic surgeon who hoped I would follow in his footsteps, but I never had any interest in his specialty. I was fortunate enough to rotate at Cooper as a student and I loved it! The residents and attendings (like the late Drs Ances and Jaffe) played a pivotal role in inspiring me to be an OBGYN. If it truly was not for Dr Jaffe, I would not be an OBGYN today.

### What advice would you give to OBGYN residents?

Please take every opportunity to involve yourself in as much patient care and surgical cases as possible. Our Camden population sadly due to the socioeconomics and racial disparities of the area has extensive pathology. This training will take you very far in your career. It has certainly done so for me. To our interns I know you roll your eyes and drag your feet to round on ALL those postpartum patients (I know I did) . You don't see it now but when you are an attending you will spot that sick patient a mile away. You are working on those "spidey" senses that you will be very grateful for as an attending. It will allow you to sleep at night knowing your patients are safe and well.

### How do you spend your free time/hobbies or interests?

I have two small children that are 5 and 3 years old so you can imagine how my free time is spent - parks, play dates, swim lessons, soccer, basketball, birthday parties etc. We live in a small town in Maryland (Frederick) that offers many family activities that we try to participate in throughout the year.



## Spotlight on Alumna, Dr. Lauren Naliboff

### What year did you finish residency?

I finished residency in 2016 and graduated from fellowship in Complex Family Planning from NYU in 2018.

### Current role and location?

I am currently an Assistant Professor at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark, NJ.

### What first inspired me to go into OBGYN?

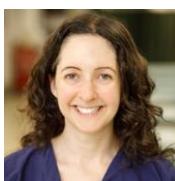
My father is an Ob/Gyn, so it was familiar to me, and I didn't find anything else in medical school to be as interesting, amazing, and unique as Ob/Gyn.

### What advice would you give to OBGYN residents?

The days are long, but the years are short. Use this time to learn and see as much as possible. Cooper is an amazing place to train and will give you a great foundation for anything you want to do in the future.

### How do you spend your free time/hobbies or interests?

I love spending time with my kids (two boys, ages 3 and 6), traveling, resting, seeing shows in the city, and trying new foods.



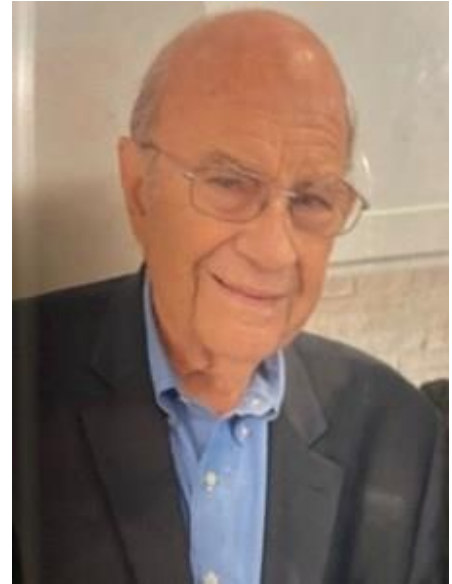
*Lauren Naliboff, DO, MPH  
Assistant Professor in Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Director of Family Planning Services  
Associate Program Director, OBGYN Residency Program  
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School  
Cooper OBGYN Resident 2012-2016*



## In Memoriam

Ronald M. Jaffe, M.D. joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology full time faculty in July of 1986 as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of Undergraduate Medical Education. In 1988 he became Chief of the Department of OB/GYN, a position he held for twenty years. During this time, he quickly transformed the department into a major entity in the South Jersey area, expanding from five full time faculty physicians to 30. He was a true advocate for resident, fellow and medical student education. During his tutelage, many medical students went on to do their OB/GYN residencies/fellowships at Cooper and many of them are members of the full-time faculty to this day.

After his tenure as Department Chief, Dr. Jaffe remained dedicated to the OB/GYN Residents and Medical Students of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. He would receive many honors and awards, as well as excellent feedback regarding his mentorship and teaching techniques. In addition, Dr. Jaffe was greatly involved in global health since the initiation of International Health Care Volunteers, sponsoring annual medical missions to Ghana, West Africa. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Cooper University Hospital from 2002 - 2005.



Ronald Jaffe, MD

Dr. Jaffe created a diverse and inclusive department whose members to this day care about the well-being of all, including faculty physicians, residents, medical students and staff. He was a remarkable Obstetrician-Gynecologist who cared deeply for each patient and remembered aspects of their care with great intricacy. He will always be remembered for his caring advice, mentorship, and humor in leadership.

*Memorial contributions can be made in Dr. Jaffe's memory to The Cooper Foundation, 101 Haddon Avenue, Suite 302, Camden, NJ 08103 or online at Make A Gift - The Cooper Foundation (cooperhealth.org) The family has requested donations be directed to the Jaffe Family Women's Care Center Fund.*

## Medical Mission to Ghana August 2023

For over 25 years, Dr. James Aikins, former Cooper resident and long-time faculty member in our Division of Gynecologic Oncology, has organized medical missions to Ghana. Dr. Aikins is the Medical Director and Founder of International Health Care Volunteers and is the Head of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.

Dr. Lexi Quinonez, PGY-3, along with Drs. Amui, Germaine and Reid from Cooper University Health Care, participated in the International Healthcare Volunteers mission trip to Ghana August 4-18.



### Resident Skills Day



### Annual OB/GYN Scavenger Hunt



### Philadelphia Regional Educational Consortium of OBGYN (PRECOG), a boot camp for new interns, was held on June 30, 2023, at the CMSRU Simulation Center.

We had 59 interns and 16 faculty from OB/GYN Programs from the surrounding area including our own faculty, Drs. Fischer, Hewlett, Schaeffer, Adriance, Perry and Kim. The interns learned knot tying & suturing, performed cesarean deliveries, perineal repairs, laparoscopy and hysteroscopy and cervical ripening/cervical dilation/IUD/Endometrial biopsy. In addition, they spent time on OB ultrasound and managing shoulder dystocia.

Special thanks to Sue McFadden and the team of program administrators, Dr. Burden, Dr. Mitchell-Williams, Jim Baca, Lisa Fecteau and the Sim team for hosting an amazing event!



## RESIDENT RETREAT

April 7, 2023  
Togetherness!



On behalf of the residents, we wanted to say thank you for covering us and sponsoring our Resident Retreat on April 7th. We were able to spend time together and have a relaxing day! We did yoga, went to the beach, got lunch, and painted pottery. We appreciate you all!



Day team coverage provided by Drs. Ariance, Ross, Sweeney, and Kim!

Evening shift was covered by Drs. Bruckler, Malik, Suarez, and Tkach-Chubay!



## INTRODUCING OUR FAB 5



### **Bianca Aibuedefe**

Bianca earned her MD from Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. She enjoys basketball and football, dance, traveling, going to the gym, music and karaoke and she is a self-proclaimed foodie.

## Welcome Class of 2027!



### **Taylor Dickinson**

T earned her MD from the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. She enjoys reading, traveling, happy hours, board games, line dancing, and eating food that those who are talented in the kitchen cook for her.

### **Olivia Homer**

Olivia earned her MD from CMSRU. Olivia enjoys creative writing, theater/performing arts, and coffee shop hopping.

### **Savina Reid-Herrera**

Savina earned his MD from CMSRU. She enjoys soccer, basketball, hiking/outdoor activities, yoga, spending time with friends/family, flower farms, relaxing with a coffee in Rittenhouse Square.

### **Edgar Soto**

Edgar earned his MD from Hackensack Meridian SOM. He enjoys his Yorkie, Livy Tay, family time, coffee, traveling, video games, swimming, volleyball, and drag races.

## Welcome Fellows!

### Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery



Lauren Burton, MD  
Residency: Jefferson Health-  
Abington Hospital  
Abington, PA



Morgan Enty-Watson, MD  
Residency: University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center  
Memphis, TN

### Gynecologic Oncology



Chelsea Katz, MD  
Residency: Cooper University Healthcare  
Camden, NJ

Welcome 2023-2024 Academic Year!

Many thanks to the  
LaMotta Family for hosting another fantastic  
Welcome Party!!!



OB/GYN Team Player of the Quarter  
Voted by their peers

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022-23



Anna White, DO, PGY3

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022-23



Amelle Williams, MD, PGY 3

Celebrating Our Graduates



GME Graduation  
CMSRU,  
Camden, NJ



Ob/Gyn Graduation Celebration  
Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ



Class of 2023

PGY1

Graduates



## Congratulations to the 2023 Graduation Ceremony Award recipients!

### Resident Awards

- Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Resident Award for Excellence in Obstetrics: ***Danielle Schenker, MD***
- AAGL Resident Award for Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology: ***Blaire Nasstrom, DO***
- Society of Gynecologic Oncology Annual Award: ***Chelsea Katz, MD***
- AUGS Award for Excellence in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery: ***Cosette Gabriel, DO***
- SLS Resident Achievement Award Outstanding MIS Resident 2023: ***Chelsea Katz, MD***
- Ryan Program Resident Award for Excellence in Family Planning: ***Blaire Nasstrom, DO***
- Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility: ***Kyle Le, MD***
- Department Awards:
  - ♦ Professionalism: ***Cosette Gabriel, DO***
  - ♦ Social Media Award: ***Caroline MacGillivray, MD***
  - ♦ Resident Teacher of the Year: ***Sabrina Brunozzi, MD***
  - ♦ Resident of the Year: ***Chelsea Katz, MD***

### Faculty Awards

- APGO Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Medical Education: ***Robert Siefring, MD***
- CREOG Faculty Award for Excellence in Resident Education: ***Ankita Kulkarni, MD***

*We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the faculty  
for sponsoring our graduation celebration.  
This event would not be possible without your generous support!*

*Thank you!*

## Congratulations!



Lori Adriance, DO  
Recipient of the Golden Apple Award for 2023



Kathleen Schaeffer, DO  
Physician of the Quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2023



Michelle Iavicoli, MD  
APGO Humanism in Teaching Award for 2022

*A different  
type of proud  
faculty moment  
for Dr. LaMotta*



**“Dream until your dreams come true!”**

Love is in the air

Dr. Ross recently  
got engaged



Residents recently celebrated upcoming nuptials for  
Dr. Hutcheson's on 9/2 and Dr. Lasure Black's on 9/30



**Congratulations!!!**

*to the Fischer Family*



*to Dr. Hutcheson*



## OB/GYN FAMILY MEMBERS

Newest Additions to Our OB/GYN Family



Dr. Mitchell-Williams' granddaughter-Kennedy Rose Barton was born on Super Bowl Sunday. Special thanks to Dr. Adriance who supervised the delivery.



Dr. Malik and her husband welcomed their second son, Harvey Louis Frazier, to the Cooper family. He was born on 8/4 at 7lb 6oz, 20.5 inches. She is so grateful for her colleagues who took the very best care of her and her new baby boy!

### Proud Parents & Grandparents



Dr. Adriance's daughter Madison and son Jack



Dr. Hewlett's grandson, Ellis



Sue's newest grandbabies, Tristan & Trae



Welcome Astrid! Congratulations Dr. Chang!  
2017 OB/GYN Residency Grad

## Important Dates & Announcements

### Important Dates:



|                      |                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| September 29         | Resident Wellness Morning                   |
| October 6            | Research Meetings                           |
| January 26, April 19 |                                             |
| October 13           | SIM Day                                     |
| October 27           | Junior Fellows Day                          |
| November 3, 10, 17   |                                             |
| December 1, 15       | Residency Interview Dates                   |
| January 5            |                                             |
| December 8           | Resident Wellness Morning                   |
| January 17, 18, 19   | In-training examination - CREOGs            |
| February 5-9         | ACOG Wellness Week                          |
| February 9           | SIM Day                                     |
| February 23          | Thank a Resident Day                        |
| March 15             | Match Day                                   |
| March 29             | Resident Wellness Morning                   |
| April 5              | Mock Orals PGY-2 & 3                        |
| April 12             | Mock Orals PGY-1 & 4                        |
| April 26             | SIM Day                                     |
| May 31               | Resident Retreat                            |
| June 7               | Annual Program Review                       |
| June 10              | Resident Research Presentation/Dinner       |
| June 20              | Graduation Celebration - Adventure Aquarium |

### Attention Class of 2024

#### ABOG Dates and Fees

2024 Specialty Qualifying Exam JULY 22, 2024

#### EXAM FEES IF PAID BETWEEN

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jan 2 - Feb 16, 2024 | \$1,700                          |
| Feb 17 - Mar 3, 2024 | \$1700 + \$360 late fee = \$2060 |

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

|                   |                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan 2, 2024       | Applications available online                                                                                                 |
| Feb 16, 2024      | Last day to apply without late fee penalty                                                                                    |
| Mar 3, 2024       | Final deadline                                                                                                                |
| Jan 2024-Mar 2024 | Candidates will be notified of approval to take the examination and to make a Pearson VUE Testing Center computer reservation |
| April 26, 2024    | Last day to reserve seat at Pearson VUE prior to seat block release                                                           |
| July 22, 2024     | Qualifying Examination at Pearson VUE Testing Centers                                                                         |

We encourage you to send in updates so we can keep everyone apprised of current happenings in their personal and professional lives. Please send your updates and newsworthy information as well as any comments and suggestions to [mcfadden-susan1@cooperhealth.edu](mailto:mcfadden-susan1@cooperhealth.edu)