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Department Updates

New Division of Family Planning

Beginning July 1, the department has formed a Division of Family Planning and it will be a separate division, no longer in the Generalist Division. It will be led by Division Director, Sheila Mody. The other members include Sarah Averbach and their first fellow, Bonnie Crouthamel who starts this week. Please join me in congratulating members of this new division.

Hospitalist Program- New Division Director, Gina Frugoni

Gina has worked diligently with Steve Hebert over this last year on the Hillcrest implementation of a highly successful Hospitalist Division and will be returning to full time work leading this division. Dana McQueen has departed for REI fellowship in Chicago and the new faculty in this division are Alice Sutton and Pritha Workman. I want to especially thank Steve Hebert for his work getting this division off the ground. Please join me in thanking Steve and

congratulating Gina and the new members.

Generalist Division Director – Pam Deak

Pamela Deak, M.D. was appointed the new Division Chief for the Division of General Obstetrics and Gynecology. After conducting a national search, the best candidate was our interim division director. Dr. Deak did an excellent job as interim director and led the very successful transition and growth of the OB/GYN program to Villa La Jolla. In her role she will be responsible for the
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New Generalist Faculty member- MIS surgeon: Bill Parker



William (Bill) Parker, M.D. will be joining our generalist faculty as a half time minimally invasive surgeon beginning 10-30-2017. Bill completed his residency at UCSD, and after a long career in private practice in Santa Monica, Bill became the director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic surgery at UCLA in 2013. Bill is an internationally recognized laparoscopic surgeon, specializing in laparoscopic myomectomies and a past President of AAGL, His first author publications from the Nurse's Health Study on all-cause mortality associated with oophorectomy at the time of hysterectomy have changed practice. For family reasons, he wanted to relocate to San Diego and our department is the beneficiary of this move.

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growth of the division and service expansion.

Chief's Dinner and Awards

On Saturday, June 10, 2017, the Department held its 50th Annual Chiefs Dinner at The Great Hall on the UCSD campus to honor our Residents, Fellows, and Faculty. The Department recognized the great work from the Chief Residents: Amanda Artsen, Laura Delcore, Katie Dunn, Sarah Proehl, Amy Tao, and Pritha Workman. We wish them the best in the next exciting chapter of their career.

Congratulations to the following fellows who were honored at the event:

Manuel Doblado from REI

Tiffany Herrero from MFM

Jill McCaulley from MFM

Erika Wasenda from FPMRS

Lisa Bean from GynOnc

Some of the award highlights include:

Amy Driebe- Resident Research Award

Julia Cormano- Whitehill Prize for Excellence for Junior Faculty

Yvette Lacoursierre - SASGOG Faculty Award

Maryam Tarsa- Homer G. Chin Excellence in Teaching Award

Liz Castillo- Resident Appreciation Award

Manny Doblado- Fellow Teaching Award

Yvette LaCoursiere- James H. Price Teaching Award

Shira Varon- ACGO/CREOG National Faculty Award.



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Welcome to our new interns!

- Christina Lam from Brown University
- Emily Ngan from Duke University
- Kelsey Pinson from New York University
- Mariana Ramos-Rivera from University of Florida
- Lydia Russell-Roy from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Welcome to our new fellows!

- Alex Berger (Urogyn) from Thomas Jefferson
- Rebecca Adami (MFM) from UCLA
- Chelsea Fox (REI) from University of South Carolina (Greenville)
- Lindsey Charo (Gyn Onc) from UCSD
- Bonnie Crouthamel (Family Planning) from University of Washington

Save the Date



Saturday, September 23rd,
2017 for the Department of
Reproductive Medicine
Strategic Planning Clinical
and Reaching retreat.

Research News:

Congratulations to the following PIs for successful grant applications:

- Kun Tan (Miles Wilkinson Mentor): Lalor Foundation Fellowship
- Karen Tonsfeldt (Pam Mellon Mentor): F32
- Kina Thackray: Ferring International Grant

WRHR graduates

- Heidi Cook-Anderson will be continuing with us with a 0.5 appointment in our department and a 0.5 appointment in the Department of Biology
- Marianna Alperin will be continuing with us devoting 75% of her time to research and developing a urogyn outreach clinic in Encinitas. Marianna just received her first RO1 after receiving a 1st percentile score and has research space in CTRI

The new WRHR scholar is Sarah Averbach and Sheila Mody will return to WRHR status for one year. Applications are being accepted for a single position that will be open in the summer of 2018.