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In Memoriam

M. Wayne Heine, MD
1933–2012

M. Wayne Heine, MD was a beloved physician, educator and member of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from its beginning in 1970 until 1977, then established an Obstetrics and Gynecology department in Lubbock Texas for Texas Tech, and returned to become department head of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Arizona from 1989 to 1994.

His family has generously directed that donations be made in his memory to the Resident Education Fund at the University of Arizona Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, carrying on his legacy as an educator, mentor and physician.

A Celebration of Life was held in memory of Dr. Heine on November 3, 2012 at the La Paloma Country Club in Tucson, Arizona.

Kathryn L. Reed, MD
Professor and Head
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
The University of Arizona

I have enjoyed a personal and professional association with Wayne for 40 years. He was a major influence on me in the middle of my career and is the reason I came to Tucson. We are very grateful to him for his contribution to the University of Arizona and our Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

I am grateful to him personally for his contribution to my life.

- Kenneth D. Hatch, MD
International Outreach to Peru, Nicaragua & Spain

Pamela S. Lotke, MD, MPH, most recently traveled to Nicaragua and Peru where she spent 2 weeks, as Medical Director, working with PINCC, Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer. This is a nonprofit, volunteer medical service organization whose mission is to create sustainable programs that prevent cervical cancer by educating and treating women, training medical personnel, and equipping facilities in developing countries. The overall mission of PINCC is to train providers to do VIA (visual inspection with acetic acid) as an alternative to pap smears. This procedure can be worked into a "see and treat" protocol.

While in Nicaragua, Dr. Lotke had the pleasure of working with Ilana Addis, MD, MPH, as well as 2 nurse practitioners and several volunteers. The doctors supervised many exams, cryotherapies and LEEP procedures.

While in Peru, Dr. Lotke worked with another OB/GYN physicians and 2 other nurse practitioners. They treated a large volume of patients and numerous trainees as well. More than 300 women were screened and some received cryotherapies and LEEP’s as well. Dr. Lotke also presented a lecture to a group of OB/GYN physicians and midwives on LEEP.

In November, Dr. Lotke will attend the INTRA, Intrauterine contraception in Nulliparous Women, Translating Research into Action, meeting in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Lotke is an assistant professor at The University of Arizona Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Dr. Addis is an assistant professor at The University of Arizona Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. She is the director of Urogynecology and associate director of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery.

Ovarian Cancer: Insights and Information

Janiel M. Cragun, MD most recently participated in a distinguished panel discussion designed especially for ovarian cancer survivors and family members. This was held on September 1, 2012 at The University of Arizona Cancer Center.

The keynote speaker was David S. Alberts, MD, Director of The University of Arizona Cancer Center. Distinguished panel members included:

* Michael Bookman, MD
* Janiel Cragun, MD

* Joanne Jeter, MD
* Joseph Buscema, MD
* Marnie Lamm, MD
* Christina Laukaitis, MD
* Alton (Hank) Hallum, MD
* Cynthia Thomson, PhD, RD

Topics of discussion included the newest treatment options and clinical trials; Genetic issues, risk factors, screening, prevention; and Managing Recurrent Disease.

The panel discussion was presented in partnership with The University of Arizona Cancer Center, The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and Arizona Oncology.

Dr. Cragun is an assistant professor at The University of Arizona Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Division of Gynecologic Oncology. She specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of gynecologic cancers such as endometrial and ovarian cancers as well as rare reproductive cancers, abnormal pap smears, high-risk cancer screening and fertility preservation.
First Year Residents — Class of 2016

**Maritza Gonzalez**

Maritza Gonzalez is the youngest of three children born to Mexican immigrant parents. She was born and raised in Chicago, IL. Maritza, a first-generation college student, attended the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) as a member of the Honors College and majored in Neuroscience with a minor in Spanish. While an undergraduate student, she completed an internship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which peaked her interest in health and public health. During her time at the CDC, Maritza assisted in the design of long distance Epidemiology learning modules in Spanish. She later went on to take graduate level Epidemiology courses. Prior to attending medical school, Maritza worked in public policy during the 110th/111th Congress. She assisted in the writing of immigration, health and education bills with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. During her time in Washington, DC. Maritza also dedicated her free time to teaching English as a Second Language to adult learners and mentoring high school students. She attended medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago Rockford campus. While in medical school, Maritza participated in the Underserved Program where she dedicated time to providing primary care for underserved populations, including migrant farm-workers and their families. She has been an active member of the National Hispanic Medical Association, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Alumni Association, and the Organization of Student Representatives for the AAMC throughout medical school. In addition she mentored high school students, undergraduates and new medical students, helping them navigate admissions and academics. She enjoys working with women and children and looks forward to completing her training in Ob/Gyn to become a caring teacher, advocate and role model for her patients. Maritza’s hobbies include bicycling and rowing. She enjoys cooking, traveling, watching movies and spending time with her family and friends.

**Elisa McQueen**

Elisa McQueen was raised in beautiful wine country, near Portland, Oregon, in a large family as the middle of five children. She moved to Florida during high school and subsequently completed a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology as well as her M.D. at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. Throughout college and medical school, Elisa was very involved in several research projects, including searching for the molecular mechanism of Revlamid, a treatment for multiple myeloma, as well as a project investigating the role of telomeres in conferring poor outcomes on infants of mothers exposed to tobacco smoke. Although her research was a valuable and engaging experience, Elisa has always found clinical medicine to be the most rewarding and has a diverse volunteering experience. While in medical school she volunteered for Paralyzed Veterans of America, an organization that modifies outdoor activities such as waterskiing and cycling, for veterans with physical disabilities. She also spent time assisting with women’s health fairs, painting houses for underserved community members and went to Bolivia for a medical mission trip. As a native of Oregon, Elisa enjoys outdoor activities including, backpacking, skiing, and running; she also loves cooking and spending time with family and friends.

**Theresa Simard**

Theresa Simard grew up in Sacramento, California where her mother and sister still reside. She received her BS in Chemistry from UCSB’s Honor College of Letters and Sciences. During undergrad she spent a semester in Concepcion, Chile. She received her MD at the University of Illinois COM at Peoria. She enjoys being outside, running and yoga.

**Lydia Wester**

Lydia Wester grew up in central Africa where her father is a family physician and mother is a teacher. She attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City where she obtained her bachelor’s degree in integrated physiology and a minor in religious studies. During her undergraduate years, she enjoyed being a resident assistant, traveling overseas (including teaching English in China, participating in a cultural exchange program in Malaysia, and visiting Africa again), and running her first marathon. She continued at the University of Iowa for medical school, where she was involved by being treasurer for her learning community. During her last year of medical school, she had the opportunity to spend one month in the Central African Republic working at a rural hospital with her father as well as one month in Ghana at a state hospital. Since graduation, Lydia has enjoyed camping in South Dakota, hiking in Sabino Canyon & Mt. Lemmon, baking cookies, spending time with her family, having friends over for dinner & board games.
**Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellow**

Meg Hill grew up in northern Australia. The family moved a lot with her parents’ work and this provided the opportunity for Meg to experience different cultures and educational systems. Even at a young age she understood the value of these wanderings and has remained interested in the diversity of our world. She attended medical school at the University of Adelaide in South Australia, graduating in 2005. Spending her intern year in Alice Springs in Central Australia with her main focus being Aboriginal Health led to an interest in equality in health resources and promotion of health services to underserved populations. She then underwent an additional year of training in general medicine in Cairns, in far north Queensland. Ready now to commit to a specialty, Meg travelled to South Carolina to complete her residency in OB/GYN. During this time she realized her passion for medical research and completed work in the fields of infectious diseases and the process of labor. Meg’s current academic interests are the process of labor, preeclampsia, prevention of cesarean section and the study of nutrition in pregnancy. She is motivated to empower women to make informed decisions about their health care and to provide resources to support women and their families. In her spare time Meg enjoys good music, food and art. She plays several instruments, poorly. She loves to explore new places and has travelled extensively through Australia, New Zealand, southeast and central Asia, Europe, North and Central America and the Middle East. When fixed in one place for a while, she will always take the opportunity to go hiking.

Dr. Hill was selected as a recipient of an AIUM Endowment for Education & Research grant. Her project is titled, “The role of ultrasonography in predicting markers of metabolic and cardiac dysfunction in the neonate.”

**VIDA Presentation: Menopause and Your Health, by Celia Valenzuela, MD**

Celia Valenzuela, MD presented an educational health series entitled, “Menopause and Your Health” on June 22, 2012 at the University of Arizona Cancer Center. Her presentation was delivered in both English and Spanish and was also broadcasted on the Internet [webcast] through The University of Arizona Telemedicine Program. This telecast enabled simultaneous listeners and viewers from:

- Douglas: Southeast Arizona Medical Center
- Nogales: Mariposa Community Health
- Payson: Payson Regional Medical Center
- Phoenix: UA College of Medicine Phoenix Biomedical Campus
- Somerton: Regional Center for Border Health, Inc.
- Arizona Health Sciences Center Library Room # 1150
- Polacca: Hopi Health Care Center
- Tuba City: Tuba City Regional Health Care Center
- Yuma: Yuma Regional Medical Center, many of who participated in a Q/A session after her lecture.

The event was sponsored by ¡Vida! Educational Series - Promoting Good Health. This program focuses on promoting accessible information to the lay community in Arizona by developing culturally and linguistically competent health education for patients, caregivers and their families.

Dr. Valenzuela is an assistant professor at The University of Arizona Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and is medical director of the OB/GYN Physician Offices at The University of Arizona Medical Center. She is also the assistant clerkship director for the OB/GYN medical student educational programs of medical students. Mentoring undergraduate students is a great passion of Dr. Valenzuela’s, focused on enabling them to successfully achieve their academic and career goals.
Setsuko K. Chambers, MD

Abstracts

Publications:


Reviewer’s Comments:
I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript titled Phase I trial of intraperitoneal pemetrexed, cisplatin, and paclitaxel in optimally debulked ovarian cancer, CCR-12-0261, has been accepted for publication in CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH.

This is an exciting report of the use of Alimta intraperitoneally in the first-line treatment of ovarian cancer. In this Phase I clinical trial all 3 drugs (cisplatin and taxol together with pemetrexed) are used intraperitoneally, and moreover this is the first report of IP Alimta in ovarian cancer.

The results of the trial are impressive and exciting for all working in this field - 80% completion rate with remarkable tolerance of the combination with no alopecia and peripheral neuropathy at the first 4 dose levels. This makes this regimen more advantageous than the standard IP Cisplatin and Taxol. The authors elegantly modified the scheme from GOG 172 in order to minimize side effects. The authors determine MTD to be 500 mg/m2, with median PFS at 30 months - comparable with literature.

I find the trial design and rationale impeccable. The preclinical data showing higher IP:IV AUC was skillfully used, the GOG172 disadvantages were taken into consideration. Not excluding patients with a h/o neoadjuvant chemotherapy is advantage of this trial as well.

For now, I continue to marvel at this report of such advantageous first line IP regimen in the field where we have been waiting for good news for a while. The study may have a significant future impact on the treatment of ovarian cancer patients. (March 7, 2012)

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Lynn M. Coppola, MD, MPH

Scholarly Presentations (Invited)
Life Cycle 2012 – Physiology of Pregnancy, Medical Student Education, Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, Arizona, January 23, 2012

Life Cycle 2012 – Global Health through the Life Cycle, Medical Student Education, Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, Arizona, January 24, 2012

Perinatology as a Career, OB/GYN Medical Student Interest Group, Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, Arizona, February 20, 2012

OB/GYN Medical Student Education in the Community: If You Want to Walk Far, Walk Together, Grand Rounds, Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, Arizona, April 18, 2012


Medical Student OB/GYN Education in the Community: Factors Driving Community Physician Involvement. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at 2012 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting.

Francisco A. Garcia, MD, MPH


Nuño T, Martinez ME, Harris R, García F. A Promotora-administered group education intervention to promote breast and cervical cancer screening in a rural community along the U.S.-Mexico border: a randomized controlled. Cancer Causes Control 2011; 22(3):367-74. PMID: 21184267

Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH is the recipient of the Victoria Foundation’s Dr. Eugene Garcia Outstanding Latino Faculty award for Research in Higher Education. Dr. Garcia is a Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Public Health, chair of the section of Family and Child Health, and director of the Center of Excellence in Women’s Health. His clinical area of specialty is cervical cancer prevention and HPV-related Disease. The award recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in research and teaching and has provided significant contributions to his academic discipline. The award presentation was held on September 5, 2012 in Phoenix.
Dee Quinn, MS, CGC, Pregnancy Risk line Prepares for Upcoming Cold & Flu Season

Dee is a Senior Genetic Counselor and Clinical Lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Arizona and has worked in the department since 1989. She is Director of the Pregnancy Risk line with the College of Pharmacy’s Poison and Drug Information Center.

With the onset of the cold and flu season, Dee is focused on educating expectant mothers regarding vaccinations. In a recent publication Dee stated, “Because pregnant women are at an increased risk for severe complications resulting from an influenza virus infection, we cannot stress enough the importance of their learning as much as they can about prevention and treatment.” Click to read the entire article. The telephone number to the Arizona Pregnancy Riskline is 1-888-285-3410

Lorraine Barker, MSW: Mother’s Oasis, Center for Emotional Wellness

Lorraine joined the department of Obstetrics & Gynecology in 2007, working as a Social Worker and Parent Educator in a full-time shared position with the Department of Pediatrics. She also volunteers for Mother’s Oasis, a Center for Emotional Wellness.

Lorraine previously worked in London, England and worked as a school social worker in New York. She has provided individual and family counseling in a drug and alcohol treatment center. She is an avid gardener, has lived in a house boat and believes “she has the best job in the department.”

Damariz Camacho: Happiness and the Abundant Life

Damariz Camacho manages a local women's ministry that meets once a month to discuss life balance, personal growth and family concerns. This non-profit support group practices faith-based principles focused on enhancing women's self-esteem, building better families, and reaches out to women who may be victims of abuse.

Damariz leads the group with activities that motivate women to discover simple insights, attitudes, and practices and also to pursue their education in an effort to become positive role models to their children and families and improve the overall lifestyle of Hispanic women in today’s society.

A regional women’s conference is held each year featuring keynote speakers who provide a ‘laugh & learn’ environment of prayer, acceptance, meditation and positive relationship-building using music and song.

In addition to providing leadership, Damariz also writes a column, in both English and Spanish, in a bimonthly faith-based publication distributed throughout Arizona. She and her husband, Jaime, are both Sunday school teachers for youths and adults.

Damariz works in the 80PC clinic as a Medical Office Specialist and has been working in The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology for over 6 years. She has managed this women’s ministry for 14 years and has been invited to speak at various events in Arizona, California and Mexico. She says, “it is a wonderful experience to be able to speak on God’s unconditional love and transformative power in which to balance oneself, family and life with so many women, young and old, who feel lost, alone, ugly, underestimated and defeated, and to be able to offer them trust, love, acceptance and hope for their future.” Damariz has completed 13 years of biblical studies and hopes to record a Christian music CD very soon!
The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology has a long-standing commitment to resident education as ‘tomorrow’s doctors train here today’, guided by a team of experienced faculty who are world-class researchers, surgeons, clinicians and educators.

Please join us as we bid farewell to our graduating chief’s and fellow, a fine group of Obstetric & Gynecology physicians who will provide the highest quality of comprehensive medical care to meet the unique needs of woman today.

Katherine A. Degen, MD
New Position: Black Hills OB/GYN
Rapid City, South Dakota

Katherine B. Glaser, MD, MPH
New Position: Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation
Tuba City, Arizona

Marisa Camille Gonzalez, MD
New Position: South Bay OB/GYN
Chula Vista, CA

Ryan G. Porter, MD
New Position: Southridge OB/GYN
Riverton Hospital Intermountain Healthcare
Riverton, Utah

J Michael Newton, MD, PhD
New Position: Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

The following awards were presented:

2nd Year Excellence in 1st Year Resident Teaching
1st Year Class – Presented to Hillary Hendryk, MD

Special Resident in Minimally Invasive Gynecology
Presented to Ryan Porter, MD

SLS Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Surgeon
Presented to Katherine Degen, MD

Medical Student Teaching Awards
1st Carleyna Nunes, MD
2nd Hillary Hendryk, MD
3rd Davinder Mann, MD
4th Katherine Degen, MD

Holly Butwinski, RN Memorial Nursing Award for Excellence in Medical Student Education
Paula Mesch, RN

APGO Faculty Teaching Award
James Maciulla, MD

Nancy Leonardo-Santo, RN Memorial Nursing Award for Excellence in Resident Education – Presented by Graduating Chiefs
Mary Jo Brunner, RN

CREOG Faculty Teaching Award
Kathryn Reed, MD
Resident & Fellow Projects, Presentations and Faculty Awards:

Anita Tiwari, MD

Lindsay Wood, MD
* Borderline Amniotic Fluid Volumes Do Not Forewarn Fetal Intolerance of Labor, 2012 AIUM Annual Convention and Preconvention Program, March 30 2012, Phoenix, AZ.

Katherine Degen, M.D.
* Contraceptive Preferences in Incarcerated Women, OB/GYN ACOG Resident Research Day, April 19, 2012, Phoenix, AZ.

Katherine Glaser, M.D., M.P.H
* Adolescent and Young Women’s Knowledge of the Pap Test, Humanpapilloma Virus and Humanpapilloma Virus Vaccination in a Clinic-Based Population.

Tiffany Shu, MD
Successfully completed her project entitled: Hemoglobin A1C and vaginal laceration.

Davinder Mann, MD, MPH
Successfully completed his project entitled: Emergency Contraception: knowledge among primary care resident physicians.

J Newton, MD, PhD
Presentation entitled: Melanocortins and Human Pregnancy.

Anna Nelson-Moseke, MD – Winner of the 2012 Samuel M. Pozner Memorial Award for her work on an unusual BRCA mutation distribution in a high risk cancer genetics clinic.

Catherine Herway, MD


J Newton, MD, PhD
