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BWH/Harvard Family Planning Fellowship – Women's Health

This two-year fellowship provides obstetrician-gynecologists with the opportunity to build on their clinical skills in abortion and family planning and to develop research expertise in these areas. The fellowship is based in the Division of Women's Health and is a collaboration between the Division, the BWH Dept. of OB/GYN, and [Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts](#). The clinical component of the fellowship includes: all methods of pregnancy termination; diagnostic methods to confirm uterine and tubal pregnancy; anesthesia and pain control; management of complications; all methods of contraception currently available and under investigation; sterilization; and gynecologic surgery. The research component of the fellowship provides fellows with a strong foundation in clinical research methods, including study design and statistical analysis. In addition to these skills, fellows are expected to conduct a structured clinical research project as part of their fellowship experience and complete either a Master of Public Health (MPH) or Master of Science (SM) degree program at the Harvard School of Public Health. Fellows are expected to travel abroad to gain exposure to issues in international family planning and challenges in the provision of care. Opportunities also exist for fellows to gain exposure to contraceptive development at the Population Council in NY, to complete a rotation at the WHO in Geneva and to complete Leadership and Advocacy Training with Physicians for Reproductive Health in New York and Washington D.C. The fellowship accepts one new fellow each academic year.

International Component of the Family Planning Fellowship

The Family Planning Fellowship includes an international experience that is designed by the Fellow in conjunction with their Fellowship Director and in collaboration with the Global Women's Health Fellowship and the other divisions, departments and organizations working with the Connors Center to advance leaders in global health. The international experiences

of our Family Planning Fellows have included: assisting clinics and community-based centers in Mexico immediately following the legalization of abortion in Mexico City; assisting with clinical activities such as laparoscopy and family planning in Vietnam; helping develop family planning services and the family planning components of a new Family Practice Residency Program in Rwanda and conducting research on immediate IUD insertion at the time of cesarean delivery in Uganda and on the use of community health workers to increase postpartum contraceptive uptake in Palestine.

Fellowship Leadership

Alisa Goldberg, MD, MPH, Director, Family Planning Fellowship, is Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School, Director of the Division of Family Planning at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Director of Clinical Research and Training at Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. Dr. Goldberg is a leader nationally in reproductive health and family planning, and has developed a significant clinical trials research program at Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, which serves as an important research and training site for the Harvard Family Planning Fellows.

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