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2016 Clinical Annual Report



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A Planetree Hospital

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increased toward the 53% national benchmark. We recognize that there are instances when it is medically appropriate to support infant feeding with formula. Our goal is to provide optimum care to moms and babies, encourage and facilitate breastfeeding as a best practice for both mom and baby, and when necessary, intervene in a way that continues to support breastfeeding rather than interfere with it.

- Under the direction of Tracy Shevell, MD, the Maternal Fetal Medicine Department has been working collaboratively with the Postpartum Support International's CT Chapter to bring educational resources and training on mood and anxiety disorders to the Department.
- In conjunction with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Stamford Hospital and Optimus Health Center under the direction of **Setul Pardanani, MD** are now able to offer the CT Early Detection Program for breast and cervical cancer screenings to women who are uninsured/underinsured. Additionally, the program offers women access to the Wise Women Program, which promotes additional preventative healthcare measures.
- The Department conducted an interdisciplinary campaign to promote teaching and awareness on the Zika Virus to physicians, clinical staff and patients.
- In an effort to streamline our EMR systems and to be in line with other Departments, we have transitioned from using GE Centricity to MediTech on Labor and Delivery.
- Planetree tenets continued to be integrated into daily patient care operations.
- The Department published a quarterly newsletter highlighting clinical and programmatic updates for the system, including information on our residency program and recognition of physicians.

The Department's gynecologic procedure numbers continue to be robust, however, we continue to be impacted by the ban on morcellation. The FDA ban on intraabdominal morcellation in April 2014 has led to a decrease in minimally invasive procedures.

The Gynecologic Oncology program experienced a 40% growth in surgical volume in 2016. Our patients are cared for by three board-certified Gynecologic Oncologists: Drs. Elena Ratner, Karen Nishida and Babak Litkouhi. Community physicians continue to support the program with an increase in referrals from all catchment areas.

## Medical Staff

The Department is comprised of 14 full-time physicians, 41 voluntary attending physicians, 12 resident physicians, four nurse practitioners and one physician assistant.



### **Paul Bobby, MD**

*Director, Perinatology  
Co-Director, OB Safety & Quality  
Committee  
Medical Student Clerkship Director  
At-Large Member, Medical Executive  
Committee*



### **Frances Ginsburg, MD**

*Director, Reproductive Endocrinology &  
Infertility & Residency Program Director*



### **Setul Pardanani, MD**

*Director of Ambulatory Care &  
Associate Residency Program Director*



### **Tracy Shevell, MD**

*Director, Perinatal Ultrasound*



### **Brian Hines, MD**

*Director, Urogynecology & Pelvic  
Reconstructive Surgery*



**Elena Ratner, MD**  
*Director, Gynecologic Oncology*



**Gary Besser, MD**  
*Co-Director, GYN Minimally Invasive Surgery*



**Stephen Gallousis, MD**  
*Co-Director, GYN Minimally Invasive Surgery*



**Janine Popot, MD**  
*Chair, Peer Review Committee*

**Donna Bowman, APRN**  
*Co-Director, OB Safety & Quality Committee*

**Kathy LiVolsi, RN, MHA**  
*Clinical Operations Director, Maternal & Child Health Services*

**Mary L. Henwood**  
*Director, Women's Health & Pediatric Service Line*

**New Staff:**

- **Barry Whitt, MD**  
*Reproductive Endocrinology*

**Transitions:**

The following Department members resigned in 2016:

- Mariel Focseneanu, MD
- Emre Seli, MD

**Departmental Education and Teaching Activities**

The Department serves as a clinical training site for a second- and third-year core clerkship in Obstetrics & Gynecology for medical students from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. The OB/GYN residency program received a three-year accreditation from the RRC/ACGME. The Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division is approved by the American Board of Genetic Counseling as a teaching site for senior genetic counseling students from Sarah Lawrence College. Additionally, the Department continues its relationship with Planned Parenthood of New England as a second- and third-year resident rotation site for outpatient practice.

The Residency Program in Obstetrics & Gynecology is under the supervision of Director Frances Ginsburg, MD, and assisted by Setul Pardanani, MD. The program has a full complement of residents, which consists of three residents in each of the four years.

The current first-year residents are:

- Valerie Curro, DO, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Laura Gilroy, MD, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland School of Medicine
- Jessica Li, MD, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

The recent graduate residents are:

- Oluwakemi Adegoke, MD, Fellowship in Global Health, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Daniel Cibulsky, MD, Private Practice, Stamford, Connecticut
- Elizabeth Rodriguez, MD, Private Practice, Boston, Massachusetts