

# 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.

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.
- Please request myTIPreports.

### 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, Inclusion and Equity:**

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15-October 15:

At Cooper, there will be a special menu every Wednesday this month in Cooper Court Cafeteria. On Pulse+, educational facts and biographies of Hispanic/Latino icons will be featured.

### **Current Resident DEI Scholarly Activity Projects:**

“Inpatient Social Work Consults for Pregnant and Postpartum Patients.”

Resident: Anna White, D.O.

Faculty Mentor: Lori Adriance, D. O.

Please click on the link below to complete this 5-minute survey about social work consultations.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5Ai-VOcZyCLAq5cxUGxCu587x1m3rZ1xPUMpwwf1pHJZ25Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5Ai-VOcZyCLAq5cxUGxCu587x1m3rZ1xPUMpwwf1pHJZ25Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

“Improving Interpreter Services in Jaffe Family Women’s Care Center

Resident: Karissa Rajagopal, D.O.

Faculty Mentor: Natali Franzblau, M.D.

Residents: Please add .WCCINTERPRETERDATA to all your note templates

“Understanding the implications of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Topics in Morbidity and Mortality Conferences”

Resident: Amelle Williams, M.D.

Faculty Mentor: Natali Franzblau, M.D.

Residents: Please incorporate a line in your fishbone diagram regarding DEI in your M&M presentations. Please email your presentation to Amelle and Dr. Franzblau.

### **Grand Rounds:**

**CMSRU Grand Rounds October 17, 2023: 7:00-8:00 am**

“Why Black People Live Sicker and Die Younger” Thomas LaVeist, PhD, Dean and Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Health Equity, Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine

**Department of OB/GYN Grand Rounds October 24: 7:30-8:30 am (In person - CMSRU Auditorium)**

“Racism in Addiction Medicine” Iris Jones, LPC, LCADC, NCC, CCS

### **Cooper OB/GYN Diversity Plan 2023-2024:**

- Continue to improve the education for faculty and residents regarding racial disparities in healthcare (Grand Rounds, Journal Club, Didactics).
- Continue our community outreach with fundraising for local women’s shelters and Cooper Foundation sponsored events.
- Continue to implement our Visiting Elective Scholars Program for 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students so self-identify as URM and perform a more holistic review of applications to increase diversity in our residency program.
- Continue to promote Quality Improvement projects that identify cultural barriers to care and test these interventions to address these barriers.

## 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

## Research Division News

### Current research studies:

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

Investigators: Drs. Kim and Iavicoli

Process:

Contact Drs. Kim or Iavicoli with postpartum patients with an EPDS score of 10 or more.

Please complete this 5-minute survey:

Clinician Pre-Study Survey Link: <https://survey.premierinc.com/quad/pas/007CooperPreKAB>

**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

#### Pregnancy Loss - LosSEQ

Perinatal Research Consortium NIH Grant through Harvard University

Principal Investigator: Dr. Robin Perry

Co-Investigators: Please reach out if interested.

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 is 18 years or older.
- No confirmed cause

#### Olive Oil for the Reduction of Obstetric Lacerations

Principal Investigator: Blaire Nasstrom, DO, PGY3

Mentor: Guy Hewlett, MD, FACOG

- Eligibility: ANY patient attempting vaginal delivery at Cooper
- Please discuss study with patients in office prenatal visits, OB triage, and labor floor

## **Research Division**

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

#### **Maternal Fetal Bonding Study**

Principal Investigator: Dr. Caroline MacGillivray, Dr. Elise Cardonick

Reminders:

- Please contact Dr. MacGillivray for any patients between 20 and 24 weeks who would be willing to receive a short phone call to participate.

#### **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-Investigators: Dr. Eggers, Dr. Mama

Updates:

- 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**

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
  - ♦ Phase 3 Trial planning meeting in Sept 2023
- parsNIPS: parallel aneuploidy and recessive surveillance via NIPS

## 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”

## 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”



## 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*

**“...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



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



## 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!

## 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!

**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!

### Dr. Danielle Schenker





*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 FPMRS fellowship at Atlantic Health 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*



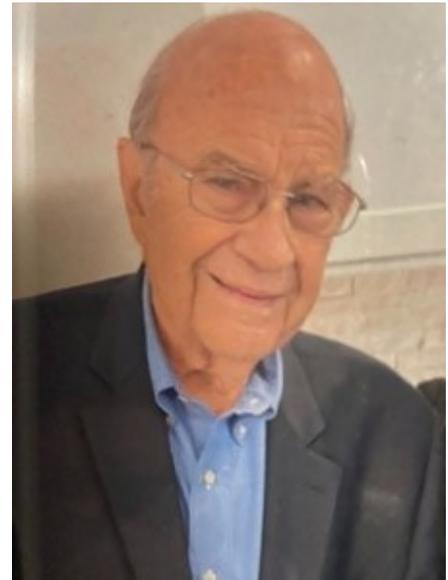
## In Memoriam

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.

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](http://cooperhealth.org)) The family has requested donations be directed to the Jaffe Family Women's Care Center Fund.*



Ronald Jaffe, MD



## 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 21 faculty from OB/GYN Programs from the surrounding area including our own faculty, Drs. Fischer, Hewlett, Iavicoli, Williams, Adriaance, 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.

### Olivia Homer

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

## Welcome Class of 2027!



### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Sieftring, 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!*

*We would also like to thank the faculty who have provided breakfast during didactics.  
We truly appreciate 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



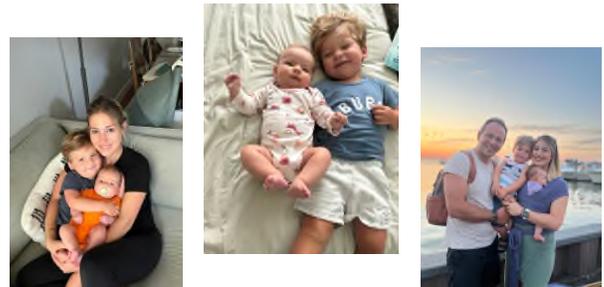
## OB/GYN FAMILY MEMBERS

### Newest Additions to Our OB/GYN Family

Dr. 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!

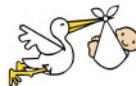


Dr. Griffiths and her husband are thrilled to announce their new addition, Raya. Big brother, Georges, has accepted his new position happily!



Dr. Toma and her husband are happy to announce the arrival of Emerson Charles Gray!

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



Sue's newest grandbabies. Tristan & Trae



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

Proud Parents & Grandparents



Dr. Adriance's daughter, Madison and son, Jack



Dr. Hewlett's grandson, Ellis



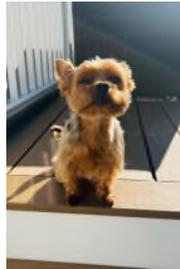
Dr. Bruckler's son, Matthew and daughter, Alexandria



And Pet Parents



Dr. Nasstrom's pup, Chinook



Dr. Soto's pup, Olivia Taylor



Dr. Hutcheson's pup, Reuben

**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

## 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 11	Presentation of Resident QI/PI Projects
June 20	Graduation Celebration - Adventure Aquarium

In honor of Dr. Ances, we have renamed our OB/GYN Alumni Fund to the I.G. Ances, M.D. Memorial OBGYN Alumni Fund for Resident Education and Wellness.

Donations can be made in his memory to

*The Cooper Foundation, 101 Haddon Avenue, Suite 302, Camden, NJ 08103 or online*

<http://support.foundation.cooperhealth.org/donate> and select Direct my gift to: I.G. Ances, M.D Memorial OBGYN Alumni Fund for Resident Education and Wellness in the drop-down menu.

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)