At the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Women’s Health, we value Integrity & Excellence.

We, as a department, continuously strive towards the highest levels of adherence to moral and ethical principles while upholding outstanding quality of service to the women of Hawai‘i.

May we continue to advance Women’s Health by promoting excellence in Education, Research, Clinical Care, and Community Service in a sustainable fashion.
The John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) has kept a promise made when it was founded in 1965: to develop a school of medicine that is a top-notch educational institution.

In 2017, the US News & World Report ranked JABSOM #23 in the nation for graduating the most primary care doctors.

- 52.3% of our graduates go into primary care, which USNWR defines as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics.

- Our school outperforms 90% of its peer medical schools in the percentage of students choosing primary care.

JABSOM is very strong in retaining its graduates after training to practice in Hawai‘i, performing better than 75% of other medical schools in generating its state’s own MD workforce.

- JABSOM ranks #1 in the nation by the Association of American Medical Colleges in retaining physicians who attend both JABSOM and University of Hawai‘i Residency programs.

JABSOM provides value for Hawai‘i families. Nearly nine in ten JABSOM students are kama‘aina (state of Hawai‘i Citizens), and they graduate with less medical student debt ($135,888) than the national median of $150,000.

Research at JABSOM, targeted toward illnesses that disproportionately impact our multi-ethnic population, attracts millions of dollars each year which flow into Hawai‘i’s economy.

**Serving the Needy, Honoring Diversity**

JABSOM is in the top 15% of medical schools whose graduates intend to care for underserved patients. JABSOM also ranks near the top for its diversity among MD students and faculty and for providing learning experiences that emphasize on cultural competency and health inequities.

**Education, Jobs, & Services**

About half of all practicing physicians in Hawai‘i are faculty members and graduates of the JABSOM MD program and or residency program. More than 4,000 medical doctors have earned their degree or completed residency (post-MD) training through JABSOM.

One-third of all babies born each year in Hawai‘i are delivered by JABSOM faculty, fellows, and residents, which include high-risk births and infants of financially needy families.

JABSOM and its Graduate Medical Education (Residency Training) program are accredited through 2025.

Nearly 80% of the physicians highlighted as the “Best Doctors in Hawai‘i” in Honolulu Magazine earned their medical degree or completed their residency at JABSOM or currently serve as faculty.

For the last five years, JABSOM has ranked #1 in NIH research awards among community-based public medical schools (i.e., public medical schools without a university hospital).

The JABSOM SimTiki patient simulation center is one of fewer than 25 simulation centers in the U.S. accredited for research, education, and teaching.

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Department of OB/GYN and Women’s Health

Who are we?
Largest clinical department in JABSOM (based on revenue and full time faculty number) 40 current faculty and 67 staff members

Mission:
Advancing women’s health by promoting excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community service in a sustainable fashion

Vision:
Advancing women’s health care

Points of pride

Life long learning
- The best medical students matching to our OB/GYN residency program and nationally, OB/GYN clerkship continuously ranks the highest among all clinical departments at JABSOM
- Nationally recognized OB/GYN residency program (with long tradition) since 1948—among the best 5% programs in the country
- Two new fellowships recently established, funded, and nationally recognized: Maternal -Fetal Medicine and Family Planning

Discovery
- Last academic year: 33 peer reviewed publications and 26 peer-reviewed national/international presentations
- Current extramural funds: 12 grants (+2 collaborative): $1,357,700 (additional $12M)

Healing
- Hawai‘i “Top Doctors”: 12 in our department (out of 33 OB/GYNs listed in Hawai‘i)
- Service to underserved: Wai‘anae, Kalahi-Palama, Waimanalo, Lana‘i, Hilo
- Service to neighbor islands: Kaau‘i, Maui, Lana‘i, Hawai‘i
- Patient safety/quality initiatives with our major community partners: Hawai‘i Pacific Health and The Queen’s Medical Center
- The only clinical practice with whole spectrum of integrated clinical care in women’s health (general OB/GYN, maternal fetal medicine, gynecologic oncology, urogynecology, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, family planning, critical care, addiction medicine, imaging)

Academic development
- 15 faculty promoted since 2012
- American Board of OB/GYN: 3 examiners from our department
- Leadership in major OB/GYN national and international organizations

Value to the community/Philanthropy
- More than $8.5 million since 2014
- 2 endowed chairs (>2 million)
- 4 endowed professors (0.5-2 million)
- Endowed programs/awards

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ALOHA from the Chair

Welcome to the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. Our core values of integrity and excellence inspire us to achieve our mission of advancing Women’s Health in Hawai‘i through excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community service in perpetuity.

Our department maintains a large, diverse faculty team who serve in numerous leadership capacities within our medical school, faculty practice, and partner institutions. We provide a wide range of highly specialized women’s health care in areas such as General Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Obstetric and Gynecologic Ultrasound, Gynecologic Oncology, Urogynecology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery, Menopause, Family Planning, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Addiction Medicine, and Critical Care. Our clinical practice is part of University Health Partners of Hawai‘i faculty practice of our medical school.

We also host two successful and nationally recognized post residency Fellowships in Family Planning and Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Our Residency Program in Obstetrics and Gynecology has components of both an academic center and a community-based program and supports 25 residents. Our residency graduates go on to find positions in academic medicine, community centers, private practice, and fellowships throughout the country. Our third year medical student clerkship and fourth year electives are consistently some of the highest rated rotations by students from JABSOM and students visiting from other medical schools.

I invite you to learn more about our department and our journey of lifelong learning, discovery, healing, inspiration and challenges. We are eager to learn how we can be of service to you. Let us know your thoughts and inquiries. We strive to the highest – or in the words of Queen Kapi‘olani: “Kulia Ika Nu‘u”.

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FAMILY PLANNING
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MATERNAL-FETAL MEDICINE
REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY & INFERTILITY
RESEARCH
GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY
UROGYNECOLOGY

Family Planning

All women in Hawai‘i should be able to make reproductive decisions that are consistent with their own values. The physicians of the Division of Family Planning provide medical and surgical abortion services and miscarriage management to women throughout Hawai‘i. With three Family Planning fellowship trained physicians, we also provide comprehensive contraceptive services and specialize in innovative contraceptive technologies.

We are well-equipped to provide care to patients with complex medical issues. We receive referrals from across the state and are expanding telemedicine services to provide improved access to women living on the neighbor islands. We are committed to train the next generation of physicians. In 2006 we established the Ryan Residency Training Program, and in 2011, we were accredited for a Family Planning Fellowship. Our graduated fellows are considered experts in their field both in Hawai‘i and throughout the world.

We are also leaders in family planning research. In 2017, the Women’s Health Research Center was awarded more than 2.3 million dollars in family planning research funding, bringing cutting-edge research to benefit the women of Hawai‘i.

General Obstetrics & Gynecology

The Generalist Obstetrics and Gynecology division focuses on female reproductive health and maternal health during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum period. The physicians in the division provide exceptional care at every stage of a women’s life; some have been named in Honolulu Magazine’s Best Doctors of 2016. Generalist physician care for patients in both the outpatient and inpatient settings. Outpatient settings include federally qualified health centers and faculty practices located throughout the state, both on O‘ahu and the neighbor islands. Physicians also serve as hospitalists providing urgent and emergent obstetrical and gynecologic care. However, while the division is focused on serving the medical and surgical needs of its community, it is not limited to clinical care. Division members also focus on clinical research and educating future physicians through its student clerkship rotations and its OB/GYN residency program to both serve the women of Hawai‘i and advance women’s health care in our state.
Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Maternal-Fetal Medicine physicians are high-risk obstetricians who have extensive training in providing care for women with medical complications during pregnancy and prenatal diagnosis for fetuses with high risk problems. We specialize in providing prenatal care and consultative care for pregnant women with medical conditions including diabetes, hypertension, congenital heart defects, epilepsy, lupus, and cancer. Members of our division provide medical care for women carrying fetuses with birth defects, genetically inherited diseases, blood incompatibility issues, congenital infections, triplet pregnancies and other higher order multiple gestations, and other diseases unique to pregnancy in coordination with Neonatology, Pediatric Cardiology, Pediatric Genetics, Pediatric Surgery, and Family Planning services.

In addition, we provide prenatal fetal ultrasound, fetal echocardiogram, prenatal genetic testing with amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling, as well as the latest advances in non-invasive prenatal screening. We also provide supportive care for women with recurrent pregnancy loss, stillbirth, and disorders of the placenta.

Our prenatal diagnosis and consultative services are primarily based at the Kapi‘olani Medical Center Fetal Diagnostic Center. We have recently extended our prenatal services to the Pali Momi Women’s Center on O‘ahu and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kaua‘i, with plans to open new partnerships on Maui and the Big Island over the next year. In addition, we are collaborating with the Institute for Biogenesis Research at UH Manoa to develop a basic science research laboratory for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility

The faculty of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility provides a wide range of clinical services and research for women with various gynecologic, hormonal, menopausal, and reproductive disorders, including a highly successful in vitro fertilization program. In addition to teaching responsibilities for residents and medical students, faculty members are engaged in a number of clinical research projects.

Research

The role of the Research Division is to support all research efforts in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health. The division’s faculty are researchers who direct their own research projects and serve the department through the goals of the division. These goals are to:

- Develop the overall research endeavors of the department.
- Grow the research to sustainable levels.
- Find meaningful ways of integrating the research through successful collaborations.
- Provide mentorship for all faculty, fellows, and residents in research.
- Build and maintain the departmental research infrastructure.
Gynecologic Oncology

The subspecialty trained, doubly board certified physicians of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology primarily care for women diagnosed with potentially malignant, pre-malignant and malignant gynecologic conditions as well as for those women who require specialized or complicated pelvic surgery or minimally invasive approaches to surgical conditions. Our academic physicians are nationally renowned experts compassionately caring for women with ovarian, uterine, cervical, vaginal, vulvar, and other gynecologic cancers. We use the most advanced surgical techniques and provide the most up-to-date treatments for our patients, including opportunities to receive the newest medications within National Cancer Institute sponsored clinical trials right here in Hawai‘i. We are constantly performing research to learn more about these cancers. Our team of physicians works closely with patient navigators, social work, pain and palliative care, emotional and psychologic support experts, financial resource experts, and other providers in an integrated cancer team approach that always provides the patient the best opportunity for a good experience and best possible result. We also care for patients who do not have a cancer diagnosis but require expert surgical care for complicated conditions such as abnormal pap smears, pelvic masses, endometriosis, or a desire for minimally invasive surgical approaches including robotic surgery—a method that requires tremendous surgical skill and allows patients to go home after a major surgery often in the same day and return to normal life quickly.

The gynecologic oncology division cares for all the women of Hawai‘i and the Pacific. Our work is concentrated at the major centers in Honolulu with local teams to ensure our patients the very best, but we also provide neighbor island outreach and work.

Urogynecology

Urogynecology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery treat women with a full spectrum of conditions related to the bladder and reproductive organs. Our physicians are Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. We offer cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment options for women with complex pelvic floor disorders, such as urinary incontinence, overactive bladder syndromes, pelvic organ prolapse, voiding and defecatory dysfunction, fecal incontinence, pelvic organ fistulas, diverticula and vaginal agenesis. Not all conditions require surgical treatment, but if surgery is necessary, all of our physicians are skilled at minimally invasive surgical techniques that often speed recovery time and eliminate the need for a hospital stay.

Services are provided at several hospitals and surgicenters on Oahu, and we receive referrals from all islands in the State of Hawai‘i. We are planning on expanding our services to provide care on the Island of Hawai‘i and the Island of Maui in the near future.
Clinic Locations

Kapiʻolani Medical Center for Women & Children
University Women’s Health Specialists
Specialties: Obstetrics, Gynecology, Urogynecology, Family Planning, & Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Address: 1319 Punahou Street, Suite 801 Honolulu, HI 96826
Phone: (808) 203-6585

Kapiʻolani Women’s Cancer Center
Specialties: Gynecologic Oncology
Address: 1319 Punahou Street, Suite 640 Honolulu, HI 96826
Phone: (808) 983-6090

Kapiʻolani Fetal Diagnostic Center
Specialties: Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Imaging
Address: 1319 Punahou Street, Suite 540 Honolulu, HI 96826
Phone: (808) 983-8559

Kapiʻolani Women’s Cancer Center
Specialties: Gynecologic Oncology
Address: 1319 Punahou Street, Suite 640 Honolulu, HI 96826
Phone: (808) 983-6090

Pali Momi Medical Center
University Women’s Health Specialists
Specialties: Obstetric, Gynecologic Oncology, Urogynecology, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Address: 98-1079 Moanalua Road, Suite 490 Aiea, HI 96701
Phone: (808) 671-0090

Queen’s Medical Center POB 2
University Women’s Health Specialists
Specialties: Gynecologic Oncology
Address: 1392 Lusitana Street, Suite 703 Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: (808) 526-2477

Queen’s Medical Center POB 3
University Women’s Health Specialists
Specialties: Obstetrics, Gynecology, Family Planning, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Urogynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Address: 550 South Beretania, Suite 610 Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: (808) 218-7900

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Fellowship Programs

Maternal-Fetal Medicine

The fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Hawai‘i combines exceptional training for future maternal-fetal medicine physicians in clinical practice and academic medicine. The fellows acquire knowledge of the basic and clinical facets of perinatal medicine and develop skills to conduct clinical and/or basic research related to our sub-specialty. Fellows will gain an extensive knowledge base and develop wide experiences in the management of common and unusual obstetrical and medical complications, including those conditions unique to Hawai‘i and the Pacific Rim. This will enable them to manage such patients and to function as a consultant for obstetricians requesting input.

In addition, the fellows have the option to complete a Master of Science in Clinical Research Degree administered through the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. Upon completion of the program, fellows will be able to effectively conduct and analyze new research and decide how to apply new knowledge.

Additionally fellows will be able to serve as experts in their community, advising others in the application of new knowledge. We anticipate that they will become clinician-researchers and advance medical knowledge in the MFM discipline.

Elective Options:
- Anesthesia
- Infectious Disease
- Rheumatology
- Psychiatry
- ICU (Intensive Care Unit)
- NICU (Neonatal)
- Inpatient consults
- Rounds
- Fellowship clinics
- Pediatrics Subspecialties:
  - Pediatric Surgery
  - Urology
  - Nephrology
  - Gastrointestinal
  - Ear, Nose, Throat
  - Neurosurgery

Year 3:
- 1 Month SICU
- 2 Months L&D Supervision
- 6 Months Electives
- 1 Month Genetics
- 2 Months Ultrasound

Year 2:
- 10 Months Research
- 2 Months Electives

Year 1:
- 6 Months Clinical MFM
- 3 Months MFM Imaging
- 1 Month Outpatient MFM
- 2 Month Research

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Family Planning

The UH Fellowship in Family Planning was established in 2012. The two year fellowship program follows the education, research, policy, and international health requirements outlined by the National Office of the Family Planning Fellowship. Fellows complete a master’s degree in either Public Health or Clinical Research, participate in an international family planning rotation, develop and complete a research project, and have the opportunity to participate in many policy and professional development learning opportunities locally and with their national cohort of fellows.

Graduates of the fellowship are experts in complex family planning clinical care, family planning clinical and translational research, family planning public health and policy, and family planning education.

The Fellowship Focuses on:

Clinical Training
- All methods of pregnancy termination
- All diagnostic methods to confirm uterine and tubal pregnancy
- Anesthesia and pain control
- Ultrasonography related to contraception and abortion
- Treatment of complications
- All methods of contraception currently available and under investigation
- Sterilization
- Gynecologic surgery

Research
- Study design and structured clinical research
- Statistical analysis
- Guidance in obtaining funding for research studies in contraception and abortion
- Scientific writing for peer-reviewed journals and other academic publications
- Presentations at national conferences
- Development as an independent researcher and teacher
- Grant writing

Teaching
- Hands-on and didactic teaching for residents and medical students

Workshops
- Building a Ryan Program: Starting an academic career by establishing a Ryan Residency Training Program in Abortion and Contraception. Ryan Program directors as well as current and graduated Fellows.
- International: Primary orientation to the Fellowship International Placement requirement. Offers networking opportunities with other fellows, directors and international experts.
- Leadership: The organizational and personal leadership skills needed to navigate departmental, institutional, and larger social barriers in career development while also supporting fellows, capacity to work as advocates for family planning.

Intended for graduated Fellows.

Psychosocial Issues in Abortion Care: An open forum for discussion and exchange related to the psychosocial components of doing and teaching abortion. For current and graduated Fellows and all Fellowship directors.

Megumi Akiyama, MD Level 1
Ryan Shclueter, DO Level 2
Kelly Yamashita, MD Level 3

Ghazaleh Moayedi, DO Level 1
Shandhini Raidoo, MD Level 2

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellows

Family Planning Fellows
Ob-Gyn Residency Program 2016–2017

PGY 1
Jennifer Chin, MD - Tulane University
Nikki Kumura, MD - University of Hawai‘i
Vincent La, MD - University of California, Los Angeles
Caroline Lau, MD - University of Hawai‘i
Danielle Oget, MD - University of California, Los Angeles
Christine Todd, MD - University of Iowa
Jennifer Wong, MD - University of Hawai‘i

PGY 2
Tiffany Phillips, DO - Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Katherine Huang, MD - University of California, Los Angeles
Sally Markee, MD - University of Hawai‘i
Meryl Ueno, MD - Georgetown University
Kurt Yoshino, MD - University of Hawai‘i
Sally Zhen, MD - University of California, Davis

PGY 3
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Nicole Kurata, MD - University of Hawai‘i
Ricardo Molero Bravo, MD - University of Central Florida
Mark Villarin, MD - Loma Linda University
Charlie Wang, MD - University of California, Davis
Ann Welsh, DO - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

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P. Gordon McLemore, MD - Marshall University
Kimberly Nagamine, MD - University of Hawai‘i

About the Program
The University of Hawai‘i John A. Burns School of Medicine Residency Training Program in Obstetrics & Gynecology is located in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. The program was originally established in 1949 and is based at the Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women & Children with additional rotations at the Queen’s Medical Center and Kaiser Medical Center.

The residency program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education and approved for a total of 24 categorical resident positions, six at each level of the four-year program, and 1 one-year preliminary position. Residents are accepted annually through the NRMP to fill the first-year positions. Residents are accepted at other levels only in the unusual event that one of the positions becomes available.

The Residents of the University of Hawai‘i Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Women’s Health Statement
A mission statement is written and updated by our residents on an annual basis. This is used to help define our shared goals for graduate medical education and to continually focus our efforts toward those goals. This is the current mission statement:

“The UH Ob-Gyn Residents of the University of Hawai‘i acknowledge that it is a privilege to be part of this residency program and this profession. We are committed to providing quality healthcare to all the women of our island community and beyond. We are dedicated to evidence-based lifelong learning and becoming technically proficient physicians in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. We will stay abreast of, and when possible directly participate in, current research in our field with the ultimate goal of providing superior care for our patients. We strive to maintain an environment that encourages camaraderie and good rapport among the entire healthcare team. As colleagues, we will support each other professionally as well as personally, and build lifelong friendships.”
Women’s Health
As physicians, we wish to be competent, compassionate, and responsible practitioners making evidence based decisions. We will act as our patients’ advocates, treating them with respect, integrity and compassion as we honor the trust they place in us. To be effective providers of women’s health care, we recognize the importance of training in the entire scope of obstetrics and gynecology, primary care medicine, and through the full range of health care delivery systems. We strive to stay at the cutting edge of technology in our field while remembering the importance of a holistic approach to each and every patient.

Education
We will use our hospital and ambulatory experience to take advantage of our exceptional clinical volume while maintaining a strong academic focus. As we strive to perfect our practice of evidence based medicine we recognize our roles as both students and teachers. We will be enthusiastic, motivated and self directed learners while striving to be inspirational, available and up to date educators. We aim for an educational environment which honors and respects the significant contributions our diverse faculty and teaching staff have to offer while fostering an opportunity for open intellectual discussion. We aspire to reach our full potential and wish to be held accountable through feedback that is timely, direct, specific, and respectful.

Research
We will foster intellectual curiosity as we strive for a respected research program that is clinically based, self directed and faculty mentored.

Team Spirit
We build camaraderie by maintaining an excellent rapport between residents, faculty, administration and support staff. We will be supportive and respectful of our fellow residents in a collaborative and sharing culture.

Balance
While realizing the importance of immersing ourselves in these four years of postgraduate training, we acknowledge the importance of being well rounded and having a life separate from the program. We are dedicated to being active participants in our community, dependable, balanced, and supportive family members, and self-aware, spiritually-centered, and self-improving individuals.

“The many changes being required of training programs, there is the opportunity for innovation and creativity in discovering and refining new teaching and assessment techniques and utilizing new venues for learning. We are embracing these opportunities while recognizing that the core strength of our program is the synergy resulting from a diverse yet cohesive group of dedicated residents and faculty sharing a path of life long learning.”

- Mark Hiraoka, MD, MS
Residency Program Director

University of Hawai’i Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Women’s Health
Medical Student Program

The John A. Burns School of Medicine is currently one of only a handful of schools in the nation to convert its curriculum to a problem-based learning format (PBL). This was adapted from McMaster University, Canada and introduced in 1989. The traditional system, with its emphasis on teacher directed learning, passive student participation, and rote memorization of massive amounts of information, was seen as increasingly inefficient and outmoded. Problem-based learning seeks to solve the shortcomings of this conventional approach with a new mode of learning that is active and dynamic, self-motivational, and directed. For this system to work, it is essential that students be self-directed and take responsibility for their own learning. The primary objective of PBL is to accumulate the concepts and facts of medicine in a clinical context, basing the need to know on relevant problems. Students are trained to think critically, to identify and define new information and learning issues by evaluating and researching data, and to apply their new knowledge to the problem at hand. They become actively involved in the learning process and are not simply passive recipients of information.

The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Women’s Health works with all levels of medical students. During the 1st year, students are able to work with faculty as their clinical preceptors. With the 2nd year program, faculty members not only work with students as clinical preceptors, but also give basic science lectures and are problem-based learning tutors.

The Professional Patient program provides 3rd year medical students an introduction to the breast and pelvic exams, with emphasis on role-playing. These trained patients teach students how to perform breast and pelvic exams, but most importantly, to help demystify the female anatomy.

The school offers medical students two venues for completing their 3rd year clinical clerkships. Students choose between a traditional block or longitudinal rotation. The block students spend 7 weeks on obstetrics and gynecology. Longitudinal students work 6 months in rural outpatient setting and the other half of the year work a 4-week inpatient block rotation.
Program Purpose

The purpose of the department is to give the student a basic foundation in Obstetrics and Gynecology and the problems related to that field. The goals expected of the 3rd year medical student includes, but are not limited to:

1.) Perform directed history and physical examinations, including the pelvic exam.

2.) Diagnose and manage typical gynecologic conditions:
   - Understand the natural course of gynecologic diseases
   - Know about major types of family planning techniques
   - Understand the female life cycle beginning at puberty

3.) Diagnose and manage typical obstetric conditions:
   - Apply knowledge of physiologic changes that occur during pregnancy to the pregnant patient
   - Understand prenatal and postpartum care
   - Recognize effects of surgical and medical problems on pregnancy
   - Manage normal labor and delivery
   - Know the management procedures for abnormal labor and delivery
   - Understand the management of pain/anesthesia in labor and delivery
   - Appreciate psychosocial and sexual problems of the female patient and her family, including domestic violence
   - Be aware of the social and health services available to women

Students work 3 ½ weeks on gynecology surgery and 3 ½ weeks of labor and delivery, with assigned outpatient clinic days and night calls on labor and delivery.

Student didactic sessions are scheduled for Friday mornings. These include 2 PBL cases, faculty teaching sessions, and department conferences.

*Some faculty topics discussed are:
   - Antepartum Fetal Testing Gestational Trophoblastic Disease
   - Vulvar Disease Vaginitis
   - Intrapartum Care Contraception / Sterilization
   - Preterm Labor / PPROM Family Planning
   - Induced Abortion & Vital Statistics Chronic Pelvic Pain
   - Immunization Multiple Gestation, Diagnosis and Management
   - Puberty / Premenstrual Syndrome

We offer various types of electives to the 4th year medical students. Among them are Sub internship in Labor & Delivery, Reproductive Endocrinology, High-Risk Obstetrics, Gynecology Oncology, & Outpatient Clinic. Students are encouraged to work at the capacity level of an intern.

Visiting Professors

Neel Shah, MD, MPP
Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, Director of the Delivery Decisions Initiative at the Ariadne Labs for Health Systems Innovation. Founder of Costs of Care, a global NGO that curates insights from clinicians to help delivery systems provide better care at lower cost. Also, he is listed among the “40 smartest people in health care” by the Becker’s Hospital Review and he co-authored the book Understanding Value-Based Healthcare (McGraw-Hill).

*“System complexity and the Cesarean Pandemic” 1/18/17
*“Helping Patients Navigate the Healthcare System” 1/19/17
*“The Shah Shark Redemption” 1/20/17

Frank A. Chervenak, MD, FACOG
Frank A. Chervenak, MD currently serves as the Given Foundation Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as Obstetrician and Gynecologist-in-Chief and the Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

*“Planned Home Birth: A Professional Challenge to Obstetrics and Gynecology” 3/1/17
*“Ethical Dimensions of Cesarean Delivery” 3/3/17
Learning Objectives:

1. Describe and use the CDC Selected Practice Recommendations and Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (CDC MEC) and cite seminal studies regarding contraceptive best-practices in medically complicated patients.

2. Describe opportunities in their practice and within larger professional organizations to advocate for improved access to contraception and family planning.

3. Apply evidence when providing counseling and sterilization procedures.

Invited Faculty

David Grimes, MD: “Misogyny and Women’s Health”; “Can Oral Contraception Prescribing Be More Evidence Based?”
Clinical Professor
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Alileen Gariepy, MD, MPH: “Hysteroscopic Sterilization”; “Impact of pregnancy context on women’s lives: What’s intention go to do with it?”
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Services
Yale University

Alison Edelman, MD, MPH: “Contraceptives and Weight”; “Breakthrough Bleeding and Hormonal Contraception”
Professor
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Oregon Health and Science University

Bliss Kaneshiro, MD, MPH: “Contraception for the Medically Complicated Patient”
Associate Professor

Jennifer Salcedo MD, MPH, MPP: “Contraception for the Medically Complicated Patient”
Assistant Professor

Shandhini Raidoo, MD: “Miscarriage Management”
Family Planning Fellow, Clinical Instructor

Ghazaleh Moayedi, DO: “Miscarriage Management”
Family Planning Fellow, Clinical Instructor

Reni Soon, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor

Mary Tschann, PhD, MPH
Junior Researcher
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Philanthropy is a hallmark of academic institutions. It is a clear testament of sustained excellence judged by our peers at a national level, and a clear value and commitment to serve our community for generations to come.

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• Lakshmi Devi and Devraj Sharma Endowed Chair - Steven Ward, PhD
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• Kosasa Endowed Professor - Keith Terada, MD
• Kosasa Endowed Professor - Men-Jan Lee, MD
• Department of OB-GYN Endowed Professor - Dena Towner, MD
• Kosasa Endowed Professor in GYN Oncology - Michael Carney, MD
• McCorriston Endowed Professor - to be named

In addition, we have several other endowments:
• Dr. Dena Towner Endowment (MFM Fellowship Program)
• Dr. McNamee Award (medical student and resident award)
• Dr. Angela M. Pratt Endowment (resident education and native Hawaiian women’s health)

Our department participates each year in John a Burns School of Medicine Internal Giving Campaign and is a leading department in this effort. Our faculty and staff participation exceeds 100%.

The Professorship established by the OBGYN Department with funds from its faculty practice plan is called the Endowed Professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women’s Health. In addition, we donated funds to Kapi‘olani Foundation to improve clinical learning environment experience (call rooms) for our residents and faculty.
Research Day  
Thursday, May 18th, 2017  
Wai’alae Country Club

Eve Espey, MD, MPH  
Professor & Chair, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Division of Family Planning and Family Planning Fellowship Director  
University of New Mexico School of Medicine  
“Teen Pregnancy Options Counseling and Some Contraception, Too!”

Resident Presentations

Ann Welsh, DO: “Postpartum Shock Index as a Predictor of Postpartum Hemorrhage Morbidity”

Mark Villarin, MD: “Pregnancy Outcomes with Smoking Cessation in Women with Other Substance Use Disorders”

Charlie Wang, MD: “Utility of Routine Collection of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea in Antepartum Patients”

Ricardo Molero Bravo, MD: “Discharge Analgesics After Vaginal or Cesarean Section Delivery”

Nicole Kurata, MD: “Prolonged Interpregnancy Interval: Essential Nullipara Again?”

Jennifer Beair, MD: “Abnormal Placental Cord Insertion and The Association with Fetal Growth Restriction”

Fellow Presentations

Kelly Yamasato, MD: “Human Relaxins (RLNHI, RLNH2), their Receptor (RXFP1), and Fetoplacent Growth”

Shandhini Raidoo, MD: “Dual Use and Long-Acting Reversible Contraception among Adolescents and Young People”

Selected Presentations

Soomsook Santibenchakul, MD, MPH: “Comprehensive Contraceptive Counseling and Uptake Among Adolescents and Young Women in a Hospital-based Ob-Gyn Clinic”

Mary Tschann, MPH, PhD: “Patient-centered Non-pharmacologic Pain Management and Pain Scores During First Trimester Surgical Abortion: A Randomized Controlled Trial”

Presentation Awards

Audience Choice Award: Charlie Wang, M.D.

First Place Award: Charlie Wang, M.D.
-Selected as the Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics Academic Scholars and Leaders Program Participant, 2016: Jennifer Salcedo, MD, MPH, MPP

-Named Associate Editor of the Journal of Female Pelvic and Reconstructive Surgery, the official journal of the American Urogynecological Society, 2016: Steve Minaglia, MD

-Faculty Promotions:
  -Mark Hiraoka, MD, MS: Associate Professor
  -Maria Gaspar-Oishi, MD: Assistant Professor
  -Lisa Bartholomew, MD: Associate Professor
  -Tricia Wright, MD, MS: Associate Professor

-2016 "Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service" at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa: Lisa Kellet

-Elected Fellow into the American Gynecological & Obstetrical Society: Ivica Zalud, MD

-Elected as a Junior member of the International Academy for Perinatal Medicine: Kelly Yamasato, MD

-Received ACGME Accreditation for MFM Fellowship

-Hilo Clinic Learning Environment Expansion: Dr. Kareem Khoziam March 1, 2017 (Currently working at Hilo-Bay Clinic)

"Top Doctors" honored by Honolulu Magazine:

Michael Aaronoff, MD  Tod Aeby, MD, MEd
Lisa Bartholomew, MD  Janet Burlingame, MD
Michael Carney, MD  Bliss Kaneshiro, MD, MPH
Robert Kim, MD  Michael Savala, MD
Reni Soon, MD, MPH  Keith Terada, MD
Tricia Wright, MD, MS  Ivica Zalud, MD, PhD
Awards & Achievements

The American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS):
  Resident Award: PGY 3- Jennifer Beair, MD

Society Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM):
  Resident Award: PGY 3- Nikki Kurata, MD

The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS):
  Resident Award: PGY 4- Kimberly Nagamine, MD

The American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL)
  Resident Award: PGY 4- Kasey Kajiwara, MD

The Ryan Program Resident Award for Excellence in Family Planning
  Resident Award: PGY 3- Ricardo Molero Bravo, MD

The Society of Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics & Gynecology (SASGOG)
  Resident Award: PGY 3- Jennifer Beair, MD

The North American Society for Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAH)
  Resident Award: PGY 2- Meryl Ueno, MD

The Hawai’i Section of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG)
  Resident Award: PGY 4- Sara Harris, MD

The Philip I. McNamee, MD Award in Obstetrics & Gynecology
  Resident Award: PGY 3- Jennifer Beair, MD

Best PGY 2 Teaching Resident Award:
  Resident(s) Award: PGY 2- Meryl Ueno, MD
  PGY 2- Sally Zhen, MD

UH Ob/Gyn Program Academic Achievement Award
  Resident Award: PGY 4- Kimberly Nagamine, MD

UH Ob/Gyn Program Award for Excellence
  Resident Award: PGY 4- Kimberly Nagamine, MD


-Zalud, I. 2016 2nd Regional congress on ultrasound in gynecology and perinatology, Ian Donald Schools, October, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina IUGR: When to delivery the baby

-Zalud, I. 2017 13th Meeting of the International Academy of Perinatal Medicine, February, Khartoum, Sudan Perinatal medicine: Passing the torch