

Obstetrics & Gynecology Holiday Newsletter

The Department would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has been working through so much adversity during this past year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and we wish you a peaceful and safe holiday season.

Winter Closure - December 25, 2020 to January 3, 2021

The office will be closed from December 25 to January 3, 2021. We thank our administrative staff for their contributions over the past year and wish them a restful holiday. Interim Chair, Dr. Jane Schulz will be available over the holidays for any emergencies.

Spotlight on service

The Department would like to recognize the hard work of all of the clinical academic colleagues, faculty and the administrative members during these challenging times.

A year of change

We would like to congratulate the following staff members on their retirement;

Lauriann Brown – Medical Secretary, retired in June after more than 30 years of service

Donna Dawson – Research Nurse, retired in October after more than 10 years of service

Audrey Lin – Research Assistant, retired in December

Dr. Alexandra Schepansky – Associate Professor Gynecologic Oncology retired in June from the University but still continues her work at the CCI

Dr. Gail Black retired from the Misericordia site in June 2020 and Dr. Bob Black retired from clinical practice at the Misericordia site in Jun 2020, but Dr. Bob Black continues with his colposcopy work and in his administrative leadership role. We thank them for the dedication to clinical care and education.

We wish good luck to the following staff who have left to pursue other opportunities;

Courtney Hunt – PGME Accreditation Assistant, is pursuing educational interests in BC.

HeeJung Kim – PGME Administrator, moved to BC to pursue a new career

Ashley de Mesa – Research Assistant in Clinic E, who is pursuing a new career

We are excited to announce the newest members to our team.
Jessica Naidoo – Administrative Support for Meaghan Lien’s maternity leave.
Sneha Menon – CBD Administrator for both OBGYN and OVS
Bridget Jenkins – PGME Administrator

Accomplishments

We would like to thank the PGME team for all their hard work with the accreditation process including Dr. Val Capstick, Bridget Jenkins, Sneha Menon, and Dr. Petrus Kruger, Dr. Sue Chandra, Dr. Michelle LaCasse, HeeJung Kim, and Courtney Hunt. We also thank Rebecca Royan and Jamie Gowan.

Congratulations to Maria Ospina for her Tier II Canada Research Chair. Tier II Canada Research Chairs are for exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field.

Congratulations to Dr. Sophia Pin on her recent WCHRI CRISP grant award.

Upcoming Events

On April 10, 2020 there will be a virtual OBGYN Professional Development session and our Dean, Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn will be the keynote speaker. Please *Save the Date* for this event which will be held in the morning. Further details to follow please contact obgadmin@ualberta.ca with any questions.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a virtual Research Day on May 7, 2021. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Roxanna Geoffrian. Stay tuned for more details on our website!

<https://www.ualberta.ca/obstetrics-gynecology/research-day/research-day.html>

The core Strategic Planning team is currently working on a Bridge Strategic Plan. Thank you to everyone who has engaged in the process and there will be more news on this in the New Year!

COVID-19 Updates

<https://www.ualberta.ca/covid-19/updates/index.html>

For any additions to the next newsletter please email obgadmin@ualberta.ca.