RESIDENCY PROGRAM
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BCM Missions

Texas Medical Center

Residency Education

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Meet the Residents

Meet the Faculty
Patient Care

Education

Research
• Multiple Training Venues
  • Private and Public Hospitals
  • Private and Public Clinics

• Large Patient Volume
  • BTH: 25,000 outpatient visits annually
  • PFW: 25,000 outpatient visits annually

• Vast Clinical Experience
  • 12,000 deliveries annually
  • 5,500 gynecologic surgeries annually
  • 500 new oncology cases annually
TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

MICHAEL BELFORT, MBBCH, MD, PhD
Chairman
Fellowship Director, Perinatal Surgery

SUSAN RAMIN, MD
Vice Chairman for Education
Fellowship Director, Global Women’s Health

MANISHA GANDHI, MD
Associate Residency Program Director

ANITRA BEASLEY, MD, MPH
Associate Residency Program Director

EMILY VINAS, MEd
Academic Administrator

SUSAN RAINÉ, JD, MD, LLM
Vice Chairman for Global Initiatives
Residency Program Director

AMY MOORE
Residency Coordinator
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**JENNIFER BERCAW-PRATT, MD**
Medical Student Clerkship Director for OB/GYN

**GARY DILDY, MD**
Fellowship Director, Maternal-Fetal Medicine

**SUSAN LEONG-KEE, MD**
Director of OB/GYN UME
Associate Director of Simulation

**JENNIFER DIETRICH, MD, MSc**
Director of OB/GYN CME
Fellowship Director, Pedi Gyn

**WILLIAM GIBBONS, MD**
Fellowship Director, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

**ROBERT ZURAWIN, MD**
Fellowship Director, Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
PRIMARY TRAINING HOSPITALS

- Ben Taub Hospital
- Texas Children’s Pavilion for Women
- Houston Methodist Hospital
- Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital
- St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital
- Texas Children’s Hospital
- The Woman’s Hospital of Texas
VALLBONA CLINIC

- Vallbona Health Center is a Harris Health System Continuity Clinic
- Located 7 miles from the Medical Center
- Experience over all four years of residency with increasing patient responsibility
- Diverse patient population
- Ability to deliver or operate on your patients at Ben Taub Hospital
PGY 1 ROTATIONS

- Labor and Delivery Days (BTH)
- Gynecology Clinic (BTH)
- Labor and Delivery Nights (PFW)
- Gynecology Consult Nights (BTH)
- Gynecology OR (BTH)
- Medicine EC (BTH)
- OB Clinic (BTH)
- OB Intake Days (BTH)
- OB Intake Nights (BTH)
- Ultrasound (BTH)
- Gynecology Oncology (BTH)
- MICU (BTH)
PGY 2 ROTATIONS

- Labor and Delivery Days (BTH)
- Gynecology Oncology - 2 months (BTH)
- Labor and Delivery Nights (BTH)
- Gynecology / Elective OB (PFW)
- Labor and Delivery Nights (PFW)
- Dysplasia (BTH)
- Gynecology OR (BTH)
- REI (PFW)
- Labor and Delivery Days (PFW)
- MFM (PFW)
- MFM (BTH)
PGY 3 ROTATIONS

- Labor and Delivery Days (BTH)
- Labor and Delivery Nights (BTH)
- Labor and Delivery Days (PFW)
- Labor and Delivery Nights (PFW)
- Elective
- Gynecology OR (BTH)
- Gynecology Clinic (BTH)
- Benign Gynecology (TWH)
- Gynecology OR (TMH)
- Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology (TCH)
- Family Planning
- OB Clinic (BTH)
- REI/Float (BTH)
**PGY 4 ROTATIONS**

- Labor and Delivery Days (BTH)
- Labor and Delivery Nights (BTH)
- Gynecology OR (BTH)
- Benign Gynecology (TWH) - 2 months
- Benign Gynecology (SLEH)
- Benign Gynecology (VA)
- Gynecology Clinic Chief (BTH)
- OB Clinic Chief (BTH)
- Gynecologic Oncology (BTH)
- OB/Gyn Clinic Float (BTH)
- Benign Gynecology (PFW)
FELLOWSHIPS

An average of 60% of BCM OB/GYN residency graduates pursue fellowship training each year. Of those who wish to pursue subspecialty training, 94% match into fellowship.

- 2012 graduating class:
  - MFM (2)
  - REI (1)
  - Pedi Gyn (2)
  - Minimally Invasive Gyn Surgery (2)
  - Urogynecology (1)

- 2013 graduating class:
  - REI (2)
  - MFM (1)
  - Pedi Gyn (1)
  - Oncology (1)
  - Family Planning (1)
  - Global Women’s Health (1)

**BCM Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellowships**
- Global Women’s Health
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
- Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology
- Perinatal Surgery
- Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Grand Rounds
- Journal Club
- Resident Lecture Series
- M&M – Quality Conferences
- Pre-operative Conference
- CREOG Review
- Simulation Training
- Ethics Lecture Series
- Resident Research Day
CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Funding for National Meetings
- Exposure to Fetal Intervention
- Quality Improvement Programs
- International Electives
- Research Electives
BCM Residents have the option to rotate to international destinations during their PGY 3 elective month. Opportunities are currently available in the Dominican Republic, Malawi or as arranged by the resident. Additionally, we are excited to be actively developing new opportunities in China.
• Many faculty are actively involved in research
• Opportunities exist for residents in bench, clinical, and educational research
• Current departmental research projects in all areas
  • Basic Science
  • Clinical Science
  • Education
RESIDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

- Residents complete and present their research in the PGY 4 year
- Residents receive formal instruction in research design, data analysis, and manuscript preparation
- Faculty mentoring
- Resident Research Committee
  - Oversees resident progress
  - Provides a time line
  - Provides opportunity to apply for funding

25% of all resident research is published
50% of all research is presented at regional and national conferences
BASIC SCIENCE PROJECTS

- Centrifugation Temperature Role in Sperm Intra-uterine Insemination Sampling Process: Kinetic Characteristics and functional Examinations

- Establishing TEG and PFA-100 Reference Ranges in Healthy Pregnant Women

- *In utero* Tobacco Exposure Epigenetically Modifies Placental Metabolic Gene Expression

- Dysregulated Expression of Genes Involved in 5-hydroxy-methylation Conversion in Endometriosis

- A Novel Small Molecule Inhibitor for Aurora A Kinase Inhibits the Growth and Metastasis of Cervical Cancer

- Alterations in Expression of the Growth-related Imprinted Gene H19 in a Transgenerational Model of IUGR.
CLINICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

• Failure to Achieve Postpartum Sterilization: Contraceptive Outcomes

• Antimullerian Hormone Levels are Inversely Associated with BMI in Women with PCOS

• Effects of Routine Screening for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Prior to Intrauterine Device Insertion

• Atypical Antiphychotic Use in Pregnant Patients

• Postoperative Outcomes after Continent versus Incontinent Urinary Diversion at the Time of Pelvic Exenteration for Gynecologic Malignancies
Cultivating the Complete Resident: A Competency-Based Ethics Curriculum for OB/Gyn Residents

Resident Confidence after Simulation Training in an Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program

Utilizing LC-CUSUM to Determine Resident Competency in the Performance of Fetal Biometry

Benefits of an Obstetrical Ultrasound Workshop Prior to the Intern Year

Perfection of Inexpensive Simulation Devices
Interviews are scheduled to occur on the following dates: October 15; October 31; November 5

Morning Session:
7:30am - 1:30pm

Afternoon Session:
11:00am - 5:15 pm
THE INTERVIEW DAY (MORNING SESSION)

- 7:30 am-7:40 am   Arrival
- 7:40 am-8:25 am   Introduction by Program Leadership
- 8:30 am-11:00 am   Interviews (up to 5 faculty interviews)
- 11:00 am-11:20 am   Panel Session with Residents
- 11:30 am-12:45 pm   Tours (BTH/PFW)
- 12:45 pm-1:30 pm   Lunch
THE INTERVIEW DAY  (AFTERNOON SESSION)

- 11:00 am - 11:15 am  Arrival
- 11:30 am - 12:45 pm  Tours (BTH/PFW)
- 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm  Lunch
- 1:30 pm - 2:10 pm  Introduction by Program Leadership
- 2:15 pm - 4:45 pm  Interviews (up to 5 faculty interviews)
- 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm  Panel Session with Residents
MEET THE RESIDENTS

PGY 1 Residents

PGY 2 Residents

PGY 3 Residents

PGY 4 Residents
PGY 2 RESIDENTS

Raphny Alexandre
Howard University

Jimena Alvarez
University of Illinois

Michael Beninati
University of Miami

Kelly Blazek
Indiana University

Diana Crabtree
Baylor College of Medicine

Bhakti Gangapurkar
University of California, San Diego

Megan German
UTMB

Bridget Kelly
Medical College of Wisconsin

Kristen O’Dillon
University of Alabama, Birmingham

Gisselle Perez-Milicua
UTMB

Bo Rydze
University of Iowa

Utsavi Shah
Baylor College of Medicine
PGY 3 RESIDENTS

Patricia Bellows
Baylor College of Medicine

Alyssa Brown
University of South Florida

Lorine Carey
University of Oklahoma

Christina Davis-Kankanamge
University of Kentucky

Kamilah Dixon
Georgetown University

Tara Harris
George Washington University

Gillian Hsieh
Baylor College of Medicine

Maya Kriseman
Baylor College of Medicine

Jennifer Riley
Marshall University

Nicholas Ryan
University of Louisville

Karen Sargent
UTMB

Jennifer Ziock
East Tennessee State University
PGY 4 RESIDENTS

Jennifer Bump  
Texas Tech

Nateya Carrington  
UNC-Chapel Hill

Dianne Glass  
The Ohio State University

Adrian Harvey Mass  
Loyola/Stritch SOM

Caren Hoffman  
UT San Antonio

Jason Jarin  
University of Mississippi

Margaret Markham  
UT Houston

Lavanya Palavalli  
University of Missouri

Jessica Rhinehart-Ventura  
Baylor College of Medicine

Fernando Roca  
University of Puerto Rico

Mona Romezi  
UTMB
MEET THE FACULTY

Michael Belfort, MBCH, MD, PhD - Chairman

General Gynecology & Obstetrics

Gynecologic Oncology

Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility

Non-Physician Faculty
Dr. Michael Belfort received his medical degree from the University of Witwaterstand Medical School (UWMS) in Johannesburg, South Africa and his medical degree from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He completed residencies in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Cape Town Medical School in South Africa and here at Baylor College of Medicine, where he also completed his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Dr. Belfort joined the department as Chairman in January 2011. He is board certified in the United States, England, Canada and South Africa, has authored dozens of peer-reviewed journal articles and is a world-renowned Fetal Interventionist.
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Dr. Ali received her medical degree from Duke University and then went on to complete her OB/Gyn residency at Baylor College of Medicine. She joined the department in 2006.

Her primary interest is in clinical research.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and 3 daughters, shopping, and traveling.
Dr. Beasley received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and is a former Baylor resident. She completed her MPH and fellowship in Family Planning at Columbia University.

She joined the department in 2010.

Her primary interest is family planning.

Dr. Beasley was named Associate Program Director in July 2011.
Dr. Binder attended medical school in Bologna, Italy, and then returned to the U.S. to complete his residency training at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Binder was in private practice for many years prior to joining the department.

He currently directs the resident’s continuity clinic experience at Vallbona Health Center.
Dr. Brown is Professor and former Interim Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Brown received his medical degree from UTMB and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Tulane University, Charity Hospital in New Orleans, LA.

He is the recipient of several awards, including “Best Doctors of America”, “Houston’s Top Doctors”, and “Texas Super Doctors”.

Dr. Brown enjoys spending his free time at his second home in Colorado.
Dr. Aba Coleman earned her Bachelor’s degree from Duke University, graduating with honors in 2001. Subsequently, she pursued graduate studies, earning her Master of Education degree from Harvard University, with a focus on Health Education in Underserved Areas. She then returned to her hometown of St. Louis, MO, where she completed medical school at St. Louis University School of Medicine, graduating with honors in the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society.

Dr. Coleman completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology here at Baylor College of Medicine, where she also served as Administrative Chief Resident. After residency, Dr. Coleman joined the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine. Her academic interests include international medicine, community health education, and improving access to preventive care in the global setting, with a particular interest in developing cervical cancer prevention programs.
Dr. Helen Dunnington received a BA from the University of California, Berkeley. She earned her medical degree from the UT Houston and also completed her OB/GYN residency with the Memorial Hermann Program. During residency, she was elected administrative chief resident, and received awards for "Special Resident in Minimally Invasive Gynecology" and Outstanding Chief Resident Memorial Hermann Program.

Dr. Dunnington joined the BCM faculty in August 2013 as an assistant professor. Her clinical interests include nutrition and exercise during and after pregnancy, pregnancy care, preventive gynecologic care, menstrual disorders, and gynecologic procedures. She sees patients at the Texas Children’s Pavilion for Women, TCH Pearland OB/GYN Clinic and supervises residents in the Harris Health System.

She is a member of ACOG, AAGL, Harris County Medical Association, and the Texas Medical Association.
Dr. Espinoza joined the BCM Faculty in 2012. He received his medical degree from San Marcos University in Lima, Peru and completed a residency there as well. He earned his Masters in Sciences from the University of Wales and completed his MFM training under the Fetal Medicine Foundation in London.

His clinical and research interest include Angiogenic imbalances during pregnancy, the role of the fetus in preeclampsia, fetal echocardiography, fetal-maternal conflicts in obstetrical syndromes, and preterm parturition.
Dr. Greely attended Howard University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. She attended UTMB in Galveston for Medical School and completed her OB/GYN residency at Tulane University SOM.

Her interests are improving access to quality healthcare for the underserved populations, and working to improve outcomes for obstetrical adolescent and young adult patients.

Dr. Greely’s free time is spent with husband and two daughters. She also enjoys reading and traveling.
Dr. Xiaoming Guan is an assistant professor in the Division of Gynecology. He received his medical degree with honors from Fujian Medical College in Fuzhou, China where he completed residency and fellowship. He completed his U.S. residency at St. Joseph’s Hospital, a Mount Sinai School of Medicine affiliated teaching hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. He served as a teaching attending before pursuing a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Guan currently serves as the assistant fellowship director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery.

Dr. Guan’s clinical practice is in the field of gynecology. He specializes in alternative procedures to hysterectomy. His special interest is in treatment of fibroids and endometriosis using minimally invasive techniques including robotic surgery and single-incision laparoscopic surgery. He also treats urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, and problems of the menopause.
Dr. Hawkins attended medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed her residency training at Baylor College of Medicine.

Her primary research interest is genetic determinants of endometriosis.

In her free time, Dr. Hawkins enjoys listening to Jimmy Buffett, scuba diving, and spending time with her husband and two children.
Dr. Hodges joined the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in September 2011 as an assistant professor. She earned her BS in Biology from Indiana University and her MSc with a specialization in Immunology and Cellular Biology from Northwestern University. She went on to obtain her medical degree from the University of Illinois and completed her residency in OB/Gyn at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Hodges is the Associate Clerkship Director. In her spare time, she enjoys swing dance, yoga and pilates.
Dr. Ivey obtained his medical degree from Louisiana State University of Medicine and completed his residency training at the University of Texas Houston.

He spent a number of years in private practice before joining the department in 2004.

In his free time, Dr. Ivey enjoys traveling and spending time with his puppies.
Kelli Leake received her degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing. She worked as a nurse in Critical Care for 5 years. She received her Master’s degree as Family Nurse Practitioner at Texas Women’s University. She has been practicing as a Nurse Practitioner for several years at Baylor College of Medicine.
Dr. Leke received Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and French from Georgetown University in Washington DC. She received her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed her residency training at Baylor College of Medicine in 2011. She joined the Baylor College of Medicine faculty at the end of her residency in 2011.

Dr. Leke’s clinical interests include general obstetric and gynecologic care, preventive services for women and resident education. She is also particularly interested in global public health issues and as part of the department’s Global Health Initiative, she will be involved in research and training of healthcare personnel in underprivileged communities around the world.
Dr. Susan Leong-Kee serves as the Director of Undergraduate Medical Education for the department.

Dr. Leong-Kee received her medical degree from UTMB, and completed her residency at Georgetown University Hospital where she was an Administrative Chief Resident.

Her academic interests include Undergraduate Medical Education and simulation training. She is currently the Associate Medical Director of the TCH Simulation Center.

In her free time, she enjoys cooking, dancing, travelling with her husband and caring for her new twin babies.
Dr. Judy Levison is a generalist OB/Gyn with a special interest in HIV.

She is the physician coordinator of the Harris County Women’s Program which provides obstetric and gynecologic care to women with HIV.

She enjoys working internationally and has recently made several trips on behalf of BCM to Malawi in Africa.
Dr. Monthy grew up in Houston and received her BA in Biology from Texas A&M University, graduating summa cum laude. She then earned her medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine. She completed her OB/Gyn residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD and practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Washington, D.C. for several years before joining the faculty at the BCM.

Dr. Monthy is dedicated to caring for women in all stages of their lives. Her areas of interest include general obstetrics and gynecology, wellness and prevention, nutrition and exercise, breastfeeding medicine, medical management of menstrual disorders, contraceptive counseling, abnormal Pap smears and HPV, and the control of menopausal symptoms.
Dr. Orejula will join the BCM OB/Gyn department in October of 2013. He received his medical degree from Javeriana University School of Medicine in Bogota, Columbia, where he completed an internship in general surgery and residency in Urology. His Obstetrics and Gynecology residency was completed at the University of Texas, Houston. Dr. Orejula completed a fellowship in Urogynecology with the Scott Department of Urology at Baylor College of Medicine.

Prior to joining BCM, Dr. Orejula was on faculty at the University of Texas, Houston where he served as Residency Program Director for the LBJ Program. He recently received his board certification in Urogynecology.
Dr. Poindexter is a graduate of Meharry Medical College. He subsequently completed his residency training at the University of Missouri.

He completed a fellowship in REI at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Poindexter has a special interest in family planning.

In his free time, he can be found on the high seas.
Dr. Raine received a B.A. in International Studies at Austin College in Sherman, Texas and subsequently pursued her law degree at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas.

Choosing to pursue a career in medicine, she matriculated at Baylor College of Medicine where she earned her M.D. and completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She also served as an Administrative Chief Resident.

In 2005, she joined the faculty as an assistant professor the BCM Department of OB/Gyn.

Dr. Raine is the Residency Program Director and the Vice Chairman for Global Initiatives.
Dr. Riera earned his medical degree magna cum laude from Universidad de Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela. He completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Baylor College of Medicine, where he served as an Administrative Chief Resident.

He joined the Baylor OB/Gyn Department in 2007. He currently works providing OB/Gyn care to the underserved population of Harris County and sees patients on the private side as well.

Clinical and research interests include postmenopausal health, fibroids, and anovulatory disorders.
Dr. Rosenbaum attended medical school at UTMB and completed his residency training at John Peter Smith in Ft. Worth, Texas.

He joined the department in 2006.

He is the Supervising Director of Residents at the VA.

In his free time, Dr. Rosenbaum enjoys spending time with his family and woodworking.
Ann Schutt-Aine, MD

Born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, Dr. Schutt-Aine received her undergraduate degree from Yale University and her medical degree from Harvard Medical School.

She completed residency training at Magee-Women’s Hospital in Pittsburgh.

She practices general obstetrics and gynecology, and her special interests include family planning.
Dr. Tobey A. Stevens earned his medical degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and completed his OB/GYN training at Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he earned the honor of Most Outstanding Chief Resident.

Prior to joining BCM in his role as a hospitalist, Dr. Stevens spent 6 years managing a busy private practice in the Clear Lake area. His clinical and academic interests include general obstetrics and gynecology, labor management, and resident and student education.

His outside interests include travelling, spending time with his wife and family, Houston professional sports, and triathlon. Dr. Stevens is a three-time Ironman finisher.
Dr. Swaim joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at BCM in 2011 as Associate Professor and Director, Division of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Chief of Gynecology at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and Texas Children's Hospital.

Dr. Swaim earned her medical degree with distinction from the University of Oklahoma. After completing her OB/Gyn residency at the University of Texas Houston-Hermann Hospital, Dr. Swaim joined their faculty for 6 years until she joined Houston Women's Care Associates, a large private practice at The Woman's Hospital of Texas. During her twelve-year tenure in private practice, Dr. Swaim remained active in academics as a Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at the UT Houston and a Clinical Assistant Professor of OB/Gyn at BCM.

Dr. Swaim is an ABOG Oral Board Examiner has served as the President of the Houston Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. She is married, has two children and one golden retriever named Rocket.
Dr. Timmins received her undergraduate degree from Pomona College and completed her medical education and residency training at Baylor College of Medicine where she served as an Administrative Chief Resident.

She joined the department in 2000 as an Assistant Professor and is the Medical Director of Women’s Services at the Pavilion for Women.

Dr. Timmins enjoys spending her free time with her family, especially her son Bryce.
Dr. Anuja Vyas grew up in Los Angeles and received her BS in Neuroscience from the University of California Los Angeles.

She received her medical degree from NYU School of Medicine and completed her residency in OB/Gyn at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

She moved to Houston in 2007 to join the division of general obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine.
Dr. Young is a native of Rhode Island. He was educated at Cornell University and the University of Basel, Switzerland. His residency and REI fellowship were completed at Baylor College of Medicine.

He has been a member of Baylor faculty since 1975.

He had twice been president of the menopausal section of the ASRM.

Dr. Young is the principal gynecological investigator for the WHI and HERS study, the FDA Isoflavin and Bone Study. He serves as investigator in other NIH studies as well as numerous privately and publicly funded investigations.
Dr. Zurawin is an Associate Professor in the Gynecology Division of the Department and serves as the Director of the Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery fellowship.

Dr. Zurawin’s special interests are minimally invasive alternatives to hysterectomy, treatment of fibroids, robotic surgery and pediatric and adolescent gynecology.
DIVISION OF GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY

Matthew Anderson, MD, PhD

Concepcion Diaz-Arrastia, MD

Creighton Edwards, MD

Celestine Tung, MD, MPH

M. Yvette Williams-Brown, MD, MSc
Dr. Anderson received his MD as well as a PhD in Cell & Molecular Biology from Yale University. After training at Yale-New Haven Hospital, he completed a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

He is currently Assistant Professor & Director of Clinical/Translational Research for the Division of Gynecologic Oncology and Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry and Biology at University of Houston. He is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Agenetx, LLC. He serves on the External Advisory Board for the College of Natural Sciences at University of Houston.

Dr. Anderson studies the role of small non-coding RNAs as diagnostic and therapeutic targets in uterine and ovarian cancers. His group has helped to pioneer the use of Next Generation Sequencing and other emerging high throughput genetic techniques for understanding cancer.
Dr. Arrastia is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and gynecologic oncology. She matriculated at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. She completed her residency and gynecologic oncology fellowship at the State University of New York (SUNY) Health Science Center.

Dr. Arrastia also includes fertility preservation for young women with gynecologic tumors and translational research in cervical neoplasia (precancerous changes in cervical cells) among her interests.
Dr. Edwards received his medical degree from UT Southwestern in Dallas.

He moved to Houston where he completed his residency training at Baylor College of Medicine and Gyn Oncology fellowship training at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.
Dr. Celestine Tung attended Baylor College of Medicine where she received her MD degree and completed her OB/Gyn residency. She received her fellowship training in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. Tung is currently an Assistant Professor in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology. Her research interests include cancer prevention in women’s health as well as cancer survivorship and health outcomes research.

Most of her free time is spent with her husband, Shayan, and 3 young children, Ariana, Lela and Kian. She also enjoys running, swimming, and traveling.
Dr. Williams-Brown earned her MD from Tulane University in New Orleans. She completed her OB/Gyn residency and subsequent fellowship training in Gyn Oncology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. During her fellowship, she also obtained her Master of Medical Science degree.

Dr. Williams-Brown joined the department as an assistant professor. Her special expertise includes gynecologic malignancies, in particular, cervical and uterine cancers. She also has special interest in robotic surgery.

Her research interests include health disparities with a focus on uterine cancer.

In her spare time, Dr. Williams-Brown enjoys traveling, yoga and crocheting.
Kjersti Aagaard, MD, PhD
Jerasimos Ballas, MD, MPH
Robert Carpenter, MD, JD
Christina Davidson, MD
Gary Dildy, MD
Manisha Gandhi, MD
Nicole Hall, MD, MPH
Lisa Hollier, MD, MPH
Wesley Lee, MD
Michael Lucas, MD, MPH
Joan Mastrobattista, MD
Manju Monga, MD
Susan Ramin, MD
Mildred Ramirez, MD
Rodrigo Ruano, MD
Stacy Strehlow, MD
Kiran Tam Tam, MD, MS
Ignatia Van den Veyver, MD
Alex Vidaeff, MD, MPH
Dr. Aagaard is an Assistant Professor of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. She received her Ph.D. at Mayo, and completed her medical school and residency training at the University of Minnesota.

She completed a fellowship in MFM at the University of Utah.

Dr. Aagaard has three kids, two dogs, and enjoys anything outdoors not involving pregnant women.
Dr. Jerasimos (Jerry) Ballas is an assistant professor in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. He received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, NY. He completed his OB/GYN residency at Stony Brook University Medical Center in Long Island, NY and his MFM fellowship at the University of California, San Diego.

Primarily based out of Ben Taub, Dr. Ballas enjoys taking part in student, resident and fellow education. His research interests include the prenatal diagnosis, surgical management of placenta accreta and the use of novel technology for the non-invasive monitoring of maternal hemodynamics. He also enjoys using his background in epidemiology and biostatistics to help develop and analyze resident and fellow research projects.

New to Houston, Dr. Ballas enjoys exploring the city with his wife, Regina, who is a Child Neurology resident at UT Houston, and their dog, Sancho. He is an avid comic book collector and often tells people his alternate career would have been comic book artist. He plays electric bass and has been in several bands. He enjoys running and organizing group fun runs and charity races.
Dr. Carpenter is an alum of Baylor College of Medicine and Yale University. He received his J.D. from the University of Houston.

His interests include prenatal diagnosis and treatment and the application of Medical Ethics, especially in end-of-life matters.
Dr. Davidson graduated from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School. She completed her Residency training at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston and her MFM fellowship at The University of Texas, Houston.

Her areas of interest include medical complications of pregnancy and prenatal diagnosis.

Dr. Davidson is currently the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ben Taub General Hospital.
Dr. Dildy graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed his OB/Gyn residency and MFM fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine.

Currently Dr. Dildy serves as Professor, Vice Chairman for Quality & Patient Safety. Prior to joining BCM, he was the Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, MountainStar Division, Hospital Corporation of America, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Dildy is Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Care Obstetrics* (4th Edition) and has presented and authored numerous abstracts, chapters, and original research papers on intrapartum fetal assessment, high-risk obstetrics, and obstetric emergencies.
Dr. Manisha Gandhi is a native of Houston and obtained her BA in Biochemistry from Rice University followed by medical school at the UT San Antonio. She completed her OB/Gyn residency and MFM fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, where she served as an administrative chief resident and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society.

Dr. Gandhi joined the Baylor faculty in 2009. Her professional memberships include the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

Dr. Gandhi was named Associate Residency Program Director in July 2011.
Dr. Hall earned her MD from the University of Miami School of Medicine. She went on to complete her residency in OB/Gyn at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia, where she served as an Administrative Chief Resident. She completed her fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Dr. Hall joined our department in October 2011 from the University of Texas, Houston where she most recently served as Assistant Professor.

Dr. Hall’s clinical and research areas of interest include prevention of preterm birth.
Dr. Lisa Hollier joined our department in from UT Houston where she served as Professor and Program Director for the LBJ residency program.

Dr. Hollier graduated with her MD from Tulane University and completed her residency at Baylor University in Dallas. She completed her MFM fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in 1997.

Dr. Hollier currently serves as ACOG District XI (Texas) chair. She recently testified on behalf of ACOG to the US House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health on the Cost of the Medical Liability System Proposals for Reform, including H.R.5, the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011.

Her areas of interest include clinical obstetrics, multifetal gestations, and medical complications of pregnancy.
WESLEY LEE, MD

Dr. Lee joined the Department in September 2011 as an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine and Section Chief of Women’s and Fetal Imaging. He currently serves as Director of Fetal Imaging Research at Texas Children’s Hospital.

He is an Associate Investigator with the Perinatology Research Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and has served as a Scientific Advisor to the World Health Organization. He received the AIUM Presidential Recognition Award in 2001 and other major accomplishments include a NIH Small Business Innovations Research Grant that led to development of an educational CDROM for ACOG (Fetal Ultrasound Simulator).

He has authored many scientific articles and book chapters pertaining to Maternal-Fetal medicine, prenatal diagnosis, 3D/4D fetal ultrasonography, and fetal magnetic resonance imaging.
Dr. Michael Lucas completed medical school in California at the UCLA School of Medicine. He then went on to complete his residency in OB/Gyn at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, where he also completed his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Dr. Lucas joined our faculty from UT Houston, where he served as Professor and Director of Sonography at the LBJ Hospital Antepartum Clinic. Prior to joining UT Houston, Dr. Lucas was the Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA.

Dr. Lucas' clinical areas of interest include diabetes, ultrasound, and medical complications of pregnancy.
Dr. Joan Mastrobattista earned her medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. She completed her residency in OB/Gyn at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Mastrobattista joined our department in October 2011 from UT Houston where she completed her Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship in 1994 and most recently served as Director of Prenatal Genetics and Director of the Hermann Hospital Antepartum Testing Center.

Her clinical areas of interest include ultrasound, diabetes mellitus, and prenatal diagnosis.
Dr. Manju Monga earned her medical degree from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where she also completed her residency in OB/Gyn. She completed her fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine from UT Houston in 1993.

Dr. Monga joined our department in October 2011 from UT Houston, where she most recently served as Professor, Division Director for the MFM Division. She currently serves as Vice Chairman for Clinical Affairs for our department.

Her areas of interest include preterm labor, medical complications of pregnancy, and professional and educational issues in obstetrics and gynecology.
Dr. Susan Ramin graduated with her medical degree from the University of Minnesota. She completed her OB/Gyn residency and fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine from the University of Texas Southwestern. After completing her fellowship, she joined the UT Southwestern faculty where she served as the Director of the MFM fellowship program.

Dr. Ramin joined our faculty in October 2011 and currently serves as Vice Chairman for Education. Prior to joining our department, she was faculty at UT Houston where she most recently served as Chairman of the Department of OB/Gyn.

Her areas of interest include medical complications of pregnancy, labor analgesia, and clinical obstetrics.
Dr. Mildred Ramirez joined our department in October 2011 from UT Houston where she most recently served as Associate Professor.

Dr. Ramirez earned her medical degree from the University of Puerto Rico, where she also completed her OB/Gyn residency. She completed her fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at UT Houston.

Her areas of interest include placental hormones, preterm labor, and biochemical markers of preterm labor.
Dr. Ruano joined our department in 2010. He attended medical school at Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Sao Paulo in Brazil.

Dr. Ruano completed his residency at Hospital das Clinicas da Faculdade de Medicina in Sao Paulo and went on to fellowship at Necker-Enfants Malades Hospital in Paris and Centre Hospitalier Intercommunual de Poissy in Poissy, France.

His primary area of interest lies in Fetal Intervention.
Dr. Strehlow is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

After receiving her B.A. in English and Psychology, she earned her M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Strehlow completed her residency and fellowship in MFM at USC and currently practices at St. Luke’s the Woodlands.

She is a native Houstonian and fluent in Spanish.
Dr. Kiran Babu Tam Tam joined BCM in 2011 as an assistant professor. He completed his residency at the Albert Einstein Medical Center after earning his MD from the University of West Indies in Jamaica. Dr. Tam Tam served as an OB/Gyn for 5-years in Denver, CO before completing both an MFM fellowship in and an MS degree program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

His clinical interests include management of complicated pregnancies (particularly those with hypertensive disorders and diabetes), prenatal diagnosis, targeted ultrasound and high-risk prenatal and preconceptional counseling.

Dr. Tam Tam’s research interests include the pathophysiology of hypertension in response to placental ischemia in preeclampsia.
Dr. Van den Veyver currently serves our department as the Vice Chairman for Research. After completing her residency in Belgium, she trained in MFM and Clinical Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine.

Her clinical interest is primarily prenatal diagnosis, with a special interest in the application of microarray technology to the diagnosis of chromosomal abnormalities.

Her research interests are in genetics and epigenetics of developmental and reproductive disorders.

Dr. Van den Veyver directs an active Molecular Genetics research lab. She is also active in graduate student training.
Dr. Alex Vidaeff earned his MD in Bucharest, Romania. Prior to joining our department in October 2011, Dr. Vidaeff earned his MPH Degree and completed his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine UT Houston, where he most recently served as faculty.

His research interests include corticosteroids and fetal maturation. He also has expertise in working with H-441 adenocarcinoma lung cells.

Dr. Vidaeff’s clinical interests include medical complications of pregnancy and clinical obstetrics.
PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT GYNECOLOGY

Jennifer Bercaw-Pratt, MD

Jennifer Dietrich, MD, MSc

Jessica Francis, MD

Xiomara Santos, MD
Dr. Bercaw-Pratt attended medical school at LSU in Shreveport, LA and completed her OB/Gyn residency and Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology fellowship at BCM.

In 2010, Dr. Bercaw became full-time faculty with her main clinical responsibilities at Texas Children’s Hospital. In 2012 she was named director of the Core Clerkship.

Her areas of interest are disorders of sexual differentiation, polycystic ovarian syndrome and minimally invasive surgery.

When not working, Dr. Bercaw-Pratt enjoys time with her husband and daughter, traveling and reading novels.
Dr. Jennifer Dietrich is the Division Director for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology in the Department of OB/GYN and Pediatrics.

She completed her residency at Baylor College of Medicine and her Fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. During her fellowship training, she received a Master’s degree in Public Health and Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Dietrich is the Fellowship Director for the Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Fellowship program at the Baylor College of Medicine and our current Director for Continuing Medical Education.
Dr. Francis attending medical school at Michigan State University. She completed residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, then went on to complete her Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology fellowship here at Baylor. She recently became part-time faculty with the Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology division and is currently expanding the practice in Pearland.

Her areas of interest are disorders of sexual differentiation, ovarian pathology, and contraception.

Dr. Francis enjoys traveling with her husband, spoiling her dogs, and reading. She is expecting her first baby in November.
Dr. Xiomara M. Santos was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Campus. After obtaining her medical degree from the University of Puerto School of Medicine in 2005, she completed residency training at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Santos also completed her Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology fellowship at BCM in 2011 and joined as faculty. Her primary clinical responsibilities are at Texas Children’s Hospital where she sees patients at the Main Campus, West Campus, and Sugar Land Health Center. Her areas of special interest include minimally invasive surgery, congenital anomalies, and adnexal masses in children and adolescents.
Dr. William Gibbons is a board certified Reproductive Endocrinologist and a former President of ASRM. He also currently serves as the program director for our REI fellowship.

Dr. Gibbons trained at BCM where he has held several posts in addition to posts at the University of Southern California, and the Eastern Virginia Medical School/Jones Institute where he served as Departmental Chairman.

He has been consistently chosen as one of the Best Doctors in America for more than a decade.

Dr. Gibbons’ clinical interests include In Vitro Fertilization and other therapies for infertility.
Dr. Kovanci, a native of Turkey, attended medical school at Istanbul Medical School.

He completed his residency training at Baylor College of Medicine, where he served as an Administrative Chief Resident. Dr. Kovanci went on to complete his Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility fellowship training at Baylor College of Medicine.

His primary research interest is in premature ovarian failure.
Dr. Valdes began her scientific training at Texas A&M University graduating with highest honors, Summa Cum Laude. She then entered Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas where she completed her OB/Gyn residency.

Her interest in reproduction and infertility began as a medical student when she collaborated with Dr. Russell Malinak to publish work in the area of ultrasound and congenital abnormalities of the uterus. A fellowship in general endocrinology followed during which she won the national annual ACOG Ortho Academic Training Fellowship Award.

Dr. Valdes is currently the Associate Program Director of the Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Fellowship.
NON-PHYSICIAN FACULTY

Mani Montazemi, RDMS
Haleh Sangi-Haghpeykar, PhD
Peggy Smith, PhD
Anil Shetty, PhD
Mani Montazemi, RDMS is a manager for the Maternal Fetal Center Imaging Unit at the Pavilion for Women at Texas Children’s Hospital and affiliated Ultrasound Clinics.

Prior to joining BCM, Mr. Montazemi worked at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and most recently at Geisinger Health Care System in Danville, Penn., where he served as director of Ultrasound Operations, Research & Education.

Mr. Montazemi has more than 26 years of clinical and academic ultrasound experience, 19 years of teaching experience, lecturing extensively both domestically and internationally in a wide variety of venues.
Dr. Sangi earned her Masters in Public Health and Ph.D. from the University of Texas School of Public Health.

Her research interests include the application of epidemiologic and statistical methods to clinical and translational research, experimental design, development of data collection tools, statistical analysis and data interpretation.
Dr. Peggy Smith received her B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Special Education and Ph.D. in Education from The University of Texas. Dr. Smith is a full Professor in the Departments of OB/Gyn, Psychology, and Pediatrics.

As the Director of the Teen Health Clinic, Dr. Smith is responsible for overall direction and funding of this national system of 6 comprehensive reproductive health programs for indigent teens.

Dr. Smith was appointed by Governors White, Clements, Richards, and Bush to serve as Chair of the Children’s Trust Fund and also served on Gov. Richards’ Statewide Health Task Force.
Dr. Shetty earned his masters in Physics from Kent State University. He completed his PhD in Magnetic Resonance Imaging at University of Pennsylvania.

He joined the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at BCM in 2012.
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