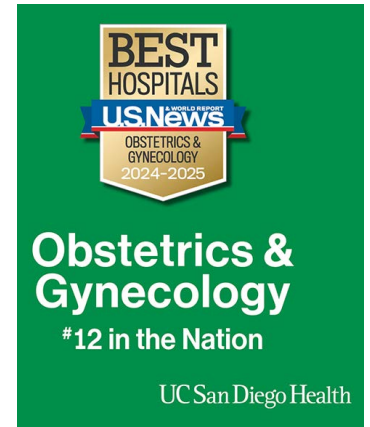




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Dear Colleagues,

This spring, our department marked a meaningful milestone! The Department of OBGYN & RS Center for Ob/Gyn Research Innovation (CORI ») held its inaugural Women's Health Symposium successfully uniting women's health researchers across UC San Diego – developing new and fostering ongoing collaborations for future women's health innovation. Thank you to all who attended; we look forward to elevating women's health research through our newly formed partnerships.

In this volume of *Fimbria*, we also remember our beloved professor and former department chair, Dr. Robert Resnik. He was a true giant in the field of obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine. His legacy extends beyond our department and institution to the broader national and international scientific communities. In this issue, we include testimonials from those who knew him the best. His absence will be felt, but his memory will live on.

Congratulations to our new intern class of 2029 as they prepare to join us for their residency training and embark on their goals of becoming excellent clinicians, serving our community with the highest quality of just healthcare. Welcome to vibrant and scientifically diverse environment that is UC San Diego!

For this edition, we spotlight the progressive lab of H. Irene Su, MD, MSCE, Co-Director of CORI, Professor in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, and leading-edge reproductive health researcher and translational scientist. In addition, we are excited to share the launch of our clinically innovative Fourth Trimester Program co-led by faculty Ukachi Emeruwa, MD, MPH and Sarah Averbach, MD, MAS with funding, in part, by the SHARE (Strengthening Health Access, Resources, and Excellence Initiative) Prebys Foundation.

The Culture and Justice Quorum invited the community to the first ever Black Family Wellness EXPO and the UC San Diego Health Birth Community Engagement & Symposia: Community Engagement in Research as part of our ongoing efforts to advance maternal health for all and eliminate barriers to care.

Department members have been active this spring, hosting events like the successful Urobiome 2025, and participating and presenting at conferences including Society of Reproductive Investigation, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG), Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU), and more! And finally, we say goodbye to two retiring faculty, both leaders in our field: Drs. Linda Brubaker and Thomas Kelly.

Visit our [website](#) for more information on our divisions, clinical programs, novel research, and varied educational offerings. Please enjoy this issue, and email us with any feedback to Fimbria@ucsd.edu.

Thank you!

Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MS

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IN MEMORIUM**Robert Resnik, MD***Professor and Chair Emeritus, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences**May his memory be a blessing.***UC San Diego**

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Robert Resnik, MD
 (1938-2025)

Remembrance Dr. Robert Resnik: An Influential Ob/Gyn Giant and Genius Innovator

It was 1974 in San Diego – freshly nicknamed by the mayor as “America’s Finest City” – and The School of Medicine had just set in motion its Medical Scientist Training Program for physician-scientists. Beckoned beach-side with the “Big Look” silhouette synonymous with the hallmark of an era, Dr. Robert Resnik’s entrance was grand. He was a prestigious rocky-mountain NIH research fellow in Maternal-Fetal Medicine from snow-glistened Colorado with a residency and distinguished Clinical Instructor experience from Yale University School of Medicine and New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. His steps echoed in the hospital hallways as a beacon of light at Jacobs and Hillcrest and source of hope on his rounds as a Reproductive Medicine perinatologist saving high-risk pregnancies and navigating pregnancy complications with precision and intellect from an evidence-based, bench-to-bedside approach. As a chrysalis turns into a butterfly, throughout his time at UC San Diego, Dr. Robert Resnik was larger than life as a world-class clinician, translational scientist of significant contributions, and highly influential professor of reproductive medicine. Deeply revered for decades by colleagues, trainees, medical students, health care aficionados, and the community as a pantheon-of-legends ‘Giant in Obstetrics and Gynecology’, Dr. Resnik’s story-telling persona resonated with others, ignited action towards continuous improvement, holistic patient care, and shaped a strong, positive culture of connection, service, and socially and emotionally-connected teamwork.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Resnik, MD*Professor and Chair Emeritus, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences*

An innovator and pioneer post-residency, Robert Resnik, MD served as a Major in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed before embarking on an incredible journey and storied, board-certified career in obstetrics and gynecology with maternal-fetal medicine subspecialty that would be his true passion and forge his path from Assistant, to Associate, to full Professor, department Chair, and Associate Dean for Admissions at UC San Diego's School of Medicine. Aside from clinical practice, Dr. Resnik, a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, made investigative research discoveries and passed his knowledge to next-generation clinicians as a textbook author consecutively updating editions of Maternal-Fetal Medicine: Principles and Practice, publishing his findings in medical journals, and presenting abstracts at scientific meetings. Research areas of estrogen-induced uterine blood flow, managing amniotic fluid embolism, organizing an obstetrical unit, placental oxygen transfer, maternal diseases associated with abnormal fetal growth, fetal lung maturation and the antenatal use of glucocorticoid, and operative obstetrics are just a fragment of Dr. Resnik's expertise and written guidance caring for humans and animals which have steered countless clinicians, fellows, residents, and scientists towards obstetrics and gynecology innovation and collaboration, including his daughter Jamie Resnik, MD, who follows in his footsteps as an inspiring Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UC San Diego. Dr. Resnik's impact is immeasurable and his skilled diagnostic, compassionate, and personable disposition legacy lives on supporting the bright future of maternal-fetal medicine.

The next time you stroll UC San Diego, take a peaceful moment to reflect on Dr. Robert Resnik's momentous and nuanced "giant" affiliative, people-first spirit of visionary leadership greatness that presented in the corridors and laid the foundation for generations of excellence and groundbreaking innovation still to come in obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences. "May his memory be a blessing."

Dr. Robert Resnik had a substantial impact, not only on trainees, fellows, and faculty at UCSD, but in the international sphere of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Here are a few stories shared from colleagues in remembrance and in honor of Dr. Resnik's lasting legacy.

Remembrance from Dr. Charles Nager

"No one gave morning board rounds like Bob Resnik. In fact they were known as "Resnik Rounds". He would come in, someone would get him a cup of coffee and the interns and residents would present all the patient's on the labor board. If you were on call the night before you had better know all the patient details. Then, Bob would lecture on maternal-fetal physiology. He was a fountain of knowledge. One of his ex-fellows texted me last week and said Bob's physiology teaching shaped how he viewed everything in OB. I remember when I was a Sub-I and on board rounds Bob asked me about Fick's law and I just happened to know about it. From then on, I was in his good graces. He was a great mentor, friend, and colleague. The last few years were tough. I was devastated when he didn't remember me during this last year, but the great years far outnumbered the recent ones. " – Charlie Nager, MD

Remembrance from Dr. William Parker

"In 1974, Dr. Resnik had just started as junior faculty. One of the other attendings was performing a scheduled Cesarean section and, as the lowly intern, I was nervously assisting. Right after the baby was delivered, the anesthesiologist started yelling for help, the woman had coded. Within 1-2 minutes Dr. Resnik ran in the room and started giving everyone orders. He orchestrated the entire code, and everyone listened. Amazingly, the woman survived an amniotic fluid embolus and left the hospital a few days later.

Dr. Resnik had given the patient intracardiac epinephrine and sent the syringe for analysis. It contained fetal cells, and the case was published as one of the first cases of patient survival following amniotic fluid embolus. Also, Dr. Resnik made his reputation that day. The Ob/Gyn department was astonished that the patient had survived and both anesthesia and medicine services were stunned that an Ob/Gyn knew how to run a code! He was that smart, that competent and earned everyone's respect from day one." – William Parker, MD

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Resnik, MD

Professor and Chair Emeritus, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences

Remembrance from Dr. Thomas Kelly

"I first met Bob in 1984, when I was a medical student in Nevada. He visited monthly to teach their residents. When I asked him about UCSD he stated that they take the best students in the country as residents. A bit daunting to hear, but when I interviewed for a position a year later, my actual face time with him was no more than 2 minutes. Bob asked me if I wanted to come to UCSD, which of course I said yes. He then said, "I'll see what I can do". That was my entire interview.

Bob's legacy at UCSD certainly is more appreciated by those who have been here a while but should not be lost on those who haven't. He built this department, attracted outstanding people, taught and mentored them. He was an outstanding teacher. Every morning on L&D, there were "Board Rounds", an hour of pure education. Bob would take a single patient and break down not only the clinical aspects of management, but also the basic physiology of the obstetrical, medical or surgical condition. He also had high expectations for his residents. He set the bar high for the senior resident who presented during rounds. They had to know each patient's information by memory. He was the faculty staffing our High-Risk OB Clinic for many years, and taught a vast number of fellows, residents and medical students. When I became Division Director, I asked Bob to meet with our MFM fellows weekly and review a chapter from his book, Creasy and Resnik (the definitive text for MFM). This exercise became a "go to" event for them.

One of my favorite aspects about Bob was his storytelling. I loved listening to him talking about his training, working with other future leaders in OB/GYN including Phil Disaia and Ed Qulligan. Despite being a brilliant and successful individual, he always had a self-deprecating nature, including any personal foibles in his stories. The most humorous involved him, George Leopold (Chair of Radiology) and Kurt Benirschke (a world-renowned perinatal pathologist who actually created the "Frozen Zoo" saving genetic material before IVF was a thing). The three went to the San Diego Zoo to perform an amniocentesis on a gorilla. The richness and humor involving 3 very wise men struggling to figure out how to complete this procedure was classic. His mentoring of learners is well known. A number of his residents and fellows went on to become academic leaders. Furthermore, those who went into clinical practice were the best OB/GYNs at their respective hospitals. His personal stamp on their training was never forgotten. I remember times when former residents, now attendings, were sitting outside of his clinical office (like students waiting to see a principle in school) awaiting some form of feedback. He was always loyal to his learners, but never above delivering some tough love.

Over the years I was fortunate to develop a personal friendship with Bob and Lauren. They were very social. To get on their calendar took weeks as they always had events scheduled. I suspect that Doodle Polls were invented in part to figure out dinner plans with the Resniks."

– Thomas Kelly, MD, Chief, Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Dr. Thomas Kelly Retirement
40 years of service at UC San Diego





Dr. Linda Brubaker Retirement
8 years of service at UC San Diego

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the Retirement of beloved OBGYN & RS department and institutional leaders, Dr. Thomas Kelly and Dr. Linda Brubaker. A heartfelt appreciation for their dedicated service, outstanding achievements, and exceptional mentorship. *Congratulations and Happy Retirement!*

Celebrating the Milestone Retirement of Dr. Thomas Kelly

After 40 years of acclaimed service at UC San Diego, Thomas Kelly, MD – a UCSD School of Medicine legend from residency and fellowship – to distinguished, board-certified champion of complicated pregnancies and fetal diagnosis, announces his milestone retirement. Dr. Kelly has served as the Chief, Division Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) for over 20 years and a Clinical Professor of Perinatal Medicine for over 30 years in the UC San Diego School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences. His honorable commitment to exceptional patient care and seminal influence mentoring next generations of MFM fellows, residents, and medical students to become outstanding obstetricians/gynecologists, perinatologists, and specialized clinicians has led to decades of “Best Doctors” local and national accolades and prestigious awards including: election to the UCSD Academy of Clinical Scholars, Ob/Gyn Residents’ Appreciation Award, Joseph Didio Resident Teaching Award, CRE-OG Teaching Award, and APGO Award for Medical Student Teaching.

As an esteemed author of peer-reviewed publications and perinatology-focused book chapters, Dr. Kelly is an illustrious keynote lecturer having notably presented on management of high risk pregnancies, obstetrical hemorrhage, fetal growth restriction, and purview of prenatal disorder treatment. In addition, Dr. Kelly is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology with contributing memberships in the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and American Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology who serves on the Pregnancy-Associated Maternal Mortality Review Committee, Preeclampsia, and Sepsis Committees for the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) and as an oral examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Ob/Gyn generalist and MFM exams). The skilled magnitude of Dr. Kelly’s mastery, teaching influence, and invaluable contributions to the subspecialist field of maternal-fetal medicine leave an illuminated, guided path for future medical breakthroughs and improved pregnancy outcomes. We celebrate Dr. Kelly’s remarkable achievements caring for mothers and their babies and wish him all the best of enjoyment, fulfillment, and exquisite sunrises doing what he loves for his next chapter.

Celebrating the Milestone Retirement of Dr. Linda Brubaker

A pillar of scientific discovery and clinical innovation in urogynecology, Linda Brubaker, MD, MS, FACOG announces her retirement following eight years of service-oriented, trainee-centered celebrated leadership at UC San Diego and a trailblazing career advancing medicine and research for the spectra of women’s care while synchronously empowering women leaders in medicine. As a board-certified urogynecologist and Clinical Professor of Ob/Gyn and Reproductive Sciences in the UC San Diego School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, Dr. Brubaker made her mark on the global medical community delivering the highest quality of women’s healthcare while serving as an exemplary mentor Interim Chair for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences and Director of Physician Wellness/Physician Wellness Steering Committee Chair for the health enterprise. Prior to her time at UCSD, Dr. Brubaker served for six years as the Dean of the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and their Interim Department Chair for Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Dr. Brubaker’s multihyphenated leadership experience in clinical and academic settings in concert with novel research in human urobiome, recurrent UTI and bladder health has led to prolific achievement with a multitude of NIH awards, over 400 publications, the Jack Robertson Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Urogynecologic Society, the Chicago Health & Medicine Policy Research Group (HMPRG) Award, induction in AOA, Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, APGO Excellence in Teaching Award, Rush Medical College Distinguished Alumnus Award, and faculty teaching awards. She serves as the Consortium Chair and a PI for the NIDDK Prevention of Lower Urinary Track Symptoms (PLUS) Research Consortium, is Deputy Editor for JAMA, immediate past Editor in Chief for the Journal of Urogynecology, and has served as president and program chairs of the American Urogynecologic Society, the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons, the Division Director for the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) division of ABOG, and spearhead Urobiome 2025. We celebrate Dr. Brubaker’s brilliant and revolutionary contributions to advancing women’s health and look forward to watch her successes with the new JAMA Women's Health initiative.



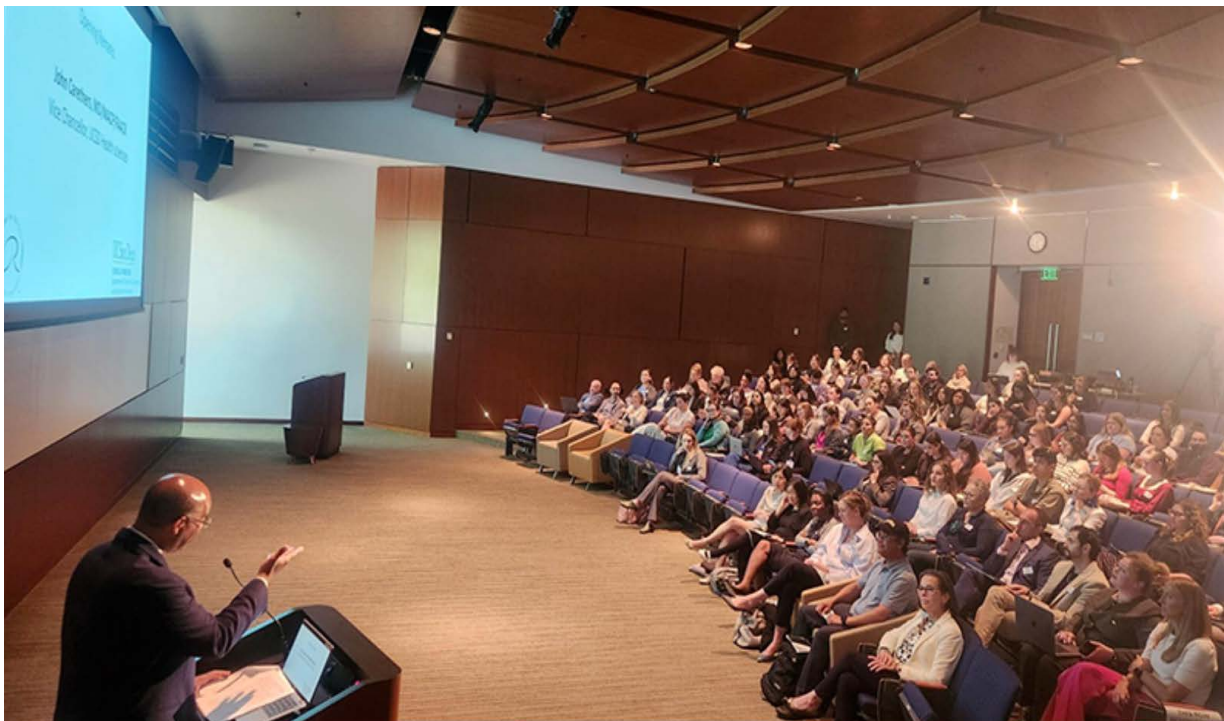
CENTER FOR OB/GYN RESEARCH INNOVATION FIRST INAUGURAL WOMEN'S HEALTH SYMPOSIUM



*John Carethers, MD, MACP, FAACR
and Marianna Alperin, MD, MS*



*From left: Drs. H. Irene Su, John Carethers, MD, MACP, FAACR, Cynthia
Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MS, and Louise Laurent, MD, PhD*



John Carethers, MD, MACP, FAACR, Vice Chancellor, UCSD Health Sciences, opens Women's Health Symposium.

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CENTER FOR OB/GYN RESEARCH INNOVATION FIRST INAUGURAL WOMEN'S HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Women's Health Symposium

Center for Ob/Gyn Research Innovation (CORI) held its inaugural Women's Health Symposium and reception on April 16th, 2025 at the UC San Diego Sanford Consortium of Regenerative Medicine. The goal of this symposium was to bring together partner research groups across UC San Diego to promote team science to bridge longstanding gaps in women's healthcare and our understanding of female biology. With aim to advance women's health research and health equity, research innovations and resources were featured.

The CORI Women's Health Symposium spearhead by **Marianna Alperin, MD, MS**, Vice Chair of Translational Research, and **Irene Su, MD, MSCE**, Co-Director of CORI, was kicked-off with opening remarks by:

Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MS – Chair, OB/GYN and Reproductive Sciences

Irene Su, MD, MSCE – Co-Director, Center for OB/GYN Research Innovation (CORI)

Brian Aguado, PhD – Co-Director, Women's Health Innovations through Scientific Discoveries, Engineering and Medicine (WHISDEM)

Barbara Jung, MD – Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

John Carethers, MD, MACP, FAACR – Vice Chancellor, UC San Diego Health Sciences

Sessions and flash talks spanned Maternal & Infant Health, Fertility & Infertility, and Aging & Menopause.

See full list of presenters/program details [here »](#)

Nexus of Collaborative and Clinical Initiatives

Key takeaway from the Women's Health Symposium is [Center for Ob/Gyn Research Innovation](#) aims to be the nexus of collaborative and clinical initiatives related to women's, gender, and reproductive health. Participants expressed interest in learning more and advancing initiatives. CORI encompasses five hubs focused on:

Hub 1 - [Clinical Trials and Translational Research](#)

Hub 2 - [Science and Technology](#)

Hub 3 - [Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Bioinformatics](#)

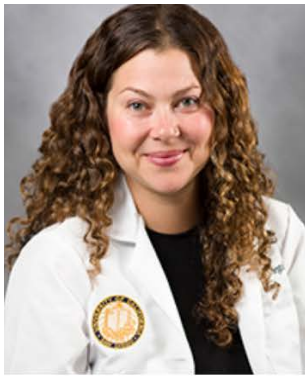
Hub 4 - [Project/Program/Proposal Development](#)

Hub 5 - [Community Partnership](#)

Active CORI collaborative projects include: [Center for Perinatal Discovery](#), [Women's Health Innovations](#) (WHISDEM), [DISC](#), [Clinical Studies](#), Urobiome, [UC Glycosciences Consortium for Women's Health](#), and [Culture and Justice Quorum](#). The Department of OBGYN & RS looks to expand the reach of CORI and share the latest research innovations, clinical studies insights, and groundbreaking research endeavors into obstetrics, gynecology, and women's-related healthcare. The Center for OB/GYN Research Innovation invites partnership for the research, clinical, and academic communities to combine expertise in overlapping interest areas to spur innovation, optimize research discovery, and forge a network of professional integration.

FUNDING NEWS

Congrats to recent awardees on funding for impactful research and scientific discovery



**Sarah Averbach, MD,
MAS**

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"Prophylactic Tranexamic Acid for Second Trimester Dilation and Evacuation and Bleeding Outcomes: A Randomized Controlled Trial"



Kellie Breen Church, PhD

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"Hindbrain control of reproductive neuroendocrine function."



**Lindsey Burnett, MD,
PhD**

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Grant

Reproductive Scientist Development



Ramez Eskander, MD

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Grant

To examine the use of antibody drug conjugates as novel radio-immunosensitizers in patients with cervical cancer.



Sasha Kauffman, PhD

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"Hormone actions on reproductive brain circuits"



Marni Jacobs, PhD

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UC Research Initiative (Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives)

Grant

"Developing the UC Obstetric Consortium On Real-world Evidence (UC OB CORE)"



**Emily Lukacz, MD,
MAS**

Sponsor

Woman and Infants Hospital Rhode Island/PCORI

Grant

Comparing Beta-Agonist versus OnabotulinumtoxinA for Urgency Urinary Incontinence



Sandy Ramos, MD

Sponsor

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) sub

Grant

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**Emerging Reproductive Endocrinology
Science for Fertility Preservation**

Board certified in reproductive endocrinology and infertility, H. Irene Su, MD, MSCE earned her medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine before heading to the University of Pennsylvania for ob/gyn residency and fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Dr. Su's passion for care of medically complex patients took root in the youngest of cancer patients for whom fertility preservation treatments can provide a chance to grow their families in the future.

At Penn, Dr. Su earned a Master's degree in clinical epidemiology and biostatistics, which laid the foundation for conducting clinical research to answer questions she encountered from taking care of patients. Back in the golden state, Dr. Su established her research group at UC San Diego where her training has translated to groundbreaking research discoveries on how to predict adverse reproductive outcomes and deliver evidence-informed care to every young cancer patient, regardless of where they are treated.

Dr. Su aligns her research goals with her patients' needs. At the bed-side, Dr. Su compassionately approaches difficult and complex conversations with young patients and their families. Together, they discuss reproductive risks and standard and experimental fertility preservation treatments, engage in shared decision-making with them on the appropriate fertility preservation care (including watchful waiting), and work on getting the care that patients choose. To this end, Dr. Su's research team of physicians, scientists, and trainees partnered with patients to use blood spots collected at home to estimate ovarian function after different types of cancer treatments, in order to counsel patients about their individualized risks. With cancer survivors and social work and nursing partners, Dr. Su's research group co-developed ways to screen for reproductive health needs across variable clinic settings and provide evidence-informed materials to support frontline counseling and self-management of reproductive health issues (www.oncofertilityrisk.com). In several clinical trials, these materials improve the reproductive health of young breast cancer survivors.

To deliver fertility preservation services that patients need, UC San Diego offers the breadth of established fertility preservation services including oocyte and embryo freezing, ovarian tissue freezing and transplantation, and sperm and testicular tissue freezing in state-of-the-art laboratories. Engaging these services is not simply a matter of what the patient needs but also how quickly and affordably these services can be delivered. Dr. Su's research team is addressing the gap in care by testing electronic health record enabled pathways among oncology, fertility and financial teams across three different types of hospitals. If successful, this model of care can be scaled beyond our current Southern California catchment area. Most recently, state lawmakers have passed laws to provide insurance coverage for fertility preservation, but on the ground, clinicians reported that patients were still not able to afford services. The research team then set out to understand what are the steps that need to happen for a law to reach the patient and develop tools to help insurance regulators, clinical societies, insurers, and clinics to enable patients to access fertility preservation coverage and protect their reproductive futures.

LABORATORY IN THE SPOTLIGHT *Featuring OBGYN & RS Groundbreaking Research Endeavors*



Fertility Preservation in People with Cancer: ASCO Guideline Update

Dr. Su co-chaired the 2025 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Clinical Practice Guideline on Fertility Preservation in Patients with Cancer. [Discover new ASCO guidelines »](#) and watch Dr. Su video discussing fertility preservation recommendations and up-and-coming research:

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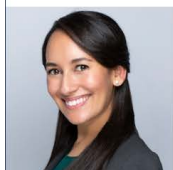
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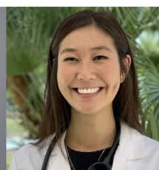
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Thank you, Dr. Su Lab for your astounding research work in reproductive endocrinology and infertility leading to trailblazing treatments in reproductive health and hopeful fertility futures for young cancer patients.

CLINICAL INNOVATIONS

OBGYN & RS State-of-the-Art Programs Advance Patient Care

CLINICALLY INNOVATIVE FOURTH TRIMESTER PROGRAM LAUNCHES FOR POSTPARTUM FAMILIES

What is the Fourth Trimester Program?

The brainchild of Ukachi Emeruwa, MD, MPH and Sarah Averbach, MD, MAS, faculty from the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at the University of California, San Diego, “Fourth Trimester Program” was developed to provide a new model of postpartum care that is more comprehensive and integrated.

“Fourth Trimester Program is a program dedicated to providing comprehensive postpartum care for birthing people and their newborns through integration and co-location of health services.”

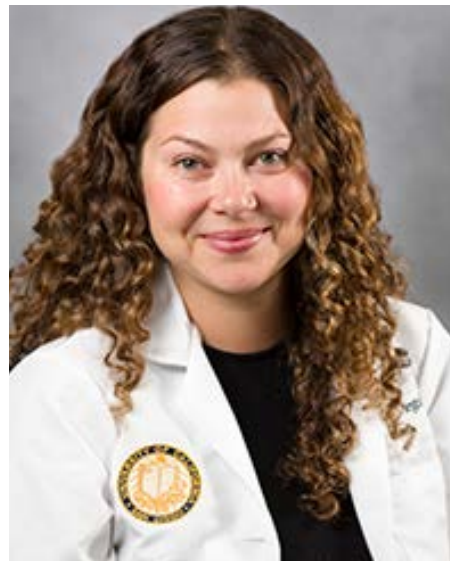
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New for 2025

New for 2025, the Fourth Trimester Program at UC San Diego Health is designed to meet the complex needs of the community and bridge the care gap during the significant postnatal period from birth through the early postpartum period. The program provides care navigation services supplementing and expanding upon the traditional post-delivery care model where patients are typically not seen until six weeks after birth. When the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) updated their postpartum care paradigm, the Fourth Trimester Program was designed in response with a pilot groundbreaking and evolving offering of a joint postpartum-newborn clinic.

“This program offers wrap-around services including care navigation. This program was developed to provide early, holistic, and longitudinal postpartum care for birthing people at the same time and in the same place as infant care.” – Sarah Averbach, MD, MAS

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Who qualifies?

Postpartum patients experiencing acute issues or who had complex pregnancies or deliveries and who are within 8 weeks of birth meet with an Obstetrics provider, a Pediatric provider certified in lactation consults, and a Registered Nurse navigator in a single visit. At discharge from birth, insured patients can be referred for follow-up care via EPIC for “Fourth Trimester Program.”

Clinical assessments at 4th Trimester visits encompass:

Early postpartum patient

1. Blood pressure check and management
2. Wound care check and management
3. Early postpartum family planning
4. Management of medical conditions affected in the postpartum period
5. Lactation consult
6. Mental health concerns

Infant

1. Well infant initial visit
2. Growth check
3. Jaundice
4. Reflux
5. Sleep issues
6. Umbilical cord issues
7. Rash

Patients seen at the Fourth Trimester Clinic will be linked to other needed services including: Maternal Mental Health, Pelvic Medicine, Physical Therapy, Primary Care, Postpartum Doula Services, and more.



Ukachi Emeruwa, MD, MPH presents at the The Beyond Birth: Postpartum Wellness UCSD Birth Community Engagement & Symposia held at the Tubman Chavez Conference Center | Live Well San Diego and hosted by the Department of OBGYN & RS Culture and Justice Quorum

Thank you Dr. Emeruwa and Dr. Averbach for establishing this clinical innovation at UC San Diego Health!

CULTURE & JUSTICE

OBGYN & RS Culture & Justice Quorum (CJQ) Spearheads Inclusive Excellence

OBGYN & RS CJQ / UC San Diego School of Medicine Black Family Wellness EXPO

Audra Meadows, MD, MPH, Vice Chair for Culture and Justice ([Culture and Justice Quorum](#)) for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, spoke with NBC news to invite the community to attend the first ever UC San Diego School of Medicine Black Family Wellness EXPO hosted by the non-profit Links Incorporated held on Saturday, March 8th at KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy. This impactful, free to all ages event was planned to address health and economic hardships in the Black community and featured keynote speakers, health screenings, and wellness vendors. Community members were provided supportive resources on mental health awareness, CPR training, fitness classes, nutrition awareness, health education resources, skincare consulting, mobility and accessibility resources, dental care and exams, blood pressure screening, military and veterans resources, and more. Families enjoyed food, music, and interactive workshops while they visited UC San Diego Health and other organization's booths for information to help improve health outcomes. [Watch video »](#)



Crystal Cené, MD, MPH at the Black Family Wellness EXPO

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UC San Diego medical students attend to the booth at the Black Family Wellness EXPO

THRIVE Tour: San Diego

The Culture & Justice Quorum would like to invite the community to join the UC San Diego School of Medicine THRIVE Tour: San Diego at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA on Sunday, May 18th from 3:00-5:00PM. This upcoming event centers on supporting new and expectant mothers, fathers, and families in San Diego with the goal of inspiring action and empowering parents with tools, resources, knowledge, and a network where every family can THRIVE.

Black Maternal Health Week 2025: UCSD is Advancing Excellence for All Through Systemwide Action

Black Maternal Health Week (April 11–17) is a national campaign founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) to build awareness, drive activism, and deepen community-building around Black maternal health. The week intentionally coincides with National Minority Health Month and begins on April 11, aligning with the International Day for Maternal Health and Rights—a global opportunity to advocate for the elimination of maternal mortality.

The 2025 theme—“Healing Legacies: Strengthening Black Maternal Health Through Collective Action and Advocacy”—calls attention to the persistent legacies of systemic oppression and reproductive injustice, while celebrating the leadership of Black-led maternal health organizations driving healing and systemic change. The week emphasizes the power of collective action to create a future where birthing people and families can truly thrive.

At the UC San Diego Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, we honor this week by reaffirming our commitment to equity—not as a separate aim, but as a pathway to clinical and systems excellence. We understand that improving care for those who experience the most serious maternal health complications improves care for everyone.

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A Systemwide Approach to Change

Since 2023, the Culture & Justice Quorum (CJQ) has been building a foundation for sustained improvements—advancing a departmental culture where every patient has the opportunity for an optimal reproductive health experience. Through reflection, structured inquiry, collaboration, and community partnership, CJQ has helped identify and support opportunities to improve communication, strengthen care, and align with our shared values of dignity, equity, and excellence.

Our department is also engaging with statewide initiatives to drive change at scale:

We are actively implementing the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Equity Action Guide, embedding equity-focused strategies into quality improvement efforts and helping ensure that maternal outcomes are not predicted by race, language, or zip code.

UC San Diego is proud to serve as a host site for the THRIVE Tour, an initiative designed to spotlight and strengthen local efforts that advance maternal health. These gatherings foster shared learning and collaboration across systems, patients, and community partners.

Throughout the Year—and During BMHW—We Focus on:

- **Team-based learning and reflection**
Creating space for faculty, trainees, and staff to evaluate how we deliver care—and how we can improve it together.
- **Community-informed collaboration**
Partnering with local organizations to better understand and meet the needs of our diverse patient populations.
- **Outcome review and improvement efforts**
Using disaggregated data to identify disparities, track progress, and inform equitable care strategies.
- **Inclusive communication**
Supporting language access and culturally responsive interactions across care settings.
- **Innovation across the reproductive journey**
Bridging care gaps—especially during the postpartum period—through new, department programs like The Fourth Trimester.
- **Mentorship and workforce development**
Investing in the next generation of maternal health leaders through education and inclusive pathway support.
- **Evidence-informed learning**
Conducting and translating research to ensure that system improvement efforts are guided by equity and data.

A Shared Vision

This Black Maternal Health Week, we recommit to a shared vision: A maternal health system that honors lived experience, fosters healing, and ensures every person—regardless of race, background, or circumstance—has access to safe, respectful, high-quality care.

Because equity is how we deliver excellence.



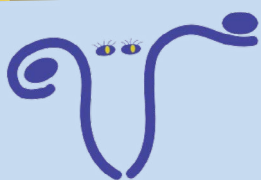
International Women's Day

For International Women's Day, Culture and Justice Quorum Ambassador, Assistant Clinical Professor in the Division of Obstetrics & Gynecology Generalist Division, and former OBGYN & RS resident and Fimbria At Your Cervix resident lead, Selam Ghebrendrias, MD, interviewed senior faculty in the department and motivated junior faculty, fellows, and residents with her feature work "In Conversation with Women of the University of California, San Diego Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences" to share how past experiences can guide women in medicine and accelerate progress for gender equality.

CULTURE & JUSTICE

OBGYN & RS Culture & Justice Quorum (CJQ) Spearheads Inclusive Excellence

At Your Cervix



At Your Cervix 2024-2025 Resident leads:

Rafa Ifthikhar, MD

Jess Rivas, MD

Milli Desai, MD

Allison Rajan, MD

This issue of Fimbria's At Your Cervix highlights Residents' ACOG Lobby Day

ACOG Lobby Day / OBGYN & RS Residents

Advocacy is an essential part of our commitment to advancing reproductive health, ensuring patient safety, and strengthening the clinical learning environment. Our residents are active participants in shaping healthcare policy, advancing maternal health protections, and securing fair, safe working conditions for the medical workforce.

Kelsey Keverline, MD PGY3 and Becca Kolodner, MD PGY2 attended ACOG Lobby Day to advocate for regulations on prenatal vitamins to safeguard against heavy metals/toxins, and to address the maternity ward closure crisis occurring in California and throughout the US.

Jess Rivas, MD PGY3 and Faith Okifo, MD PGY2 were elected to be representatives (and Jess one of the co-presidents) of CIR (Committee of Interns and Residents) which is the largest union for residents and fellows in the U.S. and seeks to protect working conditions for housestaff as well as patient safety.



OBGYN & RS residents: Becca Kolodner, MD (left) and Kelsey Keverline, MD (right)



OBGYN & RS residents attend ACOG Lobby Day



OBGYN & RS fellows with Dr. Akilah Weber, a board-certified Ob/Gyn and California State Senator for the 39th District

Please visit our [CJQ website](#) to discover more about our Culture and Justice Quorum.

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UC San Diego academic research stands out among the world's finest and we're grateful for our talented new Tritons. A warm welcome to newly arriving team members:



Mahshid Bazrafkan
Molecular Biologist, Heidi Cook
Andersen Lab



Audrina Gomez
Administrative Assistant



Lisa Hawes
Research Administrator Supervisor

NEW OBGYN & RS INTERNS

Welcome to UC San Diego Health!

RESIDENCY MATCH DAY 2025

The UC San Diego Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency Program
is thrilled to present to you the new intern class of 2029!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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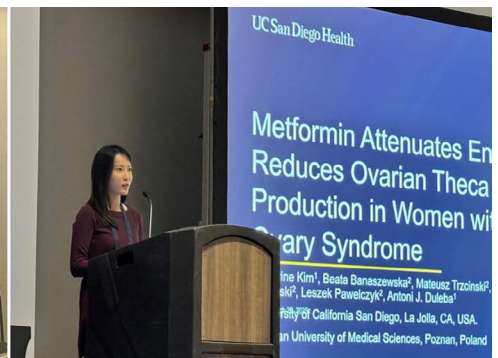
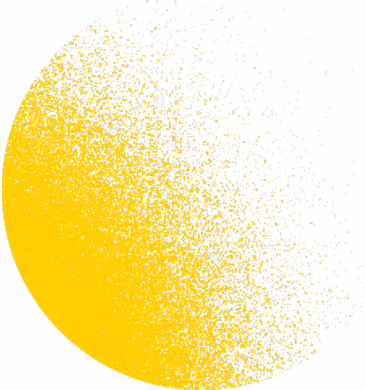
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ABOG Specialty Board

From left: UCSD Examiners Michael McHale, MD, H. Irene Su, MD, MSCE, Gladys Ramos, MD, Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MS, Emily Lukacz, MD, MAS, and Steven Plaxe, MD



Society of Reproductive Investigation (SRI)

PGY3 Resident Daniella Rogerson, MD (left) presents "Feasibility of Implementing a Standardized Preeclampsia Risk Screening Tool into the Electronic Medical Record" and Katherine Kim, MD (right) presents "Metformin Attenuates Endotoxemia and Reduces Ovarian Theca Androgen Production in Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome" at the 72nd SRI Annual Scientific Meeting: Diversity Drives Innovation held in Charlotte, NC.



Urobiome 2025

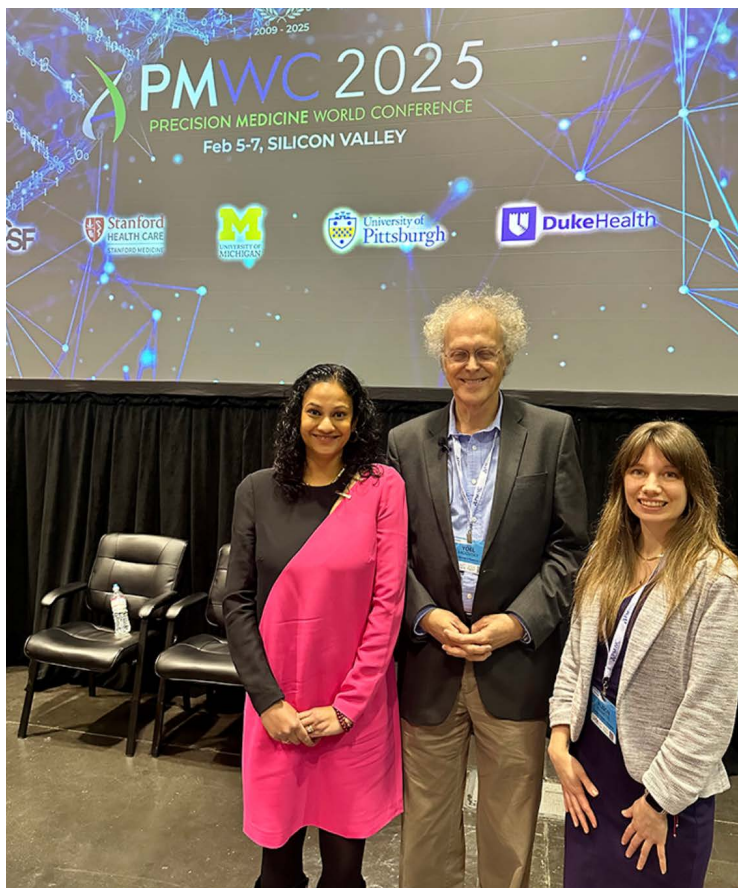
The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences hosted Urobiome 2025 led by Linda Brubaker, MD, conference organizer, at UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

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**ACOG interim District meeting (IDAC DIX)**

Pratima Gupta, MD, MPH, David Klein, MD, Mai Hoang, MD, Nicole Economu, MD, Danielle Vachon, MD, and Kelsey Loeliger, MD represent UC San Diego at the ACOG interim District meeting (IDAC DIX)!

**Precision Medicine World Conference 2025**

The Precision Medicine World Conference 2025 was held on Feb 6th in San Jose, CA. Dr. Priya Pantham's talk in the Women's health track was titled "Advances in RNA Biomarkers in Gestational Diseases." From left: Dr. Priya Pantham, Dr. Yoel Sadovsky (University of Pittsburgh and CORI External Advisory Board Member) and Dr. Alison Paquette (Seattle Children's Research Institute).

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**UC San Diego Health Birth Community Engagement & Symposia: Community Engagement in Research**

From left: Sarah Vicente, MPH, MA (UCSD Center for Community Health), Renarda Jones, PhD (Diverse Research Now), Paul L. Watson Jr., MSHS (Global Action for Research), Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, MD, MS, Audra Meadows, MD, MPH, Nicole Teal, MD, MPH, Bill Oswald, PhD (Global Action for Research). Photo by: Chelsea Saelee, MPH

**OBGYN & RS Global Health Grand Rounds**

Global Health Grand Rounds is an annual event. The next Global Health Grand Rounds is scheduled for May 28, 2025.

May 2024 Panelists from left to right: Jamat Suryan, Senior Prenatal Navigator, Rand Alubaidi, Middle East Refugees Specialist FHCS, Hsihsa Thaw, Karen Organization of San Diego Community Program Manager, Josianne Valsaint, Community Health Worker, Sarah Yousofzai, OBGYN

Moderators: Sarah Averbach, MD, MAS (OBGYN) & Janine Young, MD (PEDIATRICS). Photo by: Chelsea Saelee, MPH

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The Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS): Obstetrics course is designed for intensivists and non-intensivists who may provide maternal /fetal critical care and for clinicians in obstetrics seeking additional education in critical care.

The FCCS-OB course provides a combination of didactic lectures and hands-on skills stations with an emphasis on pregnant patients. The two-day, comprehensive curriculum offers an approach to initial management of the critically ill obstetrics patient for providers not formally trained in critical care.

Participants will learn useful information about the extended care of critically ill obstetrics patients, especially care related to mechanical ventilation, monitoring, organ hypoperfusion and neurological support. Providers will receive guidance for acute problems encountered in the ICU and for sudden obstetrics patient deterioration.

*This course provides CME Credits



Society of
Critical Care Medicine



Course Faculty

- Julia Cormano, MD, FACOG
Assistant Clinical Professor
Third Year Medical Student Clerkship Director
- Gina Frugoni, MD
- Mai Hoang, MD
- Tiffany Lentz, DNP, CNL, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS
- Anushirvan Minokadeh, MD
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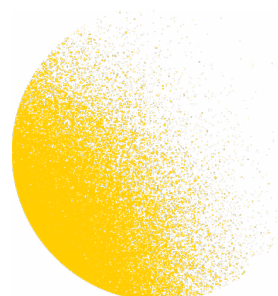








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