

**Detroit Medical Center / Wayne State University School of Medicine
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**



Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation

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Welcome



Chaur-Dong Hsu, MD, MPH
Department Chair
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Opening remarks



Satinder Kaur, MD, MHA
Residency Program Director
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Awards Presentation

AWARDS

- Arthur G. Seski, MD
- Sidney Bottoms, MD - Research
- Excellence in Teaching
- ACOG / CREOG
- SMFM
- Charles C. Vincent, MD – Excellence in Obstetrical Care

Presented by: Dr. Satinder Kaur



Arthur G. Seski, MD Chairman's Award

This award was created by Dr. Seski, a private attending, when Dr. David Cotton was chairman. It was first given to the “top OB” resident. In 1994, Dr. Seski changed the criteria for the award and since that time, it is given to the top resident overall, as decided by a consensus of the faculty.

Recipient: Rahul D'Mello, MD, PhD



Sidney Bottoms, MD Award

Sidney was one of the original maternal fetal medicine physicians who started at Detroit Medical Center in 1983. He was in charge of the original research division in maternal fetal medicine. The award was created in his name after he passed away from cancer during the 1994/1995 academic year.

1st Place, 2nd Place , and 3rd Place Recipients

Sidney Bottoms, MD Awardees



1st Place Recipient: Hyunyoung Ahn, MD, PhD



2nd Place Recipient: Mary Kownack, MD



3rd Place Recipient: Ruchi Amin, MD

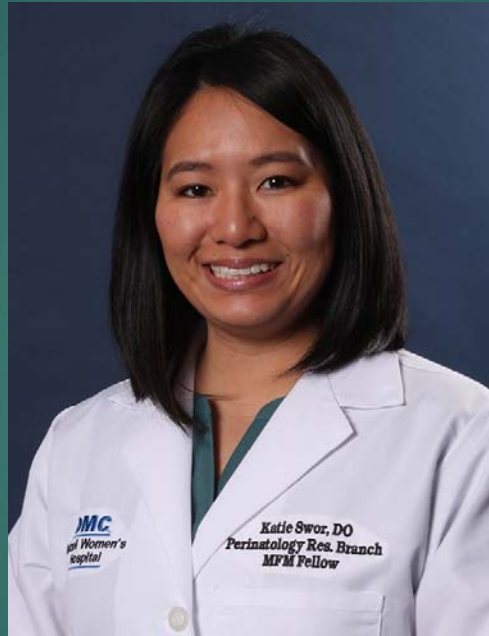
The Excellence in Teaching Award

The excellence in teaching award, is given to a resident, fellow, and faculty member, each of whom exemplifies professionalism, leadership, high expectations, and a passion for teaching. The winner of the Resident category is chosen by WSU MS3 and MS4 students, the Fellow category is determined by the residents; and the faculty category is chosen by a vote of all residents and fellows.

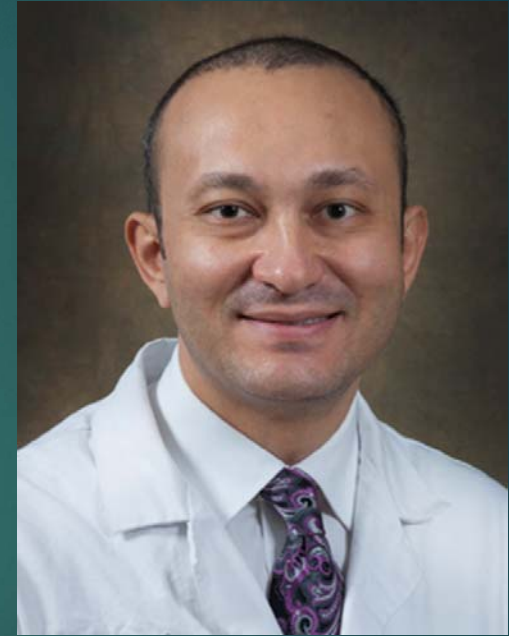
The Excellence in Teaching Awardees



Resident Recipient:
Patrick Isaac, DO



Fellowship Recipient:
Katie Swor, DO



Faculty Recipient:
Samet Albayrak, MD

ACOG – CREOG National Faculty Award

Presented to the faculty member chosen by the residents who best exemplifies the promotion of high standards of residency education in the field of OB/GYN

Recipient: Susan Berman, MD

Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) Award

The award is given in recognition of a shared commitment to the vision of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) to improve pregnancy and perinatal outcomes.

Recipient: Kara Patek, MD



Charles C. Vincent MD – Excellence in Obstetrical Care Award

In 1963, Dr. Vincent joined Wayne State University School of Medicine, rising to Associate Professor in 1974, and served as its Associate Dean of Student Affairs (1978-80) and Associate Dean of Admissions (1977-91). He also served as Director of Gynecology at Detroit Receiving Hospital (1975-92) and at Hutzel Hospital (1988-91). Charles was passionate about access to care, especially prenatal care. This award became synonymous with, and is awarded to, the top OB resident or fellow in the program.

Recipient: Hyunyoung Ahn, MD, PhD



AWARDS

- AAGL Award
- Ryan Program Award
- SASGOG Award
- John Y. Teshima Award
- John M. Malone Jr., MD Award
- SGO Award



Presented by: Dr. Jay M. Berman

AAGL Award – Advancing Minimally Invasive Gynecology Worldwide

The AAGL is the leading association promoting minimally invasive gynecologic surgery among surgeons worldwide. When established in 1971 by Jordan M. Phillips, MD, AAGL was known as the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists. As the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery grew, the membership of the AAGL quickly expanded around the globe and came to encompass more than laparoscopy alone. This award is to recognize excellence in minimally invasive gynecology. This year both a third and fourth year recipient is awarded.

*AAGL Awardees –
Advancing Minimally Invasive Gynecology Worldwide*



*PGY-4 Recipient:
Jia Jiao, MD, MPH*



*PGY-3 Recipient:
Brittany Van Houten, MD*

The Ryan Program Resident Award for Excellence in Family Planning Award

The Ryan Program is named after Kenneth John Ryan, MD, who was an obstetrician and leader in medical ethics and a supporter of abortion rights. Early in his career, he made a name for himself through a series of discoveries in biochemistry, including one that helped untangle how the body produced estrogen. This work led to treatments for infertility and cancers of the prostate and breast. He was a member of the Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research. Thus, he became one of the contributors to the Belmont Report which is the basis for informed-consent rules now governing research in this country. The Ryan Program Resident Award is given to the resident who best exemplifies the dedication to service, training, and education in contraception and abortion that characterizes the Ryan Program

Recipient: Mary Reid, MD



The Society for Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology (SASGOG) Award

Established in 2015, the SASGOG Resident award recognizes the resident (3rd or 4th year) who has distinguished themselves academically and demonstrated an interest in a career as an Academic Specialist in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Beginning in 2020 SASGOG also recognized a distinguished academic faculty specialist.

Resident Recipient:
Jie Jiao, MD, MPH



Faculty Recipient:
Satinder Kaur, MD, MHA



John Y Teshima, MD Award

John Teshima was a private attending who was a de-facto oncologist at Harper. He practiced with the department in the early 1980's. The award was named after him and is presented to the individual who is felt to be the top gynecological surgeon in the class.

Recipient: Kelin Prokurat, DO



John M. Malone, Jr, MD Excellence in Gynecologic Oncology Award

Former Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was Wayne State University, Frank P. Iacobell Endowed Professor and Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Karmanos Cancer Institute. This award is given to a 4th year resident dedicated to gynecologic oncology.

Recipient: Jie Jiao, MD, MPH



SGO Award

The award is given to the resident who best exemplifies the qualities of the Society of Gynecological Oncologists (SGO) mission and vision: to promote excellence in the care of women at risk for or affected by gynecologic cancer through advocacy, education, research and inter-disciplinary collaboration, and to eradicate gynecologic cancers.

Recipient: Martins Ayoola-Adeola, MD



AWARDS

- Morris E. Bachman, MD
- CREOG
- Angela Y. Dourron MD
- Midwifery



Presented by: Dr. Satinder Kaur

Morris E Bachman, MD Award

Morris was one of Sinai Hospital's original OB/GYNs. He was well-known for his OB/GYN practice. This award is presented on his behalf from the gynecology division. It represents overall excellence at Sinai Grace Hospital

Recipient: Alexandra Matthews, MD



CREOG Award

The Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology

One resident in each class is presented this award. It is awarded to the Resident with the highest test score in each class.



*PGY-4 Recipient:
Kara Patek, MD*



*PGY-3 Recipient:
Christopher Walker, MD*



*PGY-2 Recipient:
Laura Collins, MD*



*PGY-1 Recipient:
Mary Reid, MD*

Angela Y. Dourron MD Maimonides Award

Angela trained at the original Sinai Hospital as a resident. She was a compassionate & outstanding physician who passed away from cancer shortly after her child was born. This award is presented to a resident who demonstrates outstanding compassion and patient care.

Recipient: Rahul D'Mello, MD, PhD



Nurse Midwifery Service Award

It has long been a tradition that the Division of Nurse-Midwifery awards a 4th year resident the Consultant's Award. This is given to the senior resident who best exhibits the qualities most desired in a consultant. These include, but are not limited to: respect for our patients and the nurse-midwife, a good listener, common sense, calmness, a sound knowledge base and a willingness to share information / opinions.

Recipient: Mary Kownack, MD



*Department of
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Resident Awards to Faculty and Fellows*

AWARDS

- Carl W. Christensen, MD, PhD
- Clinical Attending of the Year
- Outstanding Fellow

Presented by: Residents

Drs. Rahul D'Mello and George Contos



Carl W. Christensen, MD, PhD Award

Dr. Christensen obtained his MD and a PhD in Biochemistry at Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Hutzel Hospital. He then completed a Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at Duke University Medical Center in 1988. He returned to Wayne State, practicing both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology, and was Associate Residency Director of the OB / Gyn Residency Program until 2012. He continued as a Clinical Associate Professor with the Department until his retirement. This award is given voted upon by the residents, and is awarded to the faculty member who best exemplifies a passion for learning and excellence in teaching. This year we have two awardees:

Recipients: Samet Albayrak, MD and Susan Berman, MD

Clinical Attending of the Year Award

This award is given by the residents to the attending who has provided exceptional leadership by “going above and beyond” during resident training at the following hospital institutions:

Huron Valley Sinai Hospital

- o Recipient: Ethan Goldstein, MD*



Hutzel Women's Hospital / Karmanos Cancer Institute

- o Recipient: Christopher Kliethermes, MD*



Sinai Grace Hospital

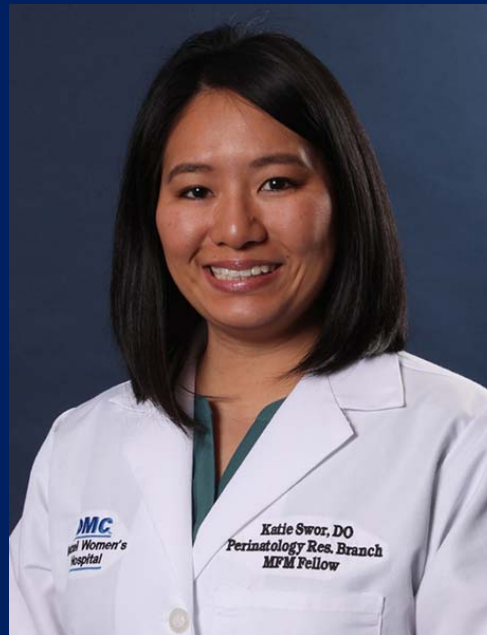
- o Recipient: Samara Gibson, MD*



Outstanding Fellow Award

This award is given by the residents to the fellow who has demonstrated excellence in all areas of resident teaching, mentoring, service and leadership.

Recipient: Katie Swor, DO



Presentation of Fellows

Gynecologic Oncology

Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

To the graduates of 2020. We thank you for the privilege of being part of your training. We have enjoyed working with all of you, even Patrick. Graduation is an exhilarating and terrifying leap that you are all well trained to take. Enjoy it, and remember Rule #1.

Congratulations from the members of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology.

Robert T. Morris, M.D.,
Director, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program
Professor and the Marie E Brasza Chair of Gynecologic Oncology
Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Director, Gynecologic Oncology Multidisciplinary Team
Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute
Wayne State University School of Medicine



SHARIF SAKR, MD

Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Graduate



Sharif received his medical degree with honors from the University of Alexandria, graduating in the top 2% of his class. After receiving a masters degree and completing an obstetrics and gynecology residency there, he worked as a research fellow in the department of obstetrics and gynecology, at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. He then completed a residency training program in Obstetrics / Gynecology at the Detroit Medical Center / Wayne State University. Afterwards he joined the Karmanos Cancer Institute as a gynecologic oncology fellow in 2016. After graduation at the end of June, Sharif will be joining Ascension St. John Hospital.

MIRIANA HIJAZ, MD

Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Graduate



Miriana was born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, and found herself moving to Michigan in 2013 to start her next chapter. She joined Henry Ford Hospital for her residency training, and was lucky to match at the Detroit Medical Center / Karmanos Cancer Institute for her Gynecologic Oncology fellowship training. "Graduating fellowship as part of a program pioneering innovation, research and surgical excellence gives me a great sense of gratitude and appreciation. I hope I continue to proudly carry the countless values of my mentors and colleagues in this program, as I continue my journey as a Gynecologic Oncology attending at Henry Ford Hospital."

I would like to extend a sincere and warm congratulations to Dr. Anderson Lo and Dr. Aneesha Varrey on your achievements and graduation from our Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program. On behalf of the Program and myself, we want to wish you the very best in your professional and personal lives, and look forward to much success in your future.

With warm regards,

Lami Yeo, MD, FACOG, FAIUM

Director, PRB/DMC/WSU Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program

Professor, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Wayne State University School of Medicine

Director of Fetal Cardiology

Perinatology Research Branch, NICHD, NIH, DHHS



ANDERSON LO, DO

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship Graduate



"I would like to thank everyone, past and present, who have made this milestone possible for me! It truly takes a village, and I appreciate your teaching, mentorship, and support.

I have accepted a position back home with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group.

Please come visit!"

ANEESHA VARREY, MD

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship Graduate



I will be working in Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Affiliate of Johns Hopkins University and living in Washington DC. My fellowship experience here has been wholesome and I feel very well prepared and excited to start this new chapter of my life after all these years of being a trainee. Special thanks to all of the clinical attendings for giving me the autonomy and confidence to become a well rounded MFM. I would like to thank the Perinatology Research Branch for the unique tools taught to me with which I can identify and perform quality research in the future.

I will miss you all my Detroit family!"

In Honor of 2020 REI Fellowship Graduate – Sicily Garvin

You have worked long, hard hours for the distinction of graduating from Wayne State University /Detroit Medical Center. This achievement shows your strength, focus, and dedication as an individual. As you prepare for the next steps in your journey, we wish you much success in facing all new challenges.

With warm regards,

Sana M. Salih, M.D., M.S., HCLD.

Director, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Fellowship

Director, ART laboratory

Director, Clinical Research Center, C. S. Mott Center

Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

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Wayne State University School of Medicine



SICILY GARVIN, MD

Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Fellowship Graduate



Sicily Garvin is a graduating fellow in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Wayne State University. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Emory University in Atlanta. After graduation, she worked at Emory University as a research assistant in a neurobiology laboratory. This sparked an interest in biomedical research and she earned a master's degree in Biomedical Science from the Georgia-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She then went on to receive a medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta. During medical school, she became interested in the field of reproductive endocrinology and infertility. As this specialty, combined her interests in endocrinology, women's health and innovative research. Motivated by these interests she completed residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. During her time at Wayne State she has completed research projects with both the Armant and Condon laboratories. She presented her research at several national meetings including society for reproductive investigation, endocrine society and pacific coast reproductive society. Her cumulating research thesis project was mentored by Drs. Condon and Pancharatnam and titled "Early embryo initiated uterine receptivity regulated by local apoptotic caspase-3 mediated prostaglandin action". She is looking forward to joining a private practice reproductive endocrinology group to the fall.

Presentation of Residents

As you all step into the new chapter of your lives, I want to provide these words of wisdom from Dalai Lama as your guiding force:

"Be ready to change your goals, but never change your values"

I wish you all the best!

Your friend and Program Director,

Satinder



*Reflections of the Class of 2020 will be presented during presentation by rising
Chief Residents: Rahul D'Mello, MD, PhD and George Cantos, MD*

Hyunyoung Ahn, MD, PhD



My path of evolution has never taken a straight line. Still, it has always been fluctuating. Moreover, it has also been traveling circuitously: from a clinician and a social leader to a researcher. And then from a researcher to an OBGYN resident and a fellowship of MFM. I was born in Busan, a large port city in South Korea, known for beaches, then moved to Seoul to attend a medical school where I worked stably as a clinician. However, life is always unpredictable, and so was mine. Since I met Dr. Romero, my lifelong mentor, at an international congress in Hamburg, Germany, I decided to move to Detroit for perinatal research. After rigorous research work, I decided to repeat residency training and finally get another MFM training at the University of Miami, which has a similar environment as my hometown. The journey for my second resident training was the biggest challenge for me. Nonetheless, I have met many invaluable mentors, colleagues, and friends and learned a great deal over the past years. Finally, I demonstrated my best capabilities, strong work ethic, and unparalleled professionalism in whatever challenges that I faced. I thank each and every one of you all who supported and helped me run to the finish line, as I couldn't have without you. I feel privileged to have experienced firsthand the high quality of education, pioneering research, and innovative scientific knowledge at WSU. I hope to use the expertise I have gained to serve the community personally and professionally, and I will always fondly remember my time at WSU.

NOW I am ready to embrace my next challenge in Miami!

Ruchi Kaushik Amin, MD



On a bright and snowy beautiful day, just two days before Christmas, Ruchi Amin was born in Royal Oak, MI (the other hospital that continuously snatches our graduating residents). While growing up in a household of first generation Indians, she was told she could do ANYTHING in the world...as long as eventually she had an MD at the end of her name! Luckily for her, she loved biology and chemistry and was accepted at Wayne State University School of Medicine. While in medical school she learned about her tremendous joy for jet-setting the world...as well as her passion for the field of reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Unbeknown to her, she would have to do a whole four years of obstetrics and gynecology to get there. She ended up loving it and as a plus was accepted to UTSW/Parkland's REI program. She will sadly be leaving her home of 30 years to move to Dallas TX. She is excited for her new adventure!

Patrick Isaac, DO



Patrick Isaac was born in the mountains of Baghdad in 1990. After being a refugee three times, his family decided to settle in the frozen tundra that is metro Detroit. He originally wanted to become an astronaut but realized that without being able to have multiple people to chat with, he would drive himself and Mission Control insane. So he decided to become a doctor. He originally did not like anything that dealt with OBGYN because "ew." However, after meeting a very nice lady having a miscarriage, he decided OBGYN was for him. His passion is teaching and he is super excited to be joining the staff at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.



Jie Jiao, MD, MPH



Jie was initially born in Beijing, China but grew up in Spokane, WA. With an interest in public and women's health, her studies have taken her across the country to Atlanta, Chicago, Miami and Detroit and abroad to Australia, Haiti and Rwanda. She is grateful for all her mentors and colleagues along the way. In particular her experience at DMC/WSU has been incredibly rewarding and she has appreciated all the patience, teaching and friendships.

Jie will be joining private practice in Seattle, WA.

Mary Kownack, MD



Mary Kownack (pronounced CO-nack) was born and raised in Virginia Beach, VA before moving to Atlanta, GA for college at Georgia Tech, where she studied Nuclear and Radiological Engineering. She then moved closer to home for medical school at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where she met her husband, Danny Shook. Mary would like to thank Danny (the real MVP) for helping her survive medical school and residency (including an extraordinarily difficult year serving as an Administrative Chief Resident with Kara Patek, #COVID); grandparents, parents, siblings, and cousins for their unending support all these years; and Kara for keeping her grounded and being constantly calm, cool, and collected as they put out fires together. Detroit turned out to be Heaven, and Mary will miss all her amazing DMC co-residents and attendings/mentors in a few months when she starts working as a generalist in a private practice in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, VA (please come visit anytime!!).

Maria Lynes, MD



Dr. Maria Lynes was born in Natchez, MS and grew up in the Music City Capital, Nashville, TN. She matriculated to Hampton, VA where she received a B.S. in Cellular and Molecular Biology from Hampton University. Prior to applying to medical school, she participated in herbal and traditional medicine research in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and then returned to the states to teach Biology, Chemistry, and Physical Science to high school students. Her childhood dream of becoming an Obstetrician-Gynecologist prompted her to apply to Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, TN, from which she received her Medical Doctorate degree. She remained in her hometown and initiated OB/GYN Residency at MMC. Her burning desire to provide the absolute highest level of care to the underserved populations lead her to transfer to Wayne State University. During her last year of residency she became a mother to her son, Ijagha, Jr. All of her accomplishments would not have been possible without the loving support of her husband, parents, siblings, extended family, and friends. She will be returning to Nashville, TN to practice as a Generalist.

Kara Patek, MD



Kara was born in Toronto, Canada, to Kathy and Grant Aitken exactly on her due date. She and her younger brother, Brandon, grew up in Unionville, a town located 30 minutes outside of the city, where she spent her childhood and teenage years competitive figure skating and playing soccer among several other sports. She received a Bachelor of Science in Anatomy and Cell Biology from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and went on to complete medical school at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland. It was there that she found her passion in Women's Health and met the love of her life, Paul. They were married in December of 2015 and moved to Michigan to begin residency (he in Pediatrics at Beaumont) the following summer. Kara's greatest joy to date was welcoming their first daughter, Eleanor, in January of 2019 during her third year of residency. Kara would like to thank first and foremost her loving and endlessly supportive husband, Paul, her parents, without whom she would not be the person she is today, and her in-laws, Paul and Suanne and the Hines, for all of their help and support during the past four years. She would also like to thank her fellow residents, past and present, for always working hard but also making work fun!

Amanda Thuy-Diem Pham, MD



Amanda Pham was born in Seattle, Washington to Don and Kim Pham in 1991, the youngest of four children. Precocious from a young age, she performed her own repeat cesarean from the inside after her mom failed TOLAC after 3 c-sections. She was actually deemed too tall and extroverted for Kindergarten and was immediately promoted to first grade by age 3. Her family then moved to Wichita, KS where she farmed hay until the Phams ultimately landed in Novi, Michigan. She then attended Michigan State University where she was notably the only undergraduate to never attend an entire football game. Moving on to MSU College of Human Medicine, she fell in love with OBGYN while once simultaneously holding perfect bladder retraction, being pimped on pelvic anatomy and also very nicely telling the ER that consult is B.S. She ended up matching at Hutzel Hospital where she not only worked nights for a record 87 weeks straight but also diagnosed an aortic dissection and a major heart attack. Most amazing of all is how despite her success, she remains as grounded and humble as ever, always willing to put others ahead of herself. This is even more remarkable considering all she really wanted to do was binge watch *The Office* and play with her kitties Luna & Bubbles.

Amanda will be moving to Atlanta, GA working at Gynecology & Obstetrics of DeKalb where she will no doubt continue her legendary run of success both in her personal and professional life

Kelin Prokurat, DO



Kelin is a native Michigander who took the longest route possible to become an OBGYN. After graduating from engineering school at Vanderbilt University, Kelin had wanted to build upon her hobby of flight instructing to be an airline pilot. She instead somehow started selling mortgages, built and ran her own mortgage company for several years, switched gears to run a surgical device distributorship, wasn't loving that, so she decided to go to med school. She started her internal medicine residency straight out of Michigan State University and promptly decided to switch to OBGYN. Luckily, she won this spot at WSU and has never been happier. It turned out happiness for Kelin is flying airplanes and removing uteruses laparoscopically. (Regrettably, not at the same time.) Kelin is also mom to Birdie Jeanne (18 months old), Clover Rae (5 weeks old), and Tilly McPuppykisses (her poodle). Obviously, she has the best husband ever to help her raise her crazy girls.

Kelin plans to stay at Hutzel and will be working with Hutzel Women's Health Services.

Joseph Roofeh, MD



Joseph received his medical degree from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology - Faculty of Medicine . After graduation from the OB/GYN Residency Program at the Detroit Medical Center / Wayne State University School of Medicine, he will be joining a starting a Physician Group - Torrance Memorial Physicians Network in Torrance CA

Reflections































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