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OB/GYN in the Community

Each year, the KU Department of OB/GYN leads several community outreach projects in conjunction with Vibrant Clinics in Kansas City, KS, and the Kansas Birth Equity Network. For more information about any of these events or to participate, contact tquaethem@kumc.edu.

March Menstrual Madness: After our 2020 adopted family requested menstrual products as wish items for the holidays, the department knew we had to act. During the month of March 2021, we collected over 75 boxes of feminine hygiene products which were distributed through Vibrant Clinics. We hope to expand this event beyond our department in 2022.

Birth Equity Day Run/Walk: In September, families and friends of KU OB/GYN were invited to run or walk at Shawnee Mission Park for Birth Equity in partnership with the Kansas Birth Equity Network and Sisters and Brothers for Healthy Infants.

Boo-tiful Halloween Treats: In October, the residents filled 100 treat bags with scarily fun tricks and treats. The bags were delivered to Vibrant Clinics, who passed out the bags to their pediatric clients.

Holiday Adopt a Family: Each December, the department sponsors a family through Vibrant Clinics. In 2021, our family included a mom and three daughters. Mom wrote to us, "I just got out of a Domestic Violence shelter. This is like a new beginning for my three children and me. Their father's in prison and I have no family here. I normally don't think of myself I think of my children first." We were pleased to provide clothing, toys, gift cards, and other items for our family.





Inspiration, Innovation, Excellence

Carrie Wieneke, MD, FACOG, FACS
KE Krantz Endowed Chair

One year ago, The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology embarked on a journey to review its mission and vision. With three impactful words, our vision statement embodies the spirit of the department and its future.

Inspiration – We are called to inspire every day. Through our daily interactions on the floors, in clinics, in the classrooms and over coffee we inspire our learners. We motivate students to love science and medicine, and for some, to love OBGYN. Beyond our learners we inspire our colleagues to bring out their best and our patients to be active participants in decisions about their care.

Innovation - We strive to make tomorrow better through innovating today. We support clinical research and discoveries through our collaborations with basic scientists across campus. We seek innovative questions and develop groundbreaking hypotheses to guide our research endeavors.

We are perpetually striving to improve the quality of our care through process improvement, data reviews and innovative problem solving. We lead the way in innovation on the education forefront through active partnerships with the School of Medicine and the academic societies in OBGYN.

Excellence—We pursue excellence in the care we provide, the education we deliver, the research we conduct, the partnerships we foster, and the families and community members we nurture.

These three active words are embedded in every aspect of our culture and decisions. They guide every step we take towards our future.

Recent Research

Provision of Onsite Childcare in US Academic Health Centers: What Factors Make a Difference?

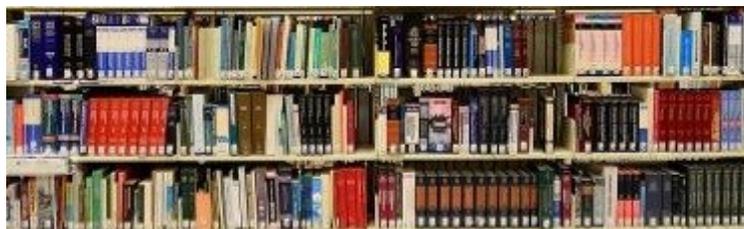
French VA, Werner JL, Feng EJH, Latimer RA, Wolff SF, Wieneke CL. *Womens Health Issues*. 2021 Nov 10:S1049-3867(21)00137-7. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2021.08.005. Online ahead of print. PMID: 34774403

Attitudes toward Rubella and Varicella Vaccination during Preconception Care.

Foley E, Breit S, Marsh C, Ault K, Lydic M. *Kans J Med*. 2021 Sep 1;14:215-219. doi: 10.17161/kjm.vol1415205.eCollection 2021. PMID: 34540135

Case Report: Uterine Didelphys and Cervical Agenesis in an 18 Year-Old Woman Presenting with a Pelvic Mass.

Linscheid C, Holoch K, Moran HK, Spoozak L.J. *Pediatr Adolesc Gynecol*. 2021 Oct;34(5):758-760. doi: 10.1016/j.jpog.2021.02.100. Epub 2021 Feb 15. PMID: 33601069



KU KUDOS

The Medical Student Assembly Student Voice Committee has announced the annual Student Voice Award winners. Recognition will occur at the annual Grand Affair in January.

- Dr. Erin Hecker for the M2 Mighty Punch award
- Dr. Erin Hecker for the Outstanding Clerkship Attending
- Dr. Erika Reese for the Outstanding Clerkship Resident
- Adam Bradley for the Outstanding Clerkship Administrator

Faculty Spotlight

Valerie French, MD



What is your position at KU?

I joined the amazing team at KU in September 2016 and became the Ryan program director in 2018. I became the specialist division director in February 2021.

Why did you decide to join the faculty at KU?

Kansas City is my home, and I knew that I wanted to bring evidence-based care to the community that raised me. As I interviewed, I learned about the exceptional clinical care, teaching and research that happens at KU and the team checked all the boxes for the place that I wanted to be!

What's the best part of working here? The most challenging?

Hands down my favorite part of work at KU is the people. I love our students, residents, and faculty. My favorite part of my job is interviewing (school of medicine, residency, faculty) because I get to brag about our amazing team. Certainly, the disconnect between what is right for a patient clinically and feasible for the patient (due to hospital restrictions, finances, etc.) is the most challenging part of my job. I'm often impressed with the work that our team does in these tough circumstances, but I would much prefer that patients get the care that they need, when they need it and without obstacles.

What's the most inspirational or impactful thing you've experienced at KU?

My proudest accomplishment thus far has certainly been the establishment of the Ryan Program at KU. I was honored to have incredible support from my faculty peers, the residency program director, the chair and the dean to formalize our family planning training program.

Right: Dr. French leads a simulation during intern orientation.

Would you like to share some personal info?

Outside of work, I am the proud mother of two amazing kids (Violet, age 10 and Robin, age 7). Watching them grow up has been an incredible joy and I have learned so much from each of them! Since I'm not busy enough, I'm also in the process of renovating a 110-year-old home...housewarming party coming in the fall of 2022!

Anything else you want to add?

My door is always open! I love to hear from learners and colleagues.



Come on Down! The Price is Right: Medical Costs Edition

Medical Costs



In November, Valerie French ("Bob Barker") and Kelli Kruse ("Drew Carey") led the residents in a rousing game of *The Price is Right: Medical Costs Edition* to familiarize learners with patient costs of common OB/GYN procedures. The final version of the game will be shared to the MedEd portal so that other programs can benefit.



Looking Ahead

OB/GYN Grand Rounds

A monthly event showcasing new techniques and therapies, recent research findings, and exploration of clinical and scientific issues. OB/GYN Grand Rounds is held monthly on the second Friday and fourth Tuesday. Both physician and nursing continuing education credits are available. For more information about upcoming sessions, contact tquaethem@kumc.edu. Grand Rounds can be viewed in person or via zoom at kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/362979736.



**Tuesday, January 25
7 am CST**

Expression and Actions of Adrenomedullin at the Uterine-Placental Interface
Kelly Gorman, MD, MS
MFM Fellow
The University of Kansas
School of Medicine



**Friday, May 13
1 pm CST**

HIV in Pregnancy
Martina Badell, MD
Emory University School of
Medicine

US News and World Report “Expert Opinion” Survey

The University of Kansas Hospital was included as a High Performing Maternity Hospital this year.

The 2022 *U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals* voting will take place February through March 2022. All board-certified physicians in the 15 adult and 10 pediatric ranked specialty areas are eligible to complete an online survey during the online voting period.

How Can I Vote Online?

You can participate in the survey as long as you register on Doximity.com prior to the end of the voting period.



Mark Your Calendar

Virtual Lunch and Learn

For educational leaders in the academic medical setting. Noon CST via zoom at kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/95307189233.

FEBRUARY 7

Educational Leadership

MARCH 7

Engaging the Reluctant Learner

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Residency and Fellowship Events

MARCH 18

Residency Match Day

APRIL 29

OB/GYN Research Day

JUNE 25

Fellowship and Residency Graduation