Women First! Emory University's Annual Women's History Month program announced the 2013 honorees recognizing accomplishments of school of medicine-associated

Luella Klein, MD, recently retired from Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Klein, Charles Howard Candler professor, has been a member of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics faculty since 1965. She served as the chair of the department, 1986-1993, and was director of the Maternal and Infant Care Project, Grady Memorial Hospital's comprehensive care program for high-risk obstetric patients from 1967 to 2012.

Dr. Klein was the president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 1984-1985, and was the first woman elected president of ACOG. She served as the ACOG vice president of Women's Health Issues, 1994-2011. Additionally, Dr. Klein's professional activities have included the following: member, Institute of
women who are the first in their field/program/area of study. Gina Northington, MD, PhD, assistant professor, one of two honorees this year, is division director, female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery. She is one of the first ABOG-approved female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgeons in Atlanta. Under her leadership, the gynecology and obstetrics department has the first ACGME accredited FPM&RS fellowship program in the Atlanta area. Dr. Northington's research interests include the age-related effects of estrogen on neuro-inflammation and overactive bladder symptoms.

Lisa Flowers, MD, associate professor, received the Latino Health Excellence Award from the Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia Inc. (HHCCGA). Dr. Flowers is the Director of Gynecology at the Grady Memorial Hospital International Clinic. To educate Hispanic women and couples, Dr. Flowers created the Con Amor Aprendemos (With Love, We Learn) program in collaboration with the American Cancer Society to reduce the morbidity and mortality from HPV in this population. This evidence-based program has already

Medicine; president of Atlanta's Planned Parenthood; member and former chair of the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) Board of Directors; member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee for the Study of the Prevention of Low Weight Births; member, Southern Governor's Task Force on Infant Mortality; member, the National Institutes of Health Content of Prenatal Care Committee; member and chair of the Maternal and Infant Health Committee of the Medical Association of Georgia; member, Berlex Foundation Board of Trustees; member, Board of Family Health International; member and chair of the Governing Council and Policy Committee of the Maternal and Infant Health Section of the American Hospital Association; member of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and its Maternal Fetal Medicine Division; member of the Medical Education Foundation and Executive Committee of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. She has served as the President of the Atlanta Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, the Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, and the Society of Maternal and Infant Care Project Directors.

Dr. Klein received her BA and MD degrees from the University of Iowa. Her obstetrics and gynecology residency was at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, followed by a Fulbright Fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of London, England. While serving as assistant director of clinical research at Bristol Laboratories she was in private practice and a clinical instructor at Emory before joining the department of gynecology and obstetrics as a full time faculty member in 1965.

Over the course of her distinguished career, Dr. Klein's efforts and interest in women's healthcare and reproductive health policy
trained over 100 community health educators in Georgia, South Carolina, Bolivia, Nicaragua and El Salvador and has significantly increased cervical cancer screenings in these communities. 

Link to the press release

Tammy Loucks, MPH, DrPH, received her doctorate of public health in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh in December 2012. Her dissertation is entitled, "Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Subclinical Atherosclerosis in Middle Aged Women with a History of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome." Dr. Loucks will be transitioning from her position as Director, Research Programs in the department to faculty status where she will join members of our department developing a health services research program.

Recent Appointments
Ira R. Horowitz, MD, SM, Professor and Chair, announced recent leadership appointments of faculty members:
The Dean has approved Dr. Penny Castellano's appointment as Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs. Dr. Castellano is Professor and Chief Medical Officer for

have been recognized with awards from the Georgia Perinatal Association, the Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, the Atlanta Women History Maker Award, the American Medical Women's Association Elizabeth Blackwell Award, the Emory Medal, and The Daggett Harvey Award of the Chicago Maternity Center and Northwestern University, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Distinguished Service Award, the Georgia Commission on Women's Award; Georgia Women Pioneers in Health Care, and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Jacobs Institute.

The department faculty, fellows, residents, and staff thank Dr. Klein for her tireless leadership, service on behalf of underserved women, and the education of hundreds of medical students, residents, and fellows.

Sexual Health Intervention for High Risk Teens
Clinical Operations and Chief Quality Officer at The Emory Clinic.

Gina Northington, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, has been appointed Associate Chief of Service for Gyn Ob at Emory University Hospital.

Carla Roberts, MD, PhD, has been appointed Chief of Service for Gyn Ob at Emory University Hospital Midtown (EUHM).

Jessica Arluck, MD, Assistant Professor, has been appointed Residency Program Director.

Jane Ellis, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, is the new Director of the Maternal and Infant Care Project at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Kathleen Sullivan, MD, PGY3, has been notified by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that she is one of the 2013-2014 recipients of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/ DUCHESNAY USA Research Fellowship in Quality Improvement in Maternity Care. The special committee of physicians appointed to review this year's award proposals decided that her proposed project, "Evaluation of the Zero Tolerance Policy at Emory University Hospital Midtown: Elective Delivery at Less than 39 Weeks Gestation and Neonatal

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Emory University School of Medicine’s Jane Fonda Center will partner with the Rollins School of Public Health and Grady Health System’s Teen Services Clinic to design, implement and evaluate a clinic-based intervention to improve the use of "dual protection" in young African American females. The five-year, $3.2 million grant is a collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

"Dual protection means taking steps to prevent both unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV," says Melissa Kottke, MD, MPH, MBA, assistant professor, department of gynecology and obstetrics, and principal investigator for this award. "This is a skill that all people need, but we know that teens and young adults carry a disproportionate burden of both unintended pregnancy and STDs and this is amplified for racial and ethnic minorities."

Concretely encouraging teens to make a decision for dual protection and supporting them in being consistent in its use is essential, according to Kottke, who is also the director of the Jane Fonda Center for Adolescent Reproductive Health at Emory. "We hope this research opportunity will assist us in adapting the way clinical reproductive health services are provided to teens."

Researchers will spend the first year-and-a-half of the grant designing the intervention. They plan to enroll at least 700 sexually active young women, ages 15 to 19.
and Maternal Outcomes," will cultivate important medical research in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Penny Castellano, MD, Professor, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, is her research project mentor. Congratulations on this achievement!

**Joe Tate, MD** (resident 1984), adjunct assistant professor, was honored recently with a REAL Award which recognizes the work of dedicated health professionals. **REAL Awards**

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**Faculty Activities**

**Jennifer Goedken, MD,** assistant professor, was recently invited to be a member of the school of medicine's Faculty Development Advisory Committee. The committee has been established to provide advice and guidance on all issues related to faculty development in the school, including improving and evaluating existing programs, recommending and implementing new programs, and helping to prioritize initiatives. **Dr.**

Participants will be followed for one year after participating in the intervention. "Grady Health System's Teen Services Clinic recognizes that adolescence is a critical window of time to establish excellent health behaviors," says Fran Baker, RN, BSN, MBA, executive director of Women and Infant Services at Grady. "We see that reproductive health is linked to many other individual and community health issues and are looking forward to helping our young people succeed."

The Grady Teen Services Program sees approximately 2,000 teens per year for reproductive health care. The program has been seeing teens for reproductive health for over four decades. It is supported by the Title X Family Planning Grant.

The Jane Fonda Center for Adolescent Reproductive Health opened its doors in 2000 with a lead gift from advocate and actor Jane Fonda. The center's mission is to advance scientific knowledge about teenagers with an emphasis on adolescent reproductive health. The center focuses on providing information and strategies for risk reduction and healthy transitions to adulthood.

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**Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship**

Emory's Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Fellowship has been approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). There are only 37 programs in the country, and Emory is one of five newly approved programs.

Emory has been approved for one fellow per year for this joint fellowship for
Goedken serves as the student clerkship director and is the chief of service, Gyn Service Line, at the VA Medical Center.

Jane Ellis, MD, PhD, assistant professor, medical director, Emory Regional Perinatal Center, participated in the 7th Annual Pre-Health Conference, March 2, 2013, at Georgia Tech. The conference, sponsored by the Georgia Tech American Medical Student Association chapter, gives students a venue to explore professional health schools educational opportunities and discuss future careers with professionals in various disciplines.

New faculty and staff

Chris Coppinger, MS, WHNP-BC assumed a new role as Nurse Practitioner, Specialist and Clinical Nursing Practice Leader, in the department in November 2012. Chris is a Master’s prepared nurse practitioner with 19 years advanced practice nursing experience in all aspects of women’s health and she served as the Manager of Clinic Operations for our Campus office from 1993 to 2010. For the gynecologists and urologists. The Ob Gyn Track is three years and the Urology Track is two years.

Gina Northington, MD, PhD, assistant professor, division director, is the fellowship director. Fellows will work with the entire Emory Female Pelvic Floor Disorder Multidisciplinary team. Emory is among the first institutions with ACGME approval for the joint FPMRS fellowship. The first fellow to start in the ACGME accredited fellowship will begin on July 1, 2013. Emory will participate in the NRMP fellowship match for the position starting July 1, 2014.

Cord Blood Banking at Emory University Hospital

Patients who deliver at Emory University Hospital Midtown (EUHM) will now be given the opportunity to bank their umbilical cord blood at no cost. Emory University Hospital Midtown has partnered with the Cleveland Cord Blood Center (CCBC) of Cleveland, Ohio, for the banking.

"We are excited to participate in the public cord blood banking program with the Cleveland Cord Blood Center," says Carla Roberts, MD, PhD, associate professor, department of gynecology and obstetrics, Emory University School of Medicine and chief of the OB/GYN service at Emory University Hospital Midtown. "Blood cells remaining in the placenta and umbilical cord after the baby is born can be useful for transplant patients because the cells are capable of developing into new bone marrow. Bone marrow replacement can be
past two years she has been the Transition Manager for the Gynecology and Urology services at Emory University Hospital where she coordinated all post-discharge medical care and follow up for our surgical patients. Chris will collaborate with our faculty and management team to standardize clinical processes with all clinical staff. Chris holds a BSN from Curry College in Milton, MA, and a Masters of Science degree in nursing, women's health track, from Boston College in Boston, MA. She is a certified Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner and a certified Chemotherapy provider.

The department will welcome two new faculty members to the Generalist Ob Gyn Division at Emory University Hospital Midtown. Jennifer Wrenn, MD, will join the department in June; she is currently is in private practice in Columbus, Ohio. She completed residency in ob gyn at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Cherie Hill, MD, is presently a Chief Resident at Duke and will be joining our department in the fall.

a life-saving procedure for patients with various diseases, such as leukemia, sickle cell disease and other blood disorders.”

Patients who are expecting a single baby and are at least 34 weeks pregnant will be asked if they want to donate their baby’s cord blood. Emory University Hospital Midtown serves a diverse population and the hope is that donations will allow for more transplant options for those in need.

Patients will not be charged fees or receive compensation for donating their baby’s cord blood. Patients can still opt to privately bank their cord blood following delivery. There is a fee associated with private cord blood banking.

Public cord blood banking at Emory was made possible with generous support from the Abraham J. & Phyllis Katz Foundation, which supports organizations providing innovative advances in medical research related to illness, disease or wellness.

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47th Annual Clinical Topics in Gynecology and Obstetrics and John D. Thompson Resident Research Day

In the News

Take home message for all women: cervical cancer is a
Lisa Flowers, MD, associate professor, and Kevin Ault, MD, professor, discussed screening for and preventing cervical cancer in a recent Emory News Release (link to the web page). Though all women are at risk for cervical cancer, it occurs most often in women over age 30. Each year, about 11,000 women in the United States will develop cervical cancer making it the eighth most common type of cancer in American women. "In four or five generations we've gone from cervical cancer being the most common cause of cancer death for women in the United States to being a vaccine-preventable disease," says Ault. "That's a really remarkable story if you trace this research and outreach over the last 50 to 60 years."

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The 47th Annual Clinical Topics in Gynecology and Obstetrics and John D. Thompson Resident Research Day programs are scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, and May 15, 2013.

Neil B. Rosenshein, MD, will present the 24th John D. Thompson Lecture entitled, "Screening for Ovarian Cancer: Fact or Fiction," on April 24th. Dr. Rosenshein is the Medical Director of The Center for Women's Health and Medicine Mercy Medical Center, Clinical Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, at the University of Maryland.

Herbert Peterson, MD, will present the 30th W. Newton Long Lecture, "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: The Impact of Population and Family Planning," on April 24th. Dr. Peterson is the Kenan Distinguished Professor and Chair at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina.

The graduating class of residents and fellows will present their research findings on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Second year residents and first year fellows will present their proposals for feedback and evaluation on May 15.

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