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Message from Dr. Hogge

I write this, my final chair letter, with very mixed emotions. I am looking forward to retirement in Virginia and being closer to my children and grandchildren, but I will truly miss my Magee family. When I moved to Pittsburgh in 1992 I fully expected to stay five years and then move on to a new academic endeavor. What I had failed to recognize in the interview process, was the incredible richness of the academic resources offered by Magee-Womens Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh. I didn't fully see the Department's potential the way my predecessor, Dr. Rick Sweet, had when he told me that Pittsburgh would be the "UCSF of the East." Well, I can tell you without a doubt that my colleagues at UCSF now wish they could be the "Magee of the West."

There are more people to thank than I have space to name in this newsletter, but I want to highlight a few that have been instrumental in the fun and success I have had at Magee during the last 22 years. First, I want to thank my genetics colleagues (physicians, lab directors, counselors, and staff) for listening to my often crazy ideas for what our next area of growth should be and then taking those ideas and putting them to the test to build a world-class genetics program. It has been an honor to work with each and every one of them for the last two decades.

Second, I am indebted to Drs. Rick Sweet, Bill Crombleholme, and Jim Roberts for the strong clinical, educational, and research foundation on which the current Department has been built. With the incredible resources provided by Magee, UPMC, and the Magee-Womens-Research Institute & Foundation, the Department has grown to be one of the top Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences departments in the country. We are consistently ranked among the top 10 for gynecology by *U.S. News & World Report*; our residency program was recently ranked as No. 3 in the United States; and we are the top-funded department of our kind nationally

by the National Institutes of Health. This is a tribute to the approximately 250 faculty who are passionate about the care of patients, committed to educating the next generation of physicians, and dedicated to discovering cures for the diseases that affect women and their infants. But as we all know, none of the faculty's success is possible without an equally devoted staff of nurses, technicians, and administrative support people. Magee is truly an academic environment that is second-to-none!

Finally, my special thanks to the staff of the Magee-Womens Foundation for helping me to reconnect the Department and Magee with its alumni. Events like the emeritus luncheon, ACOG dinners, and this newsletter have allowed me to interact with those physicians and trainees that built the foundation on which the current Department stands. I encourage you to continue to attend these events and to continue to philanthropically support the Department. It is through your involvement and support that the Department will continue to thrive.

I am delighted to turn over what is clearly the best Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences chair position in the country to Dr. Bob Edwards. Bob has served as my executive vice-chair, and has led the gynecology service line. Both of these roles have helped prepare him well for the challenges of leading the Department in a time of change. I hope I have left him the strong foundation that Rick Sweet and others left me. I am thankful for the honor of having been the "chair at Magee" for the past 11 years and I look forward to hearing how Magee continues to lead the field of women's health in years to come.

W. Allen Hogge, MD

Milton Lawrence McCall Professor & Chair
Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology &
Reproductive Sciences

In Remembrance of Morris Turner, Magee Medical Director Who Brought Care to Underserved Communities

Magee's Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences mourns the loss of **Dr. Morris Turner**, a pioneer in bringing health care to women in underserved communities. Dr. Turner collapsed of cardiac arrest while playing tennis in June and died at the age of 65. He was the medical director for Magee's outreach sites at Wilkinsburg and Monroeville and led the efforts to establish practices devoted to the needs of minority women.



Dr. Morris Turner

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* recounted a story of Dr. Turner's dedication to ensuring his patients were cared for – even in the midst of the city's snow storm of the century. In January 1994, with his car buried under three feet of snow and city residents urged to stay off the road, Dr. Turner walked more than an hour from his home to Magee-Womens Hospital to deliver a baby.

It was that kind of dedication that he was known for, according to many colleagues. "His peers considered him a prodigy," says Carey Andrew-Jaja, MD, medical staff president at Magee. "He demanded and often extracted the truth from whatever source he chose to explore. As past president of the Magee medical staff himself, he left his mark. He spent his entire career trying to do away with disparities in health care."

Dr. Turner had been a force in women's health for more than 40 years. The son of sharecroppers in Barley, Ga., he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta on a full scholarship at age 16. He graduated with a bachelor's in biology and chemistry in 1969 and was active in the Civil Rights movement,

participating in sit-ins and marches with leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. That experience, he later noted, would shape his commitment to the needs of the underserved.

He continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh. After graduating in 1973, Dr. Turner completed a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology at Magee and chose a path that would forever change the lives of women in the Pittsburgh area.

At Magee he met Dr. Robert Kisner, and the two outlined plans for bringing care to the city's African-American community. What started with outreach programs delivered by nurse practitioners evolved to become the first black specialty group practice in East Liberty. In addition to his practice, Dr. Turner was a member of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Services. He also served as medical director for Adagio Health and the chief of services for obstetrics and gynecology at McKeesport Hospital. Through all those positions his focus was on ensuring that safe care would be available for all women.

As a medical student in the days before *Roe v. Wade*, Dr. Turner saw how back-alley abortions had led to the death of young black women. He was determined that would not happen in Pittsburgh and became one of the few providers of abortions in the city, risking threats from protesters who marched outside his clinics.

"He wanted to ensure that women had access to safe care – that was his legacy," says Dr. Jaja, adding that Dr. Turner also left his mark on the

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Community Practices

Bringing Access to World-Class Care to Often Underserved Communities

The Magee Community Practices Program has a very straightforward goal: Effectively partner academic gains in tertiary care with community practices to provide cutting-edge treatment to patients in centers close to their homes. According to Edward A. Sandy, MD, it's a marriage that benefits all parties.

“No one physician can ever know enough,” he says. “The advantage of our department is that we're able to connect doctors in community practices with world-class knowledge to deliver better patient care. It's putting the patients' needs first.”

And it's bringing that care to the patients' home communities through physicians they already know and trust. Instead of requiring women to come to Magee's main campus in Oakland for care, in many cases, treatments can be facilitated closer to where patients live. According to Dr. Sandy, often that removes a barrier to seeking care, particularly for women who lack the means for traveling outside of their neighborhoods. “It would be a stretch to say some of these patients would not have access but for our service,” he says, “But something as simple as distance from a provider office can create an impediment that is difficult to overcome.”

Magee began incorporating these practices in 2008. According to Dr. Sandy, while there are

other academic centers that have affiliations with community practices, this model is unique as it integrates the centers into the department structure.

All of the community centers are general obstetrics and gynecology practices and have been a traditional portal of entry for women into medical care. Often, an obstetrics and gynecology physician is the only provider a woman might visit, especially in her reproductive years. For that reason, these practices are especially important to ensuring women are receiving general health care, particularly for those in at-risk neighborhoods.



A nurse practitioner at one of Magee's community locations escorts a patient into an exam room.

Additionally, many of the physicians staff clinics in poorer neighborhoods, in correctional facilities, and see disadvantaged patients in their offices, as well. Such access is central to the Community Practices Department and follows the lead established by one of its pioneers, Dr. Morris Turner, who died this past summer (see story,

page 3). “It truly looks at caring for patients who might have difficult situations but are in critical need for care.”

That strategy is particularly important in ensuring access for pregnant women with high-risk conditions, including those who have diabetes, who are at greater risk of (for both mother and infant) hypertension, and increased rates of C-sections. Getting treatments to women as early as possible translates to better outcomes for mother and child.

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Magee Community Practice Locations

UPMC-Horizon:

Ira Abramowitz, MD
Rifaat Bassaly, MD
Francis Bassani, DO
Nicole Carlson, MD
Bradley Dennis, MD
William Dundore, MD
Rand Himes, DO
David McFadden, MD
Christine Nagy, MD
Janet SeGall, MD
Michele Tate, DO
Elizabeth Wirth, MD
Michelle Wright, DO

UPMC Mercy:

*Greater Pittsburgh
Obstetrics Group*
David Badway, MD
Stacey Carlitz, MD
Constantine Kralios, MD
Daniel Lattanzi, MD
Michael F. Lupinetti, MD
Neely Nelson, MD
Stephanie L. Nicholas, MD
Ira Rock, MD
Claver Soriano, MD
Michele Straka, MD
Nicole Waltrip, MD

Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC:

Womancare Associates
Carey Andrew-Jaja, MD
Michael Bummer, MD
Jamie Cannon, MD
Carole Chesin, MD
Stephen Corey, MD
Tabitha Delo, MD
April Dunmyre, MD
Michael England, MD
Dennis English, MD
John Fisch, MD
James Garver, MD
Suzanne Griffith, MD
Ari Heffron, MD
Renu Joshi, MD
Andrew Kellerman, MD
Kimberly Melen, MD
George Poutous, MD
Zenaida Rosado, MD
George Rosenberg, MD
Sandra Rygg, MD
Samuel Seiavitch, MD
Elizabeth P. Seiders, MD
Evan Shikora, MD
Robert Simmonds, MD
Kitilia Smith, MD
Deborah A. Sommer, MD
Barbara Susang-Talamo, MD
Lee Ann Swanson, MD
Harati Tatineni, MD
Deborah A. Whiteside, MD

Community Gynecology Specialties

Mary Olson, MD
Deanna Rutman, MD
Robert Stern, MD

OB/GYN Associates of Pittsburgh

Sharon Baer, DO
Donald Carson, MD
Steele Fililpek, MD
Elizabeth Hazel, MD
Renata Hoca, MD
Maryann Hugo, MD
Charles Kremser, MD
Anne Shaheen, MD
Robert Thomas, MD

UPMC-Northwest:

Linda Barnhart, DO
Eric Fackler, MD
Bart Matson, DO
William McGrail, MD
John Myers, DO

Uniontown:

Lawrence Glad, MD
Aliya Ladha, MD
Daniel Nahhas, MD
Rajendrasinh Rathod, MD
John Sunyecz, MD
Christine Wilson, MD

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Another key area is obstetrics and gynecology integration is in the advancement of women's health research. Collaborating with the community practices physicians, researchers at Magee-Womens Research Institute can effectively share and test new treatments. Protocols can be developed and disseminated to the physicians at the community practices, who provide direct feedback that can improve the processes and eliminate errors going forward. The collaboration provides continuing training to the community doctors, allowing them to keep abreast of the latest findings.

Together, the practices enable Magee to provide specialty services remotely. For example, patients have access to more detailed ultrasound analyses. Typically local physicians see only a limited number of ultrasounds. However, by enabling community practices to share the tests with doctors who interpret hundreds of them each week, more detailed diagnoses are possible.

Telemedicine also creates greater efficiency, especially in the area of oncology genetics. Consultations require highly specialized physicians. By connecting electronically, it reduces the needs for specialists to travel, allowing them to provide more consultations while not losing the direct access to the local doctors who are leading the patients' care.

Magee's Community Practices At-A-Glance

- *Established in 2008*
- *More than 80 providers*
- *40 practice sites and five hospitals in western Pennsylvania*
- *274,000 cared for in the last year*

Through this collaborative approach, Magee is able to focus on well-woman care as well, offering a continuum of services in conjunction with the local physicians. With 80 providers in more than 40 practice sites and five hospitals throughout western Pennsylvania, the centers had 274,000 patient visits last year.

"It is the integration of these practices that facilitates our efforts to provide world-class obstetrics and gynecology care to any patient," says Dr. Sandy. "And that is regardless of where she lives."

In Remembrance of Morris Turner (cont. from page 3)

many medical professionals he helped to train. "Students, residents, mentees – all those doctors he worked with – they all honor him as a great teacher. He will be missed."

In honor of his service to the community, he was named one of the *New Pittsburgh Courier's* Men of Excellence in 2012.

Dr. Turner is survived by his wife Verena Turner; siblings Amos Johnson and Joevelyn Roundtree; children Morris Jr., Derrick, Jonathan and Kielah; and six grandchildren.

2014 Alumni Day Reception – Thursday, October 23



The 39th Annual Magee Alumni Day festivities began on Thursday, Oct. 23, with a reception at the Mansions On Fifth.

On Friday, Oct. 24, an exciting lineup of speakers, including past and current faculty and former residents, gathered for an informative day of lectures about clinical care and research at Magee. The event concluded with lunch and tours of the hospital.



Bill Crombleholme, former Residency Program director, Marvin Rulin, '60; and Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, former faculty member



John Scaramucci, '61; John Malinowski, '65; and Joanne Malinowski



David Katz, '65; Joan Hogge, and W.Allen Hogge



Steve Laifer, '89 and Maryanne Hugo, '92



Renata Hoca, '90 and Judith Albert, '86



W. Allen Hogge; Mitchell Creinin, former faculty member; Daniel Edelstone, '75; Sarah Berga, former faculty member; Anthony Zeleznik; Yoel Sadovsky



Michael Krew, '86 and Bob Edwards, '89



Bill Crombleholme; Karen Roperti, '94; Steve Laifer, '89



Dennis English, '80 and Bernie Peticca, '84



Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, and Halina Zyczynski, '89



Carolyn Kubik, '82 and Christine Gallis, '94

2014 Alumni Day Lectures – Friday, October 24



W. Allen Hogge presenting the Milton McCall lecture as his last lecture as chair of the Department.



Marvin Rulin, '60; Daniel Edelstone, '75; Anthony Zeleznik; and Jim Hayashi



W. Allen Hogge was presented with bricks to be displayed in the Magee courtyard in recognition of his service to Magee.



Daniel Lattanzi, '82; Richard Mann, '55, David Katz, '65; and Rocco Fulciniti



Magee's current resident class.



Bill Crombleholme, Bob Thompson, '76; and Bob Kaminski, '77

Save the Date

ACOG

Monday, May 4
San Francisco, CA

If you are planning to attend ACOG, please let us know. Magee will be hosting an invite-only reception on Monday, May 4.

Research Day in Reproductive Biology and Women's Health

Friday, May 29, 2015
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC
Auditorium, zero level

Department of OB/GYN/RS Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 5, 2015, By invitation only

Alumni Reception

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015

40th Annual Alumni Day

Friday, Oct. 9, 2015
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC

*For more information about happenings,
please contact cgaughan@magee.edu
or 412-641-8978.*



The Alan Kunschner, MD Memorial Fund

As you may know, it has been two years since the passing of former Magee colleague, teacher, and mentor Alan Kunschner, MD.

Known for a dry wit in moments of great tension, Alan had an incredible impact on those that interacted with him. Residents spent hours observing his detailed rounding technique and the way he helped colleagues when they encountered difficulties in the operating room or labor suite. They benefited from watching the way he assessed a situation and took control with tremendous grace and exacting surgical technique and the way he cared for patients with the same precise approach.

In honor of the influence Alan had on those he taught, mentored, worked with, and cared for, Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation is partnering with Alan's wife, Kathy, to establish The Alan J. Kunschner, MD Memorial Fund. The goal of the fund is to build a strong base of support at Magee in Alan's honor and ultimately create a lasting legacy that will promote education and training for generations of gynecologic oncologists into the future.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Kambra McConnel, director, Major Gifts, at 412-641-8922 or mconnelk@mwri.magee.edu. Through your generosity, you will play an important role not only in commemorating Alan, but also in honoring the next generation of gynecologic experts and future patients who ultimately will benefit from Alan's legacy as well through the educational initiatives made possible through the fund.



New Chair Announced

Robert Edwards, MD, has been named chairman, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences.

Look for more information about Dr. Edwards in the next issue of the newsletter.

Magee Residency Program Receives National Recognition

Education permeates the culture at Magee. The residency program provides strong support to medical teachers, excellent educational facilities, and rich simulation resources for medical trainees to optimize their learning and achieve their career goals.

In recognition of the caliber of the program, Magee was ranked No. 3 in the nation for obstetrics and gynecology residency programs in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Doximity*. Congratulations to everyone who is dedicated to the advancement of the residency program!

This is a great honor that validates the hard work of our amazing faculty, fantastic facility, and talented residents,” says Dr. Gabriela Gosman, director of the Residency Program.

To make a donation to support the residency program, call Colleen Gaughan at 412-641-8978.

Magee Community Saddened by the Loss of Dedicated Physicians

Magee mourns the loss of **Dr. Leroy Indorato**, who passed away on Oct. 26 following a brief illness. An active member of the Pediatrics Department at Magee-Womens Hospital since 1971, Dr. Indorato left an indelible imprint on pediatric care at Magee. He will be remembered for his clinical prowess, diligence, his warmth, and his compassion.

Magee also mourns the loss of **Dr. Aron Szulman**, who passed away on Nov. 22 at the age of 94. Dr. Szulman joined the staff at Magee as a pathologist in 1964 and became a full professor of pathology in 1981. He retired in 1990 and became a professor emeritus and continued to write and consult for Magee. Dr. Szulman was a devoted physician, renowned scholar, committed teacher, and a faithful friend to his colleagues.

New Faculty Hires for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

Faculty

Devon Ramaeker, MD	7-14-14
Murhaf Naddour, MD	8-1-14
Sara Sakamoto, MD	8-1-14
Judith Volkar, MD	8-1-14
Elizabeth Wirth, MD	8-1-14
Mary Hollis, CNM	9-1-14
Constantine Kralios, MD	9-1-14
Pamela Lee, CNM	9-1-14
Neely Nelson, MD	9-1-14
Rebecca Waltner-Toews, MD	9-1-14
Julie McKechnie, CNM	9-28-14
Lawrence Glad, MD	12-1-14
Daniel Nahhas, MD	12-1-14
John Sunycz, MD	12-1-14
Christine Wilson, MD	12-1-14



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Magee is ranked #2 in the Pittsburgh Metro area
 and #6 in Pennsylvania among ALL hospitals.

- Magee-Womens Hospital National Rankings
- Gynecology – 7th
 - Orthopaedics – 49th
 - Magee also is recognized as high-performing in cancer, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and GI surgery, geriatrics, and urology



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AN UPDATE FROM W. ALLEN HOGGE, MD

