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DEPARTMENT OF OB/GYN/RS

## Message from Dr. Hogge

**A**s always, I am delighted to provide a Department of OB/GYN/RS update.

### Expanding Our Clinical Care

Since July 1, we added 18 faculty members, with 10 being generalists. Recruitment of general ob-gyns into Western Pennsylvania has been difficult, but we have managed to attract outstanding new physicians into Magee's practices extending from Pittsburgh to Erie, Johnstown and Washington counties. Continued growth of our generalist practices increases the need for subspecialists. So, we recruited two MFM faculty, two Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility faculty and one each in obstetrical specialties and urogynecology. The six recruits are young, well-trained future leaders in their respective fields.

In addition, we added two primary investigators, both with epidemiology backgrounds. They are gynecologic oncology researchers and members of the newly formed Women's Cancer Research Center located in Magee-Womens Research Institute.

Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC continues to lead quality and safety initiatives nationally, and those efforts are spearheaded by members of our department. A couple of the newest initiatives implemented include a C-section rate optimization program and an electronic medical record best practice alert system for the influenza vaccine.

### Excelling in Research

Equally impressive to me is the incredible academic productivity of the faculty. In the first six months of this academic year, 13 investigators were awarded new grants, and we are on pace to publish 200 peer-reviewed papers this year.

Our faculty continue to garner awards for their investigative efforts. Recent awards will be listed in the upcoming *MAGEE* magazine due out this spring.

### Furthering Education

I am extremely optimistic about the future of our specialty, and Magee's role in training the future leaders of ob-gyn. This year's list of new trainees, residents and fellows reads like a Who's Who of top academic institutions. We are fortunate to train some of the best and brightest individuals in the country. You can only expect to hear more great things about the department!

Also, it was great to see several alumni residents, fellows and former faculty at the hospital's centennial celebration and our annual Alumni Day. Some haven't been back for years. Many of our 'graduates,' whether they join our staff at Magee or head to practices throughout the world, are doing incredible work to change the medical landscape of women's health. I hope you feel proud of your connection with Magee.

On a final note, many are also joining our philanthropic efforts and supporting the department's residency and fellowship training programs, lectureships, research projects and other critical funding areas. If you haven't already done so, I hope you consider making a donation this year.



**W. Allen Hogge, MD**

Milton Lawrence McCall Professor & Chair  
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Reproductive Sciences

## Magee Alumnus Journeyed From the Farm to Medicine

**B**orn in 1919 the oldest of 10 children, Tom Allen, MD, had a lot to juggle as a teenager in Bairdford, Pennsylvania. In addition to working on the family farm and going to high school, he had the challenging task of getting from one to the other. Since schooling in Bairdford ended after the eighth grade, he continued his education by hitchhiking to and from high school about 10 miles away.

After hearing a doctor speak at the school, he decided on a career in obstetrics and gynecology — a far cry from working on the farm or as a coalminer like his father. But he faced a major roadblock: the cost of college. He cleared it by submitting an essay to The American Legion, winning a full ride to the University of Pittsburgh.

He earned a bachelor's degree in 1940 and a medical degree in 1943, and went on to complete gynecology and obstetrics residencies at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC. Partway through the latter residency, he joined the U.S. Army, serving from 1945 to 1947.



After residency he practiced alongside partners Drs. Donald Birrell and James T.

*To the left: Tom Allen, MD, entering his second year of residency at Magee-Womens Hospital in 1949.*

Brown. Dr. Allen practiced ob-gyn until he was 75. At 92, he continues to contribute to the medical field.

The avid art collector and wine connoisseur has donated to Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC for



*Above: Tom Allen, MD, Magee resident, class of many years, 1951, on January 18, 2012.*

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supporting projects such as The Dan Berger Cord Blood Program, the Patient Care Fund, and the Greatest Needs Fund. He is still spotted at various Magee events such as last year's Centennial Celebration and Magee's Annual Alumni Day.

Interestingly, Dr. Allen and his late wife, Ruth, moved across the street from Magee in 1988. He now resides there with his wife of more than 20 years, Judi Cannava.

**Your philanthropic support can help purchase supplies and equipment needed to continue leading cutting-edge reproductive biology research at Magee. Your support can also break down barriers for medical students like Dr. Allen who are dreaming of a career in medicine. For information about supporting Magee, contact Colleen Gaughan of Magee-Womens Foundation at [cgaughan@magee.edu](mailto:cgaughan@magee.edu) or 412.641.8978.**

## Gynecologic Specialties: Patient Care from A to V

The Division of Gynecologic Specialties at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC is tasked to care for women with gynecologic disorders ranging from adolescent sexual health issues (A) to vulvar cancer (V). Last year marked the most productive clinical year ever for the division, with office sessions totaling about 1,500.



*Photo: Harold Wiesenfeld, MD, CM, director of the Division of Gynecologic Specialties*

Harold Wiesenfeld, MD, CM, member of the division for 18 years, took the reigns as the division's director in June.

"Dr. Wiesenfeld takes over a division that had remarkable growth, both clinically and academically, under the leadership of Mitch Creinin, who left in June to assume his new role as chair of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California,

Davis," says W. Allen Hogge, MD, chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences. "I am extremely pleased that we have someone of Harold's caliber to assume this important leadership role."

One reason for the division's clinical success is them maintaining an open access schedule to maximize their specialists' availability for new and return problem visits. A new patient sees a division physician within three business days.

The division's research growth last academic year totaled 32 peer-reviewed research articles

and 40 abstracts accepted at national meetings. It also attracted \$4.6 million in funding from government, foundation, and industry sources.

Division faculty lead gynecology teaching in resident continuity clinics. Residency areas they oversee include: gynecology, family planning, special clinics (coloscopy, pre-op clinics, and menopausal health), minimally invasive surgery, gynecologic consultation, urgent care gynecology, and ambulatory gynecology. The division also offers fellowships in family planning and minimally invasive surgery, the latter in conjunction with the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility.

"We strive to provide the highest quality of subspecialty gynecology care to women in our region, and to serve as a resource to providers for women with complex gynecologic conditions," says Dr. Wiesenfeld. "We will continue conducting cutting-edge research studies and clinical trials, maintaining Magee's national leadership in gynecology."

### Division Faculty:

Sharon Achilles, MD, PhD  
 Aletha Akers, MD, MPH  
 Judy Chang, MD, MPH  
 Beatrice Chen, MD, MPH  
 Noe Copley-Woods, MD  
 Miriam Cremer, MD, PhD  
 Richard Guido, MD  
 Heather Hohmann, MD, MPH  
 Marcia Klein-Patel, MD  
 Ted Lee, MD  
 Suketu Mansuria, MD  
 Kathy McIntyre-Seltman, MD  
 Mary Beth Peterson, MD  
 Beth Prairie, MD  
 Glenn Updike, MD  
 Harold Wiesenfeld, MD, CM

## It's a Girl...It's a Boy...It's a Pumpkin?



What do pumpkins from the craft store have to do with C-sections? More than you think. Magee's ob-gyn resident director, Gabriella Gosman, MD, Robert Kaminski, MD, and Edward Sandy III, MD, train first-year residents how to conduct C-sections utilizing craft

pumpkins filled with river rocks and covered in layers of material and plastic bags representing tissue layers of the abdomen. Dr. Gosman even uses balloons as bladders.

The yearlong special education program covers topics that first-year residents need to know. One third of the year is spent immersed in hands-on activities with a variety of simulated exercises, which compliments the required lectures and readings.



## Magee Abroad: Abu Dhabi

In March, Halina Zyczynski, MD, was invited by former Magee resident alumni Denise Howard, MD, to the 2nd Update in Gynecology conference in Abu Dhabi of the United Arab Emirates. Dr. Howard is the director of urogynecology services at the Corniche Hospital there. Dr. Zyczynski also met up with former Magee resident alumni Sandra Culbertson, MD.



*Photo: Sandra Culbertson, MD, and Halina Zyczynski, MD, tour one of the royal family birthing suite waiting rooms. Visiting family and friends are hosted by the new parents in these elaborately furnished suites.*

*Photo: Halina Zyczynski, MD, exploring the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque*

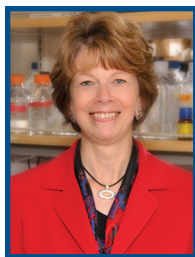


*Photo (from left): Halina Zyczynski, MD, Denise Howard, MD, and Sandra Culbertson, MD*

## Lectureships Cushion Reach for Research Day Keynotes

Thanks to philanthropists Margaret “Peggy” Joy and Joan and W. Allen Hogge, MD, Magee is able to attract two distinguished scientists to deliver keynote lectures for the annual Research Day. They established named lectureships in 2010, — the “Margaret Prine Joy Lecture in Reproductive Sciences” and the “Celebration of Life: A Lectureship Honoring Mothers” — which were sparked by personal ties to Magee.

### Margaret Prine Joy Lecture in Reproductive Sciences



Like most Pittsburghers, Peggy Joy, chair of the Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation board of directors for the past six years, first encountered Magee as a patient, then in her twenties. Her relationship with the hospital continued with the birth of her daughter, Katie, the birth of her grandchild, with another grandchild on the way. Learning firsthand the impact that research discoveries have on improving patient care, coupled with her own passion for wanting to help advance women’s health research, Joy made a long-term investment at Magee by establishing an endowed lectureship.

*Photo (from left): Yoel Sadovsky, MD, director of Magee-Womens Research Institute, Jacquetta Trasler, MD, PhD, lectureship keynote for Research Day 2011, and Peggy Joy*



“Supporting research is my particular passion, and I am especially interested in helping to educate and motivate young scientists who want to make science and research their career,” says Joy.

### Celebration of Life: A Lectureship Honoring Mothers

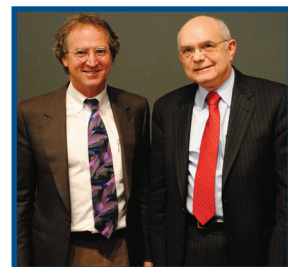


A few years after Joan Hogge’s mother, Margaret Scarce, passed away after an arduous battle with ovarian cancer, she and her husband established the “Margaret Scarce Compassionate Care Resident Award.” The annual award recognizes an oncology resident who provides exceptional patient care.

Later, the Hogges established the “Celebration of Life: A Lectureship Honoring Mothers” in honor of their mothers — Margaret Scarce and Phyllis Hogge.

“My mother was extremely appreciative of the compassionate care provided by several of the Magee residents,” says Joan Hogge. “By funding this lectureship we hope to provide an ongoing educational opportunity for the Magee ob-gyn residents — one that brings the most outstanding national and international speakers to Pittsburgh.”

If you would like more information about establishing an endowed lectureship, please contact Colleen Gaughan of Magee-Womens Foundation at [cgaughan@magee.edu](mailto:cgaughan@magee.edu) or 412.641.8978.



*Photo (from left): David Relman, MD, lectureship keynote for Research Day 2011 and W. Allen Hogge, MD*

## Upcoming Events

### ACOG: Magee Reception

May 5-9/San Diego, California

If you're attending ACOG, please let us know. Magee will be hosting an invite-only reception the evening of May 7 if there is enough interest.

### Ovarian Cancer Symposium

May 10-11/Herberman Conference Center at UPMC Cancer Pavilion, UPMC Shadyside  
[www.upmc.edu/ovarian](http://www.upmc.edu/ovarian)

### Research Day in Reproductive Biology & Women's Health

May 25/Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC's Auditorium, zero level

Keynote speakers: David A. Grimes, MD, FACOG, FACPM and SK Dey, PhD

### Department of Ob/Gyn/RS Awards Ceremony: Invite Only

June 1/Pittsburgh Field Club

For more information about these events, please contact Colleen Gaughan of the Magee-Womens Foundation office at [cgaughan@magee.edu](mailto:cgaughan@magee.edu) or 412.641.8978.

### 37th Annual Alumni Day

October 5 (tentative)/Magee-Womens Hospital

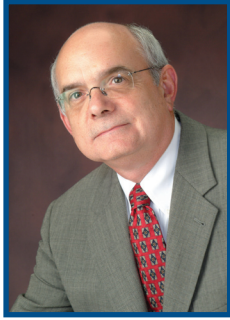
The classes of 1962, 1987, 1992, 2002 and 2007 are celebrating their reunion years on Alumni Day. Please plan to attend this special day.

### Alumni reunion list:

Makunda Abdul-MBacke	Li-Shei Lin
Regina Arvon	Patricia Lohr
Diana Aung	Larry P. McNulty
David M. Badway	John C. Mellinger
Katherine M. Bass	Erich Metzler
Leo Brancazio	Kim J. Miller
Amy Broach	Gilbert L. Mottla
James T. Brown, Jr.	Donald M. Mrvos
Joseph D. Campbell	Michele R. Odrobina
Heather L. Catiche	Eeva Liisa Kristiina Parviainen-Yang
Philip E. Chenette	Minita Patel
Bonnie A. Coyne	Suzanne E. Peterson
Ashi R. Daftary	Robert Pintar
James Daucher	Lauren E. Pray
Keisha Dennard-Hall	Tracey Lee Prosen
Vanita B. Dharan Jain	Phillip N. Rauk
Deborah M. Enegeess	Radha B. Reddy
Elizabeth A. Frankman	Ira M. Rock
Katharine Goetz	Mark A. Rubino
Richard S. Guido	Meera R. Scarrow
Alfred Gurguis	Hyagriv Nara Simhan
Nancy Howden	David Streitman
Maryanne Hugo	Carolyn Sufrin
Elizabeth E. Knepp	Shelia Ward
Mark Lanasa	Mark Yudin
Emily S. Lebovitz	

## Resident Class of 2010-2011





## AN UPDATE FROM W. ALLEN HOGGE, MD

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