



OB/GYN *Connection*

April 2007

Monthly News for Faculty and Staff

First Robotic Hysterectomy

Performed at Jackson South

Dr. Babac Shahmohamady made history on March 16, 2007 when he performed Jackson South Community Hospital's first total laparoscopic hysterectomy using the da Vinci Surgical System robot.

The hospital is excited about this accomplishment and is seeking media attention for Dr. Shahmohamady's next surgery.

"The first time we used the robot they didn't want to call anybody — just in case something went wrong," says Dr. Shahmohamady with a smile. "Next time they are going to call Channel 7."

The surgery is a great accomplishment for Jackson South, as it is a growing hospital and is working on attracting patients. The accomplishment is also beneficial for the patient. Patients usually experience less post-op pain and undergo a faster recovery time. They also have wounds which are less invasive. For more information on the da Vinci robot, visit www.intuitivesurgical.com.



The surgery was performed using the Da Vinci robot, pictured above.

Events

► Wednesday, April 18, noon

Chairman Leo B. Twigg, MD will be speaking to the Forum on Women's Health at the Lauderdale Yacht Club regarding HPV vaccination.

► Friday-Sunday, April 20-22

The William A. Little Obstetrics and Gynecology Society Annual Meeting will be held at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa. To RSVP, contact Zusel Matos at 305-243-2233, or by e-mail at zmatos@med.miami.edu.

► Thursday, May 3, 5:30 pm

The UM Corporate Walk takes place at Bayfront Park in Downtown Miami. If you sign up before April 13, the fee is \$25; after that it's \$30. To register, visit www.wellness.med.miami.edu

Research

► [Heavy Bleeding](#) ► [HPV](#)

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Announcements

► March 30, 2007

Happy belated National Doctor's Day to all our faculty and residents!

► May 1-31

Oncology Nursing Month

News

OBGYN Welcomes New Administrative Chief Residents



Dr. Gregory Guell



Dr. Albert Triana

Dr. Victor Hugo Gonzalez-Quintero, Residency Program Director, announced the department's new administrative chief residents early this month.

They are Dr. Gregory Adam Guell, who graduated from Universidad de Ciencia Medicina, and Dr. Albert Triana, who graduated from Ponce School of Medicine.

Department Welcomes New Residents

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Adrian Marimon
University of Miami



Ana Teresita Suarez
University of Florida



Fabienne Achille
University
of South Florida



Jean-Marie Stephan
American
University of Beirut



Lina Echavarría
Ponce School of
Medicine



Jorge Arturo Fernandez-Sanchez
Universidad Autonoma



Michael Stine
Nova Southeastern
University



Sarah Williams
University of Miami



Zakiya Hosein
Royal College of Surgeons
Of Ireland

Mentorship Opportunity

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology will be participating in the Women's Health Research Scholars Program, a mentorship program that will pair up a doctor with an undergraduate or graduate student to work on a project in the field of women's health research.

Doctors interested in mentoring a student should contact Dr. JoNell Potter at 305-243-2173.

New Addition to the OB/GYN Family



Congratulations are in order to Dr. Albert Triana (Administrative Chief Resident) and his wife Marlene, who had a baby girl named Gabriella Sophia on March 30, 2007.

Community

► Hialeah Health Fair

The **HIV service** will be conducting outreach through free HIV testing and counseling at the Hialeah Chamber of Commerce Health Fair on **April 14, 2007**, at the Milander Convention Center. Over 25,000 people are expected.

► HPV Screening in Peru

Dr. Nahida Chakhtoura will be traveling once again to Peru as part of **Cervicuzco**, a week-long pre-cancer screening and education mission from **May 28 to June 4**.

Peruvian women have one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the world. **If you are interested in making a donation or volunteering, please contact Dr. Chakhtoura at nchakhtoura@med.miami.edu**

► Colposcope for Haiti

Dr. Mary Jo O' Sullivan is looking for someone to donate a colposcope. She would like to make it available to physicians in Haiti by June. She is also looking for an ultrasound machine, 3D is not necessary. A refurbished or used machine will do, as long as it is in working condition. If you're interested in helping, **contact Dr. O'Sullivan at 305-382-2162 or 786-371-8133, or mosullivan@med.miami.edu**.

Quoted

► **Dr. Salih Yasin**, Associate Chairman, was quoted in the **Journal of the American Medical Association** on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in an article on how newborns may gain several health benefits if the umbilical cord isn't cut for at least two minutes after birth.

► **Dr. Matt Pearson**, gynecologist and oncologist, was quoted in the **Miami Herald** on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, in a story about how the Broward School Board is opposing mandatory vaccinations against cervical cancer in girls ages 11 and 12.

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Published

► **Dr. Peter Takacs and Dr. Carlos Medina's** paper titled "Tension-free Vaginal Tape: Poor Intra-operative Cough Test as a Predictor of Postoperative Urinary Retention" was accepted for publication by the **International Urogynecology Journal**.

► **Dr. Victor Gonzalez-Quintero** (along with Niki B. Istwan, Debbie J. Rhea, Roren Smarkusky, M. Camille Hoffman and Gary J. Stanziano) had a paper titled "[Gestational Age at Initiation of 17-hydroxyprogesterone caproate \(17P\) and Recurrent Preterm Delivery](#)" published in **The Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine** Vol. 20, Issue 3 2007, pg. 249-252.

► **Dr. Paul M. Norris** presented a poster at the **Society of Gynecological Investigators'** annual meeting (held March 14-17 in Reno, Nevada). The poster is titled "Single and Multidose Pharmacokinetic Study of a Vaginal Micronized Progesterone Tabled (Endometrin®) compared to Crinone 8% Vaginal Gel in Healthy Reproductive-Aged Female Subjects."

Research

The following clinical trials are seeking patients:

Heavy Menstrual Bleeding

Purpose: To test the efficiency and safety of a non-hormonal drug to reduce heavy menstrual bleeding.

Criteria for Participants: Healthy women (free of bleeding disorders) ages 18-49 who've had heavy menstrual bleeding lasting at least three consecutive days in at least four of the last six menstrual periods. Women interested in participating in the study should have regular menstrual periods and should not be pregnant or breastfeeding. Additionally, they should be using an acceptable non-hormonal contraceptive.

If you are a doctor who wants to refer patients, or if you are interested in participating in the study, contact **Jackie Rendon in the OB/GYN Division of Research at 786-367-7460 (cell), 305-272-0316 (pager)**.

HPV Vaccine Study

Purpose: To compare an investigational cervical cancer vaccine versus Merck's FDA approved Gardasil vaccine.

Criteria for Participants: Non-pregnant, healthy women ages 18-45 who have not been previously vaccinated qualify for this study which requires eight visits in a two-year period.

If you are a doctor who wants to refer patients, or if you are interested in participating in the study, contact **Jackie Rendon in the OB/GYN Division of Research at 786-367-7460 (cell), 305-272-0316 (pager)**.

Hot Flashes

Purpose: To test a non-hormonal investigational drug to see if it may relieve hot flashes and to compare the incidence of side effects with various titration and tapering regimens with desvenlafaxine (DVS) SR.

Criteria for Participants: As many as 85 percent of postmenopausal women experience the discomfort of hot flashes -- sudden sensations of heat, often accompanied by sweating, racing pulse, and anxiety.

If you are a postmenopausal woman experiencing bothersome hot flashes with sweating every day, you may be eligible to participate. Qualified participants will receive at no charge study-related medical examinations, laboratory tests, electrocardiograms, investigational medication and compensation for travel costs to doctor's visits. If you are a doctor who wants to refer patients, or if you are interested in participating in the study, contact **Jackie Rendon in the OB/GYN Division of Research at 786-367-7460 (cell), 305-272-0316 (pager)**.

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Cervical Dysplasia Study

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is testing experimental medications and therapies for the treatment of cervical dysplasia, a pre-cancerous condition that can lead to cancer if left untreated. Current treatments are surgical or invasive. This study is testing an investigational gene therapy to see if it safely and effectively treats HPV mediated cervical lesions as a result of dysplasia.

If you or someone you know is between 18 and 25 and has had an abnormal PAP test, you may be able to take part in this research study. Qualified participants will receive all study-related care and study therapy. **To find out more, call Liliana Rivas at 305-243-5832 or e-mail l.rivas@miami.edu.**

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