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HEALTH OBSERVANCES

► October 1 - 31 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States this year. [www.nbcam.org/](http://www.nbcam.org/)

► October 1-31 is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month. More than 25,000 precious babies are lost to stillbirth each year in the United States. [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)

SAVE THE DATE

► December 2
The department’s annual holiday party will take place on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. This year’s venue is Jungle Island. Stay tuned for more

Remodeling of PAC Suite 507 now complete

Over the course of a few months, Suite 507 at the Professional Arts Center (PAC) has transformed into one of the department’s most modern and beautiful spaces.

Remodeling of the space involved expansion that now permits diagnostic ultrasound services and the obstetrics and maternal-fetal medicine clinics to be located in one place. Prior to the renovation, ultrasound held a suite on the third floor of PAC.

The previously tan walls are now painted a cheerful sky blue, a nice contrast to the dark wooden furniture throughout the clinic and the hardwood floors. The administrative personnel is now located at a counter space at the front of the clinic, rather than in the back, where it was originally located.

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Renovation of PAC continued

This makes it easy for patients to identify a staff member who can help them check in and answer any questions while they wait to see their doctor. Also, the waiting room is now more spacious and welcoming. The department plans a ribbon cutting ceremony for the suite before the end of the year.

“Our number one priority in renovating the space was to make things more comfortable and more effective for our patients,” said Ruth Srebrenik, vice chair for administration.

Department launches new website


The new site is more patient-friendly and also reflects UHealth branding. Important links for patients include appointment lines, a physician directory, and educational information about various conditions.

UHealth now offers childbirth classes

Classes are taught by UHealth childbirth educators and obstetric and pediatric experts. Classes run for four consecutive weeks and provide information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding and newborn care. Two extra sessions are offered on infant and child CPR and car seat safety. Participants will also have a chance to interact with UHealth physicians in an intimate and casual setting during question and answer sessions.

The cost for the series of classes, held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., is $100. Lunch will be provided and parking will be validated in the Clinical Research Building parking garage. The first class is on Saturday, October 15.

For more information or to register, call 305-689-7200 or visit www.uhealthbaby.com.

OB/GYN participates in UHealth fair

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology participated in a UHealth fair on September 22, 2011, held for employees and students at the university’s Coral Gables campus.

Approximately 1,000 people attended the fair, which showcased the services of 40 clinical departments. Fairgoers had the opportunity to receive a free flu vaccine, visit the various booths and attend informational sessions conducted by physicians.

Tarek Bardawil, M.D., M.B.A., assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and Karen Tang, M.D., M.P.H., spoke about minimally invasive surgery at the event and were also at the OB/GYN booth answering questions.

Department of Human Genetics launches Cancer Genetics Clinic

The Dr. John T. MacDonald Foundation Department of Human Genetics, Division of Clinical and Translational Genetics, has launched a Cancer Genetics Clinic that offers comprehensive cancer risk evaluations, management and recommendations to patients with hereditary cancer syndromes.

The clinic works closely with patients diagnosed at an early age, with a rare cancer, with multiple primary cancers, or with a significant family history of cancer.

Certified genetic counselors have experience in providing comprehensive assessments for women’s cancers including:

• Ovarian, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal carcinomatosis at any age
• Endometrial cancer for women under age 45
• Bilateral breast cancer
• Family history of breast, endometrial, ovarian, thyroid, colon cancers
• Germ cell malignancies with family history of cancer
• Rare gynecologic tumors

Call 305-243-6006 to make an appointment or to refer a patient.

From left: Betsy Sanchez and Iracema Salazar represent the department at the UHealth fair.
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► George Attia, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, is quoted in the October issue of South Florida Parenting. The story focuses on the process of freezing eggs before undergoing cancer treatment.

HR CORNER

The department welcomes the newest members of the team:

► Isis Abbott is a medical assistant for practice sites.

► Jaymie Orozco is a licensed practical nurse for the Division of General OB/GYN.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get to know
Dr. Marc Gualtieri

Marc Gualtieri, M.D., is a fourth year OB/GYN resident who also serves as a chief administrative assistant.

“Marc has revamped the GYN clinic system and increased patients seen compared to last year by 28% for this quarter,” said Zusel Matos, senior manager for educational programs. “He consistently receives all excellent evaluations from the medical students,” she added.

Q: Why did you choose to specialize in OB/GYN?
A: This field offers a special combination of all aspects of medicine, including primary care, surgery, and psychiatry. Delivering babies is a pretty sweet bonus.

Q: As a chief administrative resident, what are your main duties?
A: I fill in where ever I am needed to ensure everything is running smoothly, so that everyone is happy. I am essentially the resident/attending HR department.

Dr. Gualtieri is known for his sense of humor and is pictured here with a balloon he bought for a colleague’s birthday.

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Q: What do you find most challenging about your job?
A: The most challenging part of my job is trying to separate my personal feelings from my professional duties.

Q: What is most enjoyable about your job?
A: Being able to make positive changes to the residency program and seeing those changes develop throughout the year.

Q: What are your plans after residency?
A: I’d like to pursue a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility and after that return here, to UM.

Q: If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?
A: Mexico. Last time an administrative chief went there, they got three months off.

Q: What do you enjoy doing during your free time?
A: That would imply I have free time.

Q: What is something that most people don’t know about you?
A: I’m Asian. I can cook pretty awesome Chinese food and I am allergic to alcohol.

Q: What song are you listening to most lately?
A: “What Was I Thinkin’,” by Dierks Bentley.

Q: What’s your favorite movie or book and why?
A: “Let me answer your question with another question. How many aboriginals do you see in male modeling?” Zoolander.