



Chair's introduction

Colleagues,

Welcome to the first edition of the UK Women's Health Obstetrics & Gynecology newsletter.

The department was founded in 1962 by John Greene, MD, who chaired the department for 27 years. The department continues to flourish. In September 2010, I accepted the honor of serving as chair of this great department.

It currently has 27 full-time faculty members, six fellows and 20 residents.

Clinical divisions include General OB/GYN, Gynecologic Oncology, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology, and our Community Division with established practices in Morehead, Georgetown and Hazard.

Our Women's Health Research Division includes two focus areas: Epidemiology, where the consequences of violence against women are studied; and Reproductive Biology, where ovarian physiology and ovarian proteomics are studied.

With each issue of the newsletter, a faculty member will be highlighted. We will introduce you to different subspecialty clinical programs; our educational programs for students, residents and fellows; and our community practices.

It is a privilege to lead this department and to be among the distinguished faculty members, staff, alumni and students who make UK such an extraordinary place.

Wendy Hansen, MD
Professor and chairman

The John Greene Society

The John W. Greene Jr., Gynecological and Obstetrical Society is the alumni organization of our OB/GYN residency. Commonly referred to as "the Greene Society," it is named after our first department chairman. Membership in the group also includes past faculty and fellows of the department. Each July we admit five new first-year residents into our program, which means the Greene Society simultaneously adds five new members. Below is our Class of 2017, which matched with us in mid-March, and brings the total number of residents who have been in our department up to 229.



Maureen E. Roberts, MD
University of Toledo



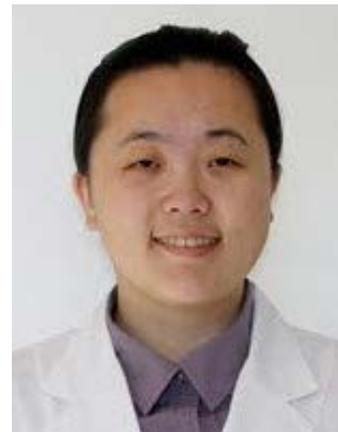
Rebekah L. Stafford, MD
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Karen N. Tran-Harding, MD
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Drexel University



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Faculty focus

We welcome Mark R. Hoffman, MD, a new specialist in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.

Dr. Hoffman earned his medical degree at the UK College of Medicine in 2002. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Chicago. He then spent two years as a fellow in minimally invasive surgery and chronic pelvic pain at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he received training in advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgery.

Dr. Hoffman is now a clinical assistant professor in our department. His primary research interests include uterine fibroids and outcomes following robotic myomectomy surgery.

He is a member of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Hoffman focuses his practice on medical and surgical treatments of complex gynecologic problems including fibroids, endometriosis, abnormal uterine bleeding and chronic pelvic pain. In addition to nonsurgical treatments, he can offer a minimally invasive approach when surgery is needed.

Like his colleagues in the Division of General Obstetrics & Gynecology, Dr. Hoffman sees patients in the UK Good Samaritan Medical Office Building clinic:

UK Women's Health Obstetrics & Gynecology

125 East Maxwell St., Suite 140
Lexington KY 40508

For an interactive Web page that will help you obtain directions and a map to this location, please [click here](#).

To speak to Dr. Hoffman, or to refer a patient, please call UK•MDs at **859-231-9922** or toll free at **800-888-5533**.

Alternatively, patients may call the clinic directly at **859-323-0005** to make an appointment to see him.



Mark R. Hoffman, MD

Our research

Building interdisciplinary research careers in women's health at UK

UK has received a \$2.24 million NIH award from the Office of Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health to renew the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH, pronounced "BIRCH") program. UK was one of the initial BIRCWH programs, funded in 2000, and has now successfully renewed this program through 3 competitive grant cycle reviews over the past 12 years.

BIRCWH is a mentored career-development program. It connects junior faculty to senior faculty with shared research interests in women's health and sex differences to provide a strong, mentored environment for the scientific career advancement of junior faculty.

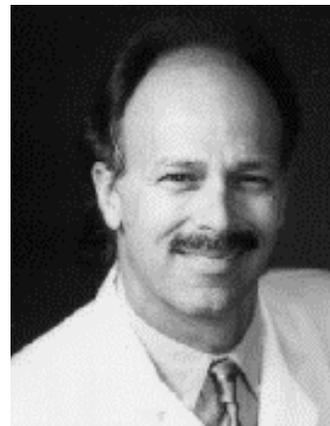
It is increasingly recognized that interdisciplinary research is critical for advancing the understanding of complex medical conditions that affect women. The BIRCWH initiative serves as a model of how to approach research and career development, not only in women's health research but also in other fields.

The goal of the BIRCWH initiative is to ensure that the cadre of women's health researchers who can translate interdisciplinary research findings is maintained for the next generation to catalyze improvements in the health of women in the nation.

"It is essential to support the next generation of researchers in women's health," said Alan Guttmacher, MD, director of NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). "By providing for the career development of junior investigators, the BIRCWH awards help to assure that groundbreaking research and treatment advances continue in the future."

The [BIRCWH program at UK](#) has been extraordinarily successful in achieving the goals of the initiative: to train young faculty to become independent, extramurally supported investigators in women's health research.

Thus UK continues its tradition of excellence in women's health research and is among a select group of institutions supported by this training mechanism, including Harvard, Yale, the Mayo clinic, the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina, among 21 other programs nationwide.



Thomas E. Curry, PhD, Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, is the principal investigator of UK's BIRCWH Program, in addition to leading [his own research laboratory](#).



Ann Coker, PhD, Professor and Verizon Wireless Endowed Chair in the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, is co-director of the program and also an OB/GYN faculty member.

The BIRCWH program at UK has been highly successful

- From 2000 to 2012, UK's BIRCWH program has mentored 27 scholars.
- Those Scholars have received \$30.6 million in grant funding as principal investigators and \$7.7 million as co-PIs.
- Scholars have received 71 grants and contracts, including 15 R01s, 5 R21s, 4 R03s and 2 NSF grants.
- Scholars have published 290 articles.
- Scholars have given 304 presentations at local, regional, national and international meetings.
- Eleven former BIRCWH scholars have been promoted to associate or full professor.
- For every NIH dollar spent on the program, the UK BIRCWH has generated \$6.29 in funding.

How to contact us

Our OB/GYN clinical faculty are always available for consultation or referral.

A listing of our clinical faculty by division is below. All UK HealthCare physicians, including those in our department, are available by calling UK•MDs at **859-231-9922** or **800-888-5533**.

You may also visit our department's website at www.mc.uky.edu/obg.

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Brian Rone, MD
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Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

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Division of Reproductive Endocrinology

Ken Muse, MD, Director

The above divisions' clinics are in:

UK Women's Health Obstetrics & Gynecology

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Division of Gynecologic Oncology

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