



INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

THE UAB OB/GYN FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The UAB Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is a nationally recognized leader in obstetrics and gynecology education. We are uniquely situated at the intersection of robust clinical practice and groundbreaking research, creating an incredible environment conducive to innovation and learning.

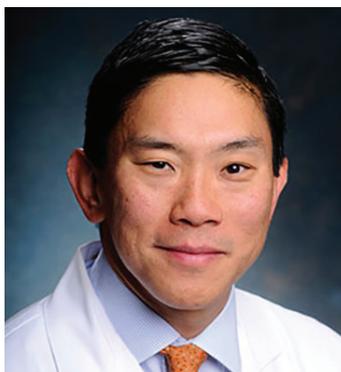
The department was first established in 1945 under the initial leadership of Nick Jones, M.D., who served in this role until 1968. In 1969, Charles E. Flowers Jr., M.D., was named the first full-time chairman. Under his leadership, the residency program blossomed and new subspecialty fellowships were created. Since our first resident graduated in 1950, over 400 physicians have chosen the department as their destination for specialty training and comprise the distinguished UAB OB/GYN alumni family.

For more than 70 years, our alumni have been caring for the needs of women throughout our local, state, and regional communities. **Currently, one out of every three OB/GYNs practicing in Alabama trained at UAB.** Whether bringing a new life into the world or providing cutting-edge cancer care, our alumni are making a significant impact on our community's health and helping shape the future of our specialty.

Although UAB's clinical mission has been — and will remain — to care for the citizens of our state, the department has risen to national prominence through clinical expertise and innovative research. A number of faculty and alumni hold key leadership positions in national organizations, helping to set the vision and priorities for our specialty and many subspecialties.

These leadership roles are of utmost importance to the future of our specialty, and it is our goal to prepare our residents and fellows to confidently take on these roles and lead our specialty for years to come.

OUR VISION



Warner K. Huh, M.D.

“This fund is a major strength of our training program. Our philanthropic partners have helped our residents and fellows gain experiences that allow them to excel as clinicians and surgeons, physician-scientists, members of their communities, and advocates for women’s health care. Gifts to the OB/GYN Fund for Excellence help us continue to provide the highest-quality educational experience for trainees. They also help us attract top talent, who come to UAB eager to learn and excited to gain experiences that other training programs cannot offer. We hope you continue to join us in supporting this fund for years to come. It not only makes a tremendous impact in the lives of our residents, fellows, and faculty members, it also positively affects the lives of their patients.”

—WARNER K. HUH, M.D.
Chair, UAB Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



Alice R. Goepfert, M.D.

“The UAB OB/GYN Fund for Excellence provides critical funding to enhance the educational opportunities for our residents. Whether it is travel to present their research at national meetings, travel and housing for off-site global or U.S. experiences, or resident research project support, this funding removes the financial barriers for our residents to fully engage in experiences that broaden their knowledge, skills, and character. Since its inception, this unique resource has also served as a valuable tool as we continue to recruit the best and brightest young physicians to our program. The Fund for Excellence is a wonderful opportunity for alumni and others to give back and invest in innovation in education and the future of our specialty.”

—ALICE R. GOEPFERT, M.D.
Professor, UAB Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, UAB School of Medicine
Designated Institutional Official, UAB Hospital



Akila Subramaniam, M.D., MPH

“The Fund for Excellence is an invaluable resource to the development of our residents. Over the years, it has afforded a number of learning and research opportunities for our residents, ranging from global health electives to presenting original research at national conferences - opportunities pivotal to professional development and exposure for our program. With your support, we can continue to ensure that all graduates of the UAB OBGYN residency program continue to be among the premier trainees in this country.”

—AKILA SUBRAMANIAM, M.D., MPH
Associate Professor and Residency Program Director
UAB Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

ENHANCING MEDICAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Medical simulations make it possible to reproduce a wide range of clinical scenarios crucial for residents and fellows to experience and master. Simulation in the clinical setting allows health care providers to hone clinical competencies, strengthen surgical skills, and teach the importance of communication and teamwork. The OB/GYN Fund for Excellence in Education enables state-of-the-art medical training through this type of simulation learning.

Well-planned and repeated team practice is vital to learning and improving communication skills to reduce medical errors. Realistic simulation-based training advances education and practice for residents and fellows. It provides opportunities for trainees to develop and perfect clinical decision making in a risk-free environment where mistakes are allowed to happen and consequences unfold. These training experiences further our mission to provide the highest-quality care to our women and infants in a safe clinical environment.

UAB OB/GYN residents and fellows are able to connect the bridge between classroom learning and real-life clinical experiences using computerized mannequins that perform dozens of human functions in realistic settings. Simulations provide our trainees the freedom to make mistakes and learn from them in a customizable, safe educational environment complete with detailed feedback and evaluations.

UAB has a longstanding commitment to research training, and the UAB OB/GYN Fund for Excellence in Education provides residents and fellows the opportunity to engage in a variety of research activities. A research experience enhances trainees' critical thinking and problem solving abilities, skills essential for excellence in clinical practice. For many trainees, research provides an opportunity to discover new knowledge in an area of medicine that they are passionate about.

UAB is dedicated to not only training expert clinicians, but developing robust physician-scientists who will help accelerate the discovery of new knowledge. Research is the foundation on which the best patient care is built, so providing opportunities for our trainees to participate in research is a critical component for our program.

Residents are also encouraged to present their work at regional and national meetings, and each year, multiple residents have the opportunity to do so. These activities not only invest in individual scholarly development, but help raise the profile of our department and institution. Funds are used to support travel for residents to present at regional and national meetings, as well as provide the necessary research support, including laboratory supplies, data collection, and analysis.



HEAR FROM OUR RESIDENT ALUMNI



Courtney Mitchell, M.D., Ph.D.
Resident '18, UAB
Fellow, Duke University
Maternal-Fetal Medicine

“As a graduate of the residency program here, the OB/GYN Fund For Excellence was vital to my experience. It enabled me to garner early research funding. I presented my research at important meetings and met leading figures in the field of OB/GYN. The fund also shows the medical community that our department values research critical to women across the world.”

THE POWER OF GIVING



Brandy Patterson, M.D.
Partlow, Harbin, & Poist OB/GYN
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

“I feel it is important to support the OB/GYN Fund for Excellence in an effort to give back such a small piece to the institution that gave me so much.

I trained at UAB in this department for my residency training from 2005-2009. There are simply no words for how much this department shaped and molded me into a confident, well-trained, and eager young female physician.

My time at UAB served as some of the most important and special pieces of my now 40 years of life, and I will be forever indebted and thankful. Therefore, giving to this fund simply shows a small piece of my gratitude in hopes that another trainee can gain part of that indescribable experience.”

SUPPORT THE OB/GYN FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

A gift to the OB/GYN Fund for Excellence in Education is an opportunity for alumni, faculty, and friends to invest in the future of our specialty. All gifts will help make a difference as we work toward preparing our residents and fellows to excel as physicians. Are you interested in giving? Contact Erica Hollins, Senior Director of Development, at 205-996-6839 or elhollins@uabmc.edu.

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