

## NEW INTERNS FOR 2010-2011

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is pleased to introduce the incoming interns for the academic year of 2010-2011. Our new interns hail from various parts of the country and bring with them a variety of interests. Welcome to all.



**Kelli Barbour**

University of California,  
San Francisco

Hobbies: Scuba diving, crochet, genealogy,  
reading, travel, four-wheeling and music



**Holly Little**

Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of  
Medicine

Hobbies: Running, knitting, quilting and reading



**Kashina Dawkins**

Duke University School of Medicine

Hobbies: Reading French literature, travel,  
piano, tennis, professional basketball and  
global health interests



**Anita Malone**

University of Michigan Medical School

Hobbies: Scuba diving, traveling, reading and  
cooking



**Allison Hensley**

University of Kentucky College of Medicine

Hobbies: Running, dance, Pilates, skiing,  
travel and family time



**Kourtney Morris**

Indiana University School of Medicine

Hobbies: Exercising, reading and traveling



**Kareem Khozaim**

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Hobbies: Tango dancing, sports, travel,  
Middle Eastern and East African politics and  
culture, peace and social justice issues



**Katie Towles**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Hobbies: Playing violin and piano, golf and  
reading



**Nicole Kirby**

University of South Florida College of  
Medicine

Hobbies: Running, swimming, dancing,  
reading, movies, traveling, socializing and  
learning Spanish



**Catherine Wheatly**

Wayne State University School of Medicine

Hobbies: Sewing, jewelry making, reading,  
singing, drawing, cooking, dancing, playing  
games and spending time with family, espe-  
cially outdoors



# INDIANA ACOG, SPRING MEETING

The Indiana Section Scientific Meeting & Huber Lecture will be held on April 21, 2010 at the Ritz Charles, Carmel, IN.

The topic for this spring meeting is "Obstetrics...New Approaches to Old Problems."

The 2010 Huber Lecture will be given by **Dr. Charles Lockwood, M.D.** Anita O'Keeffe Young Professor of Women's Health and Chair, of the Department



**Dr. Charles Lockwood**

of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences - Yale University School of Medicine and the Chief, Obstetrics & Gynecology - Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Dr. Lockwood is a leading expert in maternal-fetal medicine, specializing in pregnancy loss, preterm delivery and maternal thrombophilias, a blood-clotting disorder in pregnancy. Dr. Lockwood's research interests include the pathophysiology of recurrent pregnancy loss, the prediction of preterm delivery, and the mechanisms of abnormal endometrial bleeding. He is the senior editor of the CD-ROM and Internet-based textbook "Obstetrics: UpToDate" (2001) and has authored more than 205 journal articles, 50 book chapters and hundreds of abstracts. His writing and research have earned him awards from the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians, the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Lockwood joined the Yale faculty in 2002 as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine. He serves as chief of Ob/Gyn at Yale-New Haven Hospital and is the director of the Yale Women's Health Center. From 1998 to 2000, he was also acting director of the Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center at the

7:30-8:00 am	Registration / Exhibit Hall	
8:00-8:10 am	Welcome/Announcements	Jeff Rothenberg, MD <i>Indiana Section Chair</i>
8:10-8:55 am	Gestational Diabetes - Pill or Shot?	Aaron Caughey, MD, MPH <i>Univ. of California, S.F.</i>
8:55-9:40am	"Corticosteroids for Pulmonary Maturity and Other Indications"	Men-Jean Lee, MD <i>Mount Sinai Med. Ctr., NYC</i>
9:40-9:50 am	Questions/Answers	Drs. Caughey and Lee
9:50-10:20 am	Exhibits / Refreshments	
10:20-11:05 am	"Certified Nurse Midwives and Obstetricians: A Myriad of Possible Working Relationships?"	Thaddeus Weghorst, MD <i>Auburn OB/GYN, Auburn, IN</i>
<b>11:05-11:55 am</b>	<b>The 2010 Huber Lecture</b> "Evaluation and Management of Early Pregnancy Loss" <i>Introduction by Dr. Lee A. Learman, MD, PhD Ehrlich Professor and Chair, Indiana University, Dept. of OB/GYN</i>	<b>Charles Lockwood, MD</b> <i>Yale University, New Haven, CT</i>
11:55-12:05 pm	Questions / Answers	Dr. Weghorst
12:05-1:15 pm	Luncheon	
1:15-2:00 pm	"Mechanisms to Decrease C/S Rates?"	Aaron Caughey, MD, MPH
2:00-2:45 pm	"Indiana Specific Perinatal Data- How can we use it to offer better care?"	Haywood Brown, MD <i>Duke University, Durham, NC</i>
2:45-2:55 pm	Questions / Answers	Drs. Caughey and Brown
2:55-3:25 pm	Refreshments / Exhibits	
3:25 - 4:10 pm	"Cervical Cerclage: Stratifying Approaches"	James Sumners, MD <i>Ctr. for Prenatal Diagnosis St. Vincent, Indianapolis</i>
4:10-4:55 pm	"Centering Pregnancy: When 2 + 2 = 5"	Mary Blackburn, CNM, MSN <i>HealthNet Midwifery Program, Indianapolis</i>
4:55-5:00 pm	Questions / Answers / Adjourn	

NYU School of Medicine.

Dr. Lockwood received his undergraduate education at Brown University and his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He also has a Masters in Health Care Management from Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and holds a postdoctoral fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine from Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1987. Before joining the NYU faculty, he was at Tufts University School of Medicine and Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, where he was director of perinatal research. He is the

editor-in-chief of *Contemporary Ob/Gyn* and associate editor of the *Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine*. He has served on numerous national and state committees dealing with perinatal concerns. He completed his term as president of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation in March 2008.

Dr. Lockwood will present "Evaluation and Management of Early Pregnancy Loss" at 11:05 a.m.



## Joint Commission

The Joint Commission (formerly the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies more than 17,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. In 1951 The American College of Physicians (ACP), The American Hospital Association (AHA), The American Medical Association, and the Canadian Medical Association joined with the American College of Surgeons to create the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, known as JCAH. It began to publish standards for hospitals as well as survey hospitals' compliance with these standards. When Congress passed the Social Security Amendments in 1965 it added a provision that deemed hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals to be worthy enough to participate in Medicare and Medicaid. The organization changed its name to Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations in 1987 to reflect an expanded scope of activities including the surveying of managed care organizations. The Joint Commission now certifies hospitals,

managed care organizations, outpatient surgery centers, mental health facilities as well as laboratories. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.

The Joint Commission's Mission and Vision Statements reflect this commitment to quality and patient safety:

**Mission:** To continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

**Vision Statement:** All people always experience the safest, highest quality, best-value health care across all settings.

Both Wishard Memorial Hospital and the Clarian Health System participate in Joint Commission Accreditation Surveys, hoping to achieve a full three year accreditation cycle. The on-site survey includes performance standards in such areas as environment of care, leadership, information services, and the medical staff. It is a rigorous review of processes and performance standards to ensure that patient care is provided in a safe manner and in a secure environment.

One of the key elements in the Joint Commission's evaluation is the reporting of performance measurements. Pregnancy and related conditions was one of the initial priority and focus areas for hospital core measurement development identified by the key Joint Commission stakeholders. In 2002, the Pregnancy and Related Conditions (PR) set was one of the initial sets of core measures implemented. In March of this year these measures were updated and renamed to the Perinatal Care Core Measure set.

The measures included in this group are:

- Elective Delivery Prior to 39 weeks - improvement is considered a decrease in the rate
- Cesarean Section Rate for Low Risk Nulliparous Patients
- Antenatal Steroid Use
- Health-Care Associated Bloodstream Infections in Newborns
- Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding at the time of discharge

These measures are similar and overlap with those required by other outside organizations such as Leapfrog Group and Anthem.

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## TEXT 4 BABY

Each year in the U.S., more than 500,000 babies are born prematurely and an estimated 28,000 children die before their first birthday.

In response to this national public health crisis, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB) is launching text4baby, a free mobile information service that provides pregnant women and new moms with information to help them care for their health and give their babies the best possible start in life. The Office on Women's Health is a partner in this educational service.

Whether pregnant or a new mom, text4baby can help keep mom and baby healthy. Sign up for the service by texting BABY to 511411 (or BEBE in Spanish) to receive free text messages each week, timed to the due date or baby's date of birth. These messages focus on a variety of topics critical to maternal and child health, including birth defect prevention, immunization, nutrition, seasonal flu, mental health, oral health, and

safe sleep. Text4baby messages also connect women to prenatal and infant care services and other resources.

Learn more about the [text4baby campaign](#).

To learn more about the text4baby organization, go to <http://www.text4baby.org/>.

Free Info for You & Your Baby  
Text **BABY** to **511411**



## Quality Corner

### Next Month – Elective Delivery

Elective Delivery:

- a. Is when you and your doctor decide on a specific day for the delivery of your baby
- b. Is when you are voted to deliver the Residents Day “commencement”

speech

- c. Is when the postman decides to deliver your mail on the weekend

### Total Deliveries February 2010

IU	62
Wishard	196
Methodist	227

## THIS AND THAT



The employee spotlight this month shines on **Sherrece Benson**, Senior Patient Care Tech in the Coleman Center for Women.

Sherrece is married to Andre Benson, and she has 3 children, Labron, 16, Symone, 11 and Nyla, 3. She enjoys scrapbooking, photography and activities with her family.

Sherrece has been with the Coleman Center for 6 years, but this fall she will start nursing school full time at Marian University, where she will work towards a B.S.N. degree. We will miss Sherrece, but her time in the department is much appreciated and we wish her the best in the future.

**Dr. Richard Hansell** was the Visiting Professor at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie,



Pennsylvania in November. He spoke with the students and members of the LECOM OB/GYN Club at the Student Center. They covered various topics including OB/GYN rotations for junior and senior students, residency requirements, residency interviews and life as an OB/GYN in private practice and academics. Dr. Hansell is pictured with 3 LECOM students (2nd from left is Allison Krug, Dr. Hansell’s stepdaughter) interested in OB/GYN.

**Dr. Lee Learman**, Chair of OB/GYN, has been asked to serve on the Editorial Board as an At-Large member for *Obstetrics & Gynecology*,

popularly known as “The Green Journal,” which is the flagship journal in the field of OB/GYN. This prestigious 4-year appointment is an honor that not many people in the discipline ever attain.

It is a testament to the work and scholarship of Dr. Learman that his nomination was unanimously approved by the current editorial board. Congratulations to Dr. Learman. It is not only an honor for him personally but sends a very strong signal about our department as well.

Former resident, **Dr. Ian Johnston**, Class of 1992 and currently in private practice in Avon, IN, was in Haiti to lend a hand after the devastating earthquake. Attached is the link <http://www.ianinhaiti.blogspot.com> to his blog that chronicles his work in Haiti.

Many thanks to Dr. Johnston for giving of his time and skill to help those in need.

### Our Vision and Values

*In the Indiana University Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology we are leaders and advocates for women’s health care, education and research in the state of Indiana, with a strong regional and national presence. We provide a positive role model for other departments within IUSOM. We exemplify our values by:*

- a. honoring the diverse contributions of faculty and staff to our various missions
- b. being a place where learners and teachers want to come and stay
- c. possessing a collaborative, respectful and trusting work environment
- d. fostering a rich mentorship system
- e. having fiscally sound, responsible, and transparent economic and decision-making policies
- f. having a patient-centered focus in which patients are engaged as active partners in all aspects of care
- g. using an evidence-based approach to patient conducting “cutting edge” basic, clinical and translational research
- h. having a robust and comprehensive quality improvement system to continuously improve patient care

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