



SPECIAL DELIVERY

MACKEY FOUNDATION



The Indiana University Foundation officially announced the establishment of the **John E. Mackey Memorial Fund**. The fund was created to honor Dr. Mackey's contributions to the Department of OB/GYN and the profession of Medicine.

In 2003, the Department renamed the Art of Medicine award in Dr.

Mackey's honor, citing "his education of countless students and his dedication to his patients and his great professionalism, competence and kindness all of which are truly the definition of the Art of Medicine."

Dr. Mackey received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and completed his residency in OB/GYN at Marion County General Hospital (now Wishard). After many years in private practice, Dr. Mackey conclud-

ed his career as a Clinical Professor of OB/GYN within the Department.

The earnings from the newly created fund will support room and board expenses for educational rotations at Moi University in Kenya for OB/GYN residents and medical students with a special interest in OB/GYN.

Donations can be made to the IU Foundation, the John E. Mackey Memorial Fund, account # 38-MOBG-072.

MAMMOGRAPHY CONTROVERSY

As you are probably aware, there has been quite a response to the recent controversy after the November 17th publication, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) updated its recommendations on screening for breast cancer in the general population (www.annals.org). The American

College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) currently continues to recommend the following services:

- Screening mammography every 1-2 years for women aged 40-49 years
- Screening mammography every year for women age 50 or older

- BSE (Breast Self Examination); BSE has the potential to detect palpable breast cancer and can be recommended.

A complete response can be found at: http://www.acog.org/from_home/Misc/uspstfResponse.cfm

SEASONS GREETINGS

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology wishes you and your families a very happy, safe and enjoyable holiday season.

In celebration of the OB/GYN departments' successes in 2009, a special faculty meeting was held outlining all of our combined accomplishments. It truly is amazing what we have all been able to accomplish this year by working together, in spite of the

economic crises that our nation and state have experienced. We hope next year will be filled with continued joy and success.

May you and your families be blessed with health and happiness as another year comes to a close.



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STILL TIME TO MAKE A DONATION

Our department's holiday project, "The Gift of Hope", to raise money for the OB/GYN program in Kenya is well under way! Although we still have a long way to go before we can purchase all the supplies our faculty member, **Dr. Sierra Washington**, needs to improve women's health we have made some progress. Our residents have decided to undertake a significant portion of Dr. Washington's educational needs in order to help their Kenyan counterparts. The residents have agreed to acquire the pocket "redbooks" she requested for her residents and the plan is to inscribe a personal message inside each one.

We have even gone campus-wide in our efforts to raise money for equipment and educational materials. The IUPUI administration was so moved

by our project that we were featured in the November 30th edition of *JagNews*. We are now asking all members of the IUPUI family to consider making a donation to improve women's health in Kenya. However, we still need the help of our OB/GYN family and friends before we have the funds needed to fulfill Dr. Washington's holiday "wish list" for her patients such as (2) insulated speculums (approximately \$600 apiece), sutures, scissors, scrub brushes for hand washing, etc.

Won't you please consider making a 100% tax deductible donation to one of two Ob/Gyn specific accounts? You can earmark your donation (in the memo portion of your check) for "Kenya Ob/Gyn" to be used to buy equipment/educational materials or "Ob/Gyn Humanitarian Fund" to be

used by Dr. Washington to purchase such things as medication for patients or pay for transportation from remote villages to the clinic.

All checks should be made payable to "IU Foundation- Kenya Program" and sent to: IU Foundation- Kenya Program, PO Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266-0245 and you will receive a letter that can be used for tax purposes. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or you would like your donation to be used for a specific piece of equipment or purpose please contact **Dr. Mark Di Corcia** at mdicorci@iupui.edu or 317-278-5967. For more information on the Indiana-Kenya Partnership please visit the website below.

<http://medicine.iupui.edu/kenya/index.html>

IN PRINT

Risk of Mesh Erosion after Abdominal Sacral Colpoperineopexy with Concomitant Hysterectomy

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OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effect of concomitant hysterectomy at the time of abdominal sacrocolpoperineopexy (ASCP) on the risk of mesh erosion

with the use of type 1 polypropylene mesh.

MATERIALS & METHODS: This was a retrospective case control study. All cases of vaginal mesh erosion after ASCP diagnosed between October 2003 and May 2007 (n=31) were identified and compared to matched controls (n=93) in a 3:1 ratio. Cases and controls were matched for age, menopausal state, use of hormone therapy, diabetes mellitus status, and smoking status. Demographic data, concomitant procedures and postoperative complications were also compared between groups using 2-sample Student t test for continuous data and Pearson Chi-square test for categorical data.

RESULTS: The odds of a vaginal mesh erosion was no different for those undergoing a hysterectomy at the time of ASCP (OR 0.95, 95% CI, 0.41, 2.18;p=0.899) when potential

confounders were similar between groups. The overall rate of mesh erosion during the study period was 15 of 264 or 5.7% (95% CI, 2.9-8.5).

CONCLUSION: Hysterectomy at the time of ASCP is not a risk factor for vaginal mesh erosion with the use of type 1 polypropylene mesh.

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THIS AND THAT



Patrick Nosti, M.D., Chief Resident, has accepted a fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at Georgetown University, Washington, DC beginning, upon graduation, in July, 2010.



Rebecca Epstein, M.D., Chief Resident has accepted a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Kentucky in Lexington beginning, upon graduation, in July, 2010.

Kudos to **Robert Bigsby, Ph.D.,** Director of Research. Dr. Bigsby has been appointed Associate Editor of *Environmental Health Perspectives*, the top journal in the environmental health sciences field.

Farewell to **Dr. Elizabeth Case,** Assistant Professor of Clinical OB/GYN at Clarian West.

Dr. Case is leaving us to return home to Kentucky where she has accepted a position in OB/GYN at the College of Medicine, University of Kentucky. She will also be working with the Center of Excellence in Rural Health in Hazard, KY.

Dr. Case completed her residency here in 2001 and then returned to join our faculty in 2004.

We wish Dr. Case all the best.

The department wishes to congratulate the newly elected student officers of the Medical Student Council. The 2010 Executive Committee officers are:

Shreyas Joshi, MS3 - President
Eddie Shmukler, MS2 - Executive VP
Jennifer Pasko, MS3 - VP/Membership
Kimberly Matchett, MS3 - Treasurer
Ashley Cesar, MS3 - Secretary

Did you know that there are a number of internal and local research funding opportunities available to faculty, residents, physicians and health professionals with staff privileges at Clarian Health? If you have an idea for a grant and you are eligible you can apply for a grant or you could partner with a faculty mentor.

For a full list of grants, eligibility requirements and deadlines, go to: <http://operations.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=9&TopID=42>

Longevity in the workplace is not as common as it used to be, but many of our staff have been part of the OB/GYN family for a number of years.

Those who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2009 are:

35 years	Sharon Deem, Administrator
20 years	Kim Cox, RN, Nurse Practitioner, Coleman Center
15 years	Mary Sumners, RN, Nurse Practitioner, Coleman Center
10 years	Ammie Dillon, Off-site Administrator Ramona Jackson, Prenatal Diagnosis Terri Johnson, Business Office LeAnn Martin, Coleman Center
5 years	Terry Shelton Graff, Nurse Practitioner, Wishard Jennifer VanMeter, Office Manager, Coleman Center Susan Wagner, Coleman Center Helen Wenzel, Administrative Assistant, Clarian West

The Department of OB/GYN congratulates all of you and extends many thanks or your years of service.

This month, the Departmental Staff Spotlight shines on **Kris Powell,** File Clerk, UH 2440!



Kris is a graduate of Ball State University with a BA in Business / Marketing. She and her husband of 23 years, David, have 3 boys, Ben (18) who is student here at IUPUI, Matthew (13) and Joshua (11). Kris left the business world to be a stay-at-home-mom and soccer mom.

Before joining our staff she rejoined the work force as a Special Education teacher at her children's school. Kris loves to read, watch movies and camping with her family.

Kris is doing a wonderful job for the department and we thank her for all her hard work.



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