

# Dalhousie University Obstetrics and Gynaecology

## Research Day 2015

Research Day, held on April 24, 2015 was a success with a varied assortment of proposals and completed projects. We were very lucky to have guest speakers from McGill and Dalhousie University.

Dr. William Buckett, Medical Director, MUHC Reproductive Centre at McGill spoke on the topic of *Fertility Preservation* and Dr. Michele Molinari, Surgical Oncology at Dalhousie spoke on *Pancreatic Cancer*.

Seventeen presenters submitted their abstracts this year and four were pre-

sented with awards.

Winning presentations this year included Dr. Naila Ramji, PGY3, Memorial University for her study on *The impact of Maternal Obesity on Breastfeeding*, and Dr. Megan Dufton, Post Doc Fellow at AART for her project, *Establishing a pre-implantation genetic testing program at Atlantic Assisted Reproductive Therapies*.

Medical student Kayla Balderston, MEDII won first prize in the Medical student/Undergrad category for her project *The impact of gesta-*

*tional weight gain on perinatal outcomes in adolescent mothers: a retrospective cohort study.*

Emily Whelan, MED II took second prize for her project *The association between gestational weight gain and maternal and neonatal outcomes in mothers with Class I, II and III obesity.*

Research Day is an exciting time to see what questions our trainees and their supervisors want answered. The projects were varied and interesting. We can't wait to see what is on for 2016..



Dr. William Buckett



Dr. Michele Molinari

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Our PGY5's

Successfully completed their  
Royal College Exams!

Grace Parr, MD FRCSC

Jason Kim, MD FRCSC

Maegan Rutherford, MD FRCSC

Erin Hemsworth, MD FRCSC

Anita Smith, MD FRCSC

Maureen Okonkwo, MD FRCSC



## News to share?

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## Welcome to our new PGY1's

Kaitlyn	Adare	McMaster University
Navpreet	Bal	University of Saskatchewan
Ian	Ferguson	University of British Columbia
Megan	O'Neill	University of British Columbia
Lavanya	Ravichandran	University of Toronto
Jocelyn	Stairs	Dalhousie University

## We're on the web

<http://obstetrics.medicine.dal.ca/>

*It is a new academic year in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and we welcome our new trainees to their 5 year adventure in Women's Health!*

## 2015 CME: Where Are We Now?



**D**r. Leanne McCarthy (left) and the CME committee organized a fantastic CME event (May 8-9, 2015) combining two days of simulation training with oral presentations for Obstetrician/Gynaecologists and Family Physicians. Talks were given on cardiac disease in pregnancy, management and treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding and a review of inherited gynaecologic cancer syndromes. Our REI fellow, Dr. Diane Ahn presented a review of the workup and treatment protocol for patients with infertility. During the two day event, the Leo J. Peddle Lecture was given by Dr. Deborah Money, University of British Columbia, Executive Director of the Women's Health Research Institute and a subspecialist in Reproductive Infectious Diseases.

**O**ur simulators, including Noelle, got a workout at the simulation training session. Session leaders demonstrated new techniques as well as giving practice to old ones. Doctors practiced Essure placement, laparoscopic suturing, surgical energy, biopsies, trans-vaginal tapes, vacuums and 3/4th degree repair, haemorrhage, breech delivery and shoulder dystocia. Drs. Farrell Nette and Donna Gilmour led a session on shoulder dystocia (right).

## Report on Performance 2015-2016

*We are currently working on the next Report on Performance and we can't wait to speak to you about what's going on in your Division. We are interested in your story. Contact: janet.slaunwhite@dal.ca*

## Upcoming Events

**Atlee Lecture:** Nov 5: KS Joseph  
Dr Diane Ahn wedding in October  
Dr. Anita Smith, Fellow in Uro-Gyn  
Christmas party Nov 28th

**Internal Review Obs/.Gyn** Nov 10

**MFM Internal Review** Nov 2

**REI Internal Review** Nov. 9

**MCQ/SAQ Exam:** Nov 6

**APOG** Dec 4-6 in Toronto



## Long Service Awards 2015

- Bev Thomas: 30yrs
- Cathy Kelly: 25yrs
- Mike VandenHof: 25yrs
- Coralee Gallant: 20yrs
- Mary Boudreau: 15yrs
- Donna Gilmour: 15yrs
- Joan Halfyard: 10yrs
- Nancy Van Eyk: 10yrs