



The Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia  
*To embrace our legacy, foster collegiality, and share expertise to improve the health of women in Philadelphia and beyond*

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# Newsletter

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## President's Message



## Welcome to Ob Society 2019-2020!

DONALD DEBRAKELEER, DO  
 PRESIDENT: OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

We have just completed our first 150 years and are now embarking on our next 150 years. I am very excited to present a great slate of speakers covering all areas of our specialty. We will cover obstetric fistula, overactive bladder, ovarian cancer, expanded non-invasive prenatal screening, and laparoscopic treatment of infertility. I plan to wrap it up with a talk about controversies in our specialty and raise the question of who should be the stewards of women's medical care.

Our first speaker will be L. Lewis Wall, M.D., D.Phil. Dr. Wall will speak about the tragedy of obstetric fistula around the world. He will talk of the scourge that still exists in many parts of the world. Dr. Wall will also review the accurate history of Dr. J. Marion Sims and his role in fistula repair. Dr. Wall's unique background as both a physician and professor of anthropology has allowed him to complete a very accurate and thorough analysis of Dr. Sims' work. Dr. Wall was recently the J. Marion Sims lecturer at the American Urogynecologic Society and delivered a similar lecture to a spellbound audience. This lecture also allows us to revisit the ethical issues in surgical innovation.

Your summer reading will not be complete without reading Dr. Wall's book, "Tears for My Sisters" available through Johns Hopkins Press.

There are some exciting changes in the works for this year. The board has discussed introducing an Affiliate Membership category for nurses and advanced practice providers. These providers are an important part of our women's healthcare team and we look forward to their participation, once the membership votes on this bylaw change. Our educational program should enrich their knowledge as it does ours.

Finally, we can do nothing without membership. While recent years has seen an increase in membership, thanks to the hard work of our presidents and the board, we still have a way to go! My challenge to the membership this year is for every member to get at least one colleague to join The Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia. This would double our membership in one year! We have a strong legacy of 150 years and it is imperative to pass it on to a new generation. 📢

## Upcoming Lecture



Thursday, October 10, 6:00 PM

*"J. Marion Sims and the  
 Vesicovaginal Fistula:  
 Historical Understanding,  
 Medical Ethics, and Modern  
 Political Sensibilities"*

We hope that you will be able to join us for our October meeting, when L. Lewis Wall, M.D., D.Phil, of Washington University in St. Louis will discuss J. Marion Sims and the Vesicovaginal Fistula.

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# 2019-20 Meeting Schedule



## Dinner Meetings

- October 10, 2019 *J. Marion Sims and the Vesicovaginal Fistula: Historical Understanding, Medical Ethics, and Modern Political Sensibilities*  
L. Lewis Wall, M.D., DPhil, Selina Okin Kim Conner Professor, Department of Anthropology,  
Washington University in St. Louis
- November 14, 2019 *Overactive Bladder*  
Nazema Siddiqui, M.D., Associate Professor,  
Duke University, Durham, NC
- January 9, 2020 *Ovarian Cancer Treatment and Screening*  
Amanda Nickles Fader, M.D., Director, Center for Rare Gynecologic Cancers  
Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- March 12, 2020 *Prenatal Diagnosis: The Next Step*  
Ronald Wapner, M.D., Director, Reproductive Genetics  
Columbia University, New York, NY
- April 16, 2020 *JOINT OB/PARES MEETING*  
*Role of Laparoscopy in Infertility Evaluation and Treatment*  
Mark Fritz, M.D., Charles Hendricks Distinguished Professor and Director  
UNC Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility, UNC-Health Care
- May 14, 2020 *President's Night*  
Donald DeBrakeleer, D.O.  
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.      Buffet 6:30 p.m.      Lecture 7:00 p.m.

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THE VENUE FOR THE DINNER MEETINGS IS THE NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM, 321 CHESTNUT STREET.  
DISCOUNTED PARKING AT THE BOURSE GARAGE ON 400 RANSTEAD STREET.

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## Resident Education Day

Friday, May 8, 2020 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania





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L. LEWIS WALL, M.D., DPHIL,  
SELINA OKIN KIM CONNER PROFESSOR, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Topic: **J. Marion Sims and the Vesicovaginal Fistula:  
Historical Understanding, Medical Ethics, and Modern  
Political Sensibilities**

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2019

Location: *The National Liberty Museum  
321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*

Time: 6:00 PM Cocktails, 6:30 PM Dinner and Program

**Discounted parking available in the Bourse Garage!**

**Payment by check or *online* at [www.obphila.org](http://www.obphila.org)**

We cannot accept payments at the door.

Members - \$60.00      Non-members \$70.00

**RSVP's are due no later than Tuesday, Tuesday, October 1st.**

Please make your check payable to The Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia  
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## PHOTOS FROM PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

*Peter F. Schnatz, D.O.*

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

### “Improving Menopausal Education and Health Care in the 21st century”



Past Presidents, Drs. Jason Baxter and Albert El-Roeiy.



Past President, A. George Neubert, M.D.



President Elect, Donald DeBrakeleer, D.O.



Drs. Ravy Lu, Dipti Shah-Parikh, Robert Filosa, with Rosemarie Kunasz, CNM and Lorraine Weil.



Peter Schnatz, D.O. passes The Gavel to incoming President Donald DeBrakeleer, D.O.



2019 Resident Bowl Winner, Gabriella Pugliese, D.O. (center) Einstein Resident with Drs. Lisa Perriera and Peter Schnatz.



Past Presidents (L-R) Drs. Woodland, Kaufman, Schwartz, Widzer, Zeidman, Schnatz, El-Roeiy, Neubert, Hewlett, Baxter and Delvadia.

## Match 2019: Another Big Year for OBGYN



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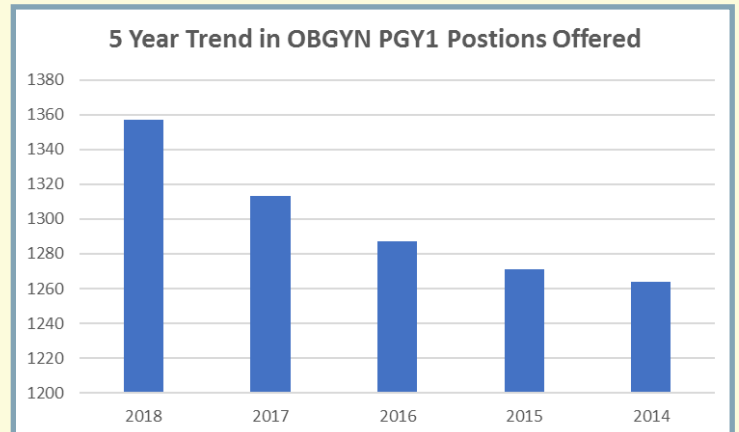
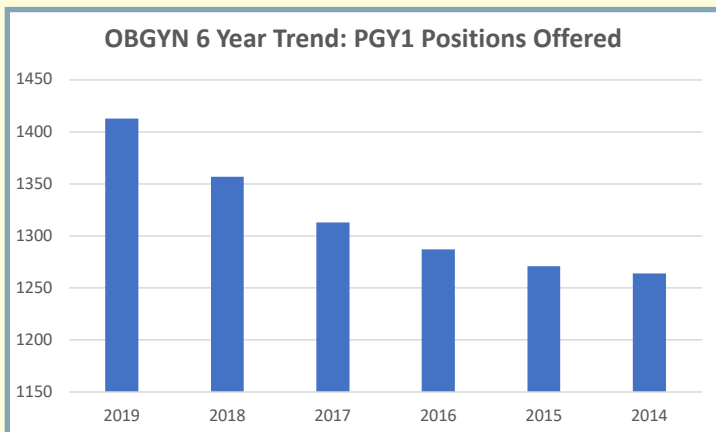
On Match Day 2019, more than 30,000 future doctors matched to residency training positions at teaching hospitals around the country. The National Resident Matching Program® reports that this year, 94.3% of U.S. MD applicants matched, with 77.3% matching to one of their top three choices. Nationally there were 255 OBGYN programs offering 1413 (1336) categorical positions in the match and there were 1879 applicants. After the main match there were only 12 (16) open spots nationally and only 4 (6) in the northeast corridor (table below). Additionally, there were 17 programs that offered 21 preliminary positions.



Main Residency Match - 2019										
	Western		Central		Southern		Northeastern		Total	
PGY1 Positions	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled
<b>OBGYN</b>	195	5	342	0	407	3	469	4	1413	12

Obstetrics and Gynecology	Western		Central		Southern		Northeastern		Total**	
	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled	Offered	Unfilled
<b>PGY-1 Positions</b>	196	4	314	1	391	5	456	6	1357	16

The total number of PGY 1 positions continues to increase (chart below) as does the interest in the specialty. Diversity remains an issue for our specialty with men and underrepresented minorities still being under represented in the applicant pool and in matched seniors.



*CREOG's 2018 survey, representing over 5000 OBGYN and a >90% response rate by residents, identified trends in applications. CREOG has set as one of its priorities to use this data to positively affect the pre-match transition to residency for residents and programs in the application process.*

## PRESS RELEASE

**JUL 25, 2019**

**BY: ASRM**

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On July 12th, the House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2020 by a vote of 220-197. The House version of the NDAA includes language calling for a Study on Infertility Among Members of the Armed Forces no later than 180 days after enactment. The findings will then be reported back to the members of the House Committee on Armed Services. The study will assess the number of members of the Armed Forces serving as of the date of the study who are diagnosed with common causes of infertility, such as:

- polycystic ovary syndrome,
- pelvic inflammatory disease,
- uterine fibroids,
- endometriosis,
- sexually transmitted disease,
- testicular disorders,
- male endocrine disorders

ASRM is working to support the continued need for vital research important to the field of reproductive medicine.

We are pleased to report that also on July 12th, Congressman David Scott [D-GA-13] offered a Resolution in the House supporting the designation of July as Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month. ASRM would like to thank the 10 co-sponsors—all members of the Congressional Black Caucus—for their support of this resolution.

- Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2] Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls.
- Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]
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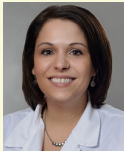


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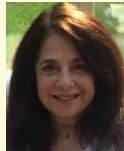


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