Our teaching faculty of 13 Obstetrician-Gynecologists and 15 allied health professionals compose a well-rounded department with expertise in all areas of our specialty. The Obstetrics Division has 3 Maternal-Fetal Medicine sub-specialists, 3 Laborists, and a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship with 1 fellow. The Gynecology Division is composed of OB/GYN Generalists and sub-specialists in Reproductive Endocrinology, Oncology, Family Planning and Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, and a FPM&RS Fellowship with 2 fellows. The Basic Research Division has 2 Ph.D. faculty members specializing in fetal physiology using animal models. The Allied Health Providers provide and teach well-women and routine obstetrical care.

Our department occupies the 7th floor of the main hospital, housing the administrative offices, conference room, maternity center, gynecology wards. The maternity center includes antepartum testing, obstetrical triage suite, labor-delivery suites, operating rooms and postpartum wards. Portable ultrasound machines are available on the Labor & Delivery suite for use 24/7. We are a baby-friendly hospital, recognized for promoting breast-feeding with a lactation specialist, and mother-baby rooming in. Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 (critical care) newborn nurseries are divided between the 7th and 6th floors. Antenatal testing and prenatal diagnostics testing with 3D & 4D ultrasounds are performed at the Medical Professional Institute (MFI) building.

The OB/GYN resident call rooms and resident’s library are also located on the 7th floor adjacent to the Labor and Delivery Suite. The library contains computers with internet access, electronic libraries, as well as textbooks, CD’s, and videos. Laparoscopic pelvic trainers to enhance surgical skills and obstetric pelvic mannequins to practice delivery techniques are also in the library. Residents have access to the Internet, WiFi, and the LA County Intranet from any hospital computer utilizing their own password.

In November 2014 Harbor-UCLA introduced and launched a new eMR system “ORCHID”, now currently linked to all our affiliated hospitals.

The residents perform gynecologic surgery in the main hospital OR on the second floor. We occupy 7 full time operating rooms per week. On average, our residents are the primary surgeon for over 100 elective, urgent, and emergent cases per month. In April, 2014 our new state-of-the-art Surgery
and Emergency building opened. This building has 16 operating suites, a DiVinchi Robot, and 95 Emergency Department treatment rooms.

The Women’s Health Clinics, located on the first floor of the Medical Center include 14 exam rooms, 4 procedure rooms, and operates during the weekdays. Our GYN Ambulatory clinics provide robust training for residents. Last year we provided care for over 25,000 patients and performed over 300 minor procedures including Essure Sterilization, Diagnostic and Operative Hysteroscopy, Endometrial Ablation, Sonohysterography, D&Cs for pregnancy termination, and LASER/LEEP procedures in our clinic area. Our unique Gynecology Urgent Care allows our patients to have walk-in access for acute issues such as first trimester pregnancy complications, PID, ovarian torsion, etc. while after-hours and acute problems are seen in the main Emergency Department, which is a full service Trauma Center. The Women’s Health Clinics include all several sub-specialty gynecology clinics: Gynecologic oncology, endocrine-infertility, abnormal cytology/colposcopy clinic, and urogynecology. Ultrasound machines for transvaginal, transabdominal, and hydrosonography pelvic examinations are readily available and utilized by our residents to aid in diagnosis, and treatment planning.

The Obstetrical Clinics are housed in the Medical Professional Institute (MFI) located on the Southwest corner of the Medical Campus. Included in the practice is MAMA’s Neighborhood, one of 27 national demonstration sites for a new model of obstetrical care funded though the Strong Start Program from CMS (Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services). In our maternity medical homes, residents, midwives, generalists, and MFM specialists integrate the medical care for patients in a team approach to address the broader medical, mental, and social support needs of our patients. This innovative model of care extends beyond the medical home and engages community based agencies in the care process to support housing, substance abuse, nutrition, and behavioral health services for our patients. In addition, the High-Risk Obstetrical Service incorporates care with multi-specialty faculty from Medicine, Cardiology, Neonatal and Maternal Fetal Medicine Faculty and Fellows to develop prenatal care and delivery plans for women with complex management problems. Lastly, much of the care delivered in the Women’s Health Clinics are provided through the individual residents’ weekly Continuity Clinics, which permits them to follow their own cohort of patients throughout their pregnancy.

**Affiliated Training Hospitals**

The Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Downey (KP) is a large community hospital operated by Kaiser Permanente, the largest HMO in California with approximately 3500 deliveries, 1000 major and 1800 gynecologic surgeries annually.
During each PGY-2, PGY-3 and PGY-4 year, residents spend 10 weeks on an inpatient OB/GYN rotation. They work one-on-one with the Kaiser OB/GYN faculty which in addition to the many generalists has sub specialists in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Oncology, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility and Uro-gynecology.

Since 2010, our program became affiliated with the Volker Healthcare Foundation, Inc. which includes the Las Vegas Minimally Invasive Surgery Group (MIS) working in 3 private community hospitals in Las Vegas, Nevada. This rotation, the Advanced Surgical Experience in Minimally Invasive Surgery Rotation, allows our PGY3 and PGY4 residents to work with Master Surgeons, one-on-one to learn the latest MIS surgical techniques. Between this concentrated exposure to laparoscopy and our own MIS curriculum at Harbor, residents graduate with an average of 75 laparoscopic hysterectomies (92\textsuperscript{nd} percentile). The residents also complete an introductory training course in Robotic Surgery with certification. During this rotation the residents also gain additional experience with operative hysteroscopy, and urogynecologic procedures.

In addition to the high volume of laparoscopic hysterectomies, during the 2013-14 academic year our graduating class completed on average 67 abdominal hysterectomies (80\textsuperscript{th} percentile) and 21 vaginal hysterectomies (69\textsuperscript{th} percentile). While at Harbor, residents are the primary surgeon on nearly 100\% of cases. Most graduating residents also exceed national program averages for spontaneous deliveries, cesarean deliveries, and operative vaginal deliveries.

Together, Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center, Downey, the Las Vegas Minimally Invasive Surgery and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center complement each other to provide a balanced resident experience in the respective managed care, private community, and academic hospital. HUMC provides clinical training in an academic setting for a primarily high-risk, high acuity, indigent population and provides significant exposure to chronic medical disease, intensive care and trauma OB/GYN cases. The residents provide not only OB/GYN care for these patients but also comprehensive care for their medical conditions in their continuity and specialty clinics. At HUMC, our residents work on teams, assuming the primary responsibility for each patient’s surgical, hospital and/or clinic care while working under the supervision of faculty. During their four years of training, residents are given increasing responsibility to make their own diagnostic, management and surgical decisions which prepare them to practice independently. The HUMC curriculum is driven by evidence based medicine and clinical trials. In contrast the resident experience at KP provides an acute hospital care experience with a high volume of low to moderate risk patients whom generally receive regular health care. The residents are involved in all aspects of acute gynecology and obstetrical delivery care, including pre- and post-operative care, and intrapartum evaluation and management and
postpartum hospital care. The residents are exposed to different physicians, to a large, well-run HMO organization, computerized hospital records system and the “business” of health care where cost-containment, efficiency and efficacy are routinely evaluated and standardized care plans are followed. Lastly, the advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery rotation in four Las Vegas private community hospitals provides advanced surgical training and a broad community experience. The contrast in systems-based practices among the four institutions only adds to the overall experience of the residents and prepares them for multiple practice settings upon graduation.

Residency Applicant Interviews:

Our interview season begins on the last Monday in October through mid-December with interviews scheduled most Monday’s, with a maximum number of eight applicants per interview date. Our application deadline is November 1st.

All applicants are to apply via ERAS. The preliminary review sheet assesses the following information to determine whether an applicant is offered an interview for the residency program. All applicants are interviewed by a panel of our Core Faculty, and a Resident.

- Overall medical school academic performance
- USMLE Board Scores = minimum of >200 or above (first attempt)
- Comlex Board Scores = minimum of >500 or above (first attempt)
- Osteopathic students must have taken the USMLE Boards for review of application.
- Minimum of 3 letters of recommendation
- Research experience
- Dean’s letter (MSPE)
- Clinical rotation evaluations

In addition, the applicant’s biographical / personal statement is reviewed, as well as evaluation forms if a Sub-Internship Elective was completed at Harbor-UCLA.

Research

Numerous basic and clinical research projects are being conducted by OB/GYN faculty members in which residents can participate. An active Clinical Study Center provides facilities for special research projects on campus. Types of Research include, Clinical: Prospective or Retrospective – Case control or Cohort, Focus: QI/QA or Scientific, Basic Science: Humans, animals, laboratory
**Residency Program Teaching Conferences:**

The following list describes regularly scheduled weekly teaching conferences. Other conferences may be scheduled during the year as determined by faculty members in specialty areas:

**Monday**
- 8:00 Ob/Gyn Morbidity and Mortality Conference
- 9:45 Grand Rounds
- 11:00 Pathology Conference
- 12:00 GYN Pre Operative Review and Case Management

**Tuesday**
- 8:00 OB Case Review/Lecture – by rounding Attending

**Wednesday**
- 8:00 Core Curriculum Lecture, **Resident Education Meeting (every 1st Wednesday of month)**
- 12:00 Primary Care Lecture Series with Internal and Family Medicine

**Friday**
- 8:00 MFM Lecture

**Journal Club** *(held monthly)*

**Summer Essential Review: Core Lectures and Workshops**
During the months of July and August, Grand Rounds is replaced with a 2 hour, weekly series of basic core lectures dealing with obstetrics and gynecology. Workshops in shoulder dystocia, operative vaginal delivery, surgical instrumentation, and laparoscopy are also included. During the year special workshops are held; advanced laparoscopy using animate models, Implanon, and Essure. Practice drills in conjunction with nursing and anesthesia are practiced for Obstetrical emergencies, such as urgent cesarean surgery, obstetrical hemorrhage and shoulder dystocia.

**Annual Retreat**
Every year in October, an annual resident retreat is held off campus with the goal of program improvement, patient care improvement, career planning and resident team building. The residents are involved in planning the topics and devising creative approaches such as workshops, role playing, outside speakers, and small group break-outs. Importantly, goals for the next academic year are decided.

**Teaching Responsibility:**

Teaching by house staff is an important component of any university-affiliated residency. OB/GYN residents in this program are expected to participate in
both formal and informal teaching of UCLA medical students, sub-interns and non-OB/GYN house staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Malpractice Insurance

Professional liability coverage, including claims filed after completion of graduate medical education, is provided by the County of Los Angeles.

Health Insurance

As an employee of the County of Los Angeles, the postgraduate physician is entitled to enroll in one of several health insurance programs offered by the County. Dependents are also eligible for enrollment; depending upon the plan chosen, a minimal fee may be charged. Enrollment must be done within the first ninety (90) days of employment. If this is not done, then the resident must wait for the next open enrollment period. Health insurance is effective sixty (60) days after enrollment.

Dental Insurance

There are three (3) dental insurance programs available to postgraduate physicians and their dependents through the County of Los Angeles. A minimal fee may be charged for dependents, depending upon the plan. As with health insurance, enrollment must be carried out within the first ninety (90) days of employment and goes into effect sixty (60) days after enrollment. If the resident does not enroll within the stated period, he/she must wait for the next open enrollment period.

Disability Insurance

Rivetti, Clark & Associates currently provides disability insurance to County-paid Housestaff. Contact them at 818-878-7800 or http://www.rivetticlark.com/

Life Insurance

A $2,000 life insurance policy is provided by the County for the postgraduate physician at no cost. Additional life insurance may be purchased for the resident and his/her dependents.

Vacation
All postgraduate physicians are currently entitled up to 24 days paid vacation each year. 20 days of paid leave (vacation) are scheduled each year. Unused vacation, up to ten (10) days per year, can be deferred until the resident leaves or completes training. The resident will then be paid for all unused vacation at the time of his/her departure.

**Sick Leave**

Residents are provided a maximum of eight (8) days of sick leave each year, which is accumulated at the rate of 1 day per month.

**Maternity/Paternity Leave**

For a resident to maintain eligibility to take the Board examinations, The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology allows no more than eight (8) weeks of absence a year for PGYs 1, 2, and 3; no more than six (6) weeks of absence during PGY 4; and no more than 20 weeks of absence during the entire residency for any reason. Additional time missed requires extending the resident's time in the program. Maternity/Paternity leave can consist of a combination of vacation and sick leave time, up to a maximum of thirty-two days. Beyond that, disability insurance and/or unpaid leave may or may not be available (depending on the circumstance).

**Living Quarters**

Housing is available in the immediate vicinity of the Medical Center at reasonable cost. Many residents prefer to live in adjacent beach communities even though rents may be higher because of the quality life style and ambiance. There are a limited number of on-campus rooms available for short stays (30 days maximum) at nominal cost. OB/GYN residents are advised to obtain housing close to the Medical Center since they are required to provide "at home" backup call in the fourth year.

**Meals**

Harbor-UCLA residents receive one free breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day during Residency in the Doctor’s Dining Room. Night-time snacks are also provided.

**Medical License & DEA**

First year postgraduate physicians are required by law to be registered with the California Board of Medical Quality Assurance. The Human Resources Department issues forms for this purpose during the new house officer orientation process at Harbor-UCLA. It is the responsibility of residents by January of the second year in the program to have a valid medical license at all times. Failure to have a valid license will result in termination of employment.
As a Harbor-UCLA Medical Center employee, you are eligible for a fee exemption for your DEA registration. Please note, an exempt fee DEA is only valid at the exemption institution and any affiliated hospital rotations within the scope of your training. An exempt fee DEA is not valid for moonlighting purposes.

**Stipends**

Residents at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center are hired as temporary employees of the County of Los Angeles. Salaries are negotiated biannually between the Board of Supervisors and the Joint Council of Interns and Residents. The following lists the current stipends effective January 2015.

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**OB/GYN Department Educational Incentive**

At the beginning of each year the department provides $300.00 to OB/GYN residents (PGY 1 – PGY 4) for reimbursement of Textbooks purchased for education. Provide program coordinator with copy of receipt (s).

**Educational Bonus**

An educational bonus of $2,000.00 is paid to PGY1/Interns who advance to a PGY2 year in a County training program. This bonus is paid on the August 15th pay day.

**1.115 Waiver Incentive Bonus**

2% of the annual salary is paid to Resident Physicians at the end of each year in the following programs. Payment is made based on the current salary level in effect on July 1st of each year of the contract, payable on August 15th of each year.

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OB/GYN Clinical Faculty

Griselda Gutierrez, M.D., Assistant Professor, Interim Chairman, Chief Division of Gynecology, and Clinic Director
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Residency: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Michael G. Ross, M.D., Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Fellowship Program Director
Medical School: Harvard University
Residency: Brigham and Women's Hospital
Fellowship: Harbor-UCLA/Cedar's Sinai, Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Lance H. Betson, D.O., Program Director, Residency Program, Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: University of Nevada School of Medicine
Fellowship: Harbor-UCLA, Urogynecology

Joy Brotherton, M.D., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine
Residency: The Stanford Hospital – Columbia University
Fellowship: Florida Hospital, Laparoscopic/Women’s Pelvic Surgery

Anna Karina Celaya, M.D., MPH, Faculty, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: UCLA/Drew Medical Education Program
Residency: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Megan Economidis, M.D., Assistant Professor, Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Medical School: University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine
Residency: LAC/USC Medical Center
Fellowship: University of Arizona, Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Fellowship: LAC/USC Family Planning and Research

Ramy Eskander, M.D., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: Temple University School of Medicine
Residency: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Omid Khorram, M.D., Professor, Chief of Reproductive Endocrinology
Medical School: Texas Tech School of Medicine
Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Fellowship: University of California, San Diego, Endocrinology & Infertility
Samuel Im, M.D. Assistant Professor, Chief of Gynecology Oncology
Medical School: University of Southern California
Residency: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital
Fellowship: University of California, Irvine Gynecology Oncology

Reza Mohajer, M.D., Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: University of Tehran
Residency: Highland Park General Hospital, Highland Park, Michigan

Erin Saleeby, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Residency: University of California, San Francisco

Hindi Stohl, M.D., Assistant Professor, Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Medical School: University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Residency: John Hopkins Univ./Greater Baltimore Medical Center
Fellowship: LAC/USC Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Christina Truong, M.D., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Residency: LAC/USC Medical Center
Fellowship: Harbor-UCLA, Urogynecology

Tajnoos Yazdany, M.D., Chief Division of Urogynecology, Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship Program Director, and Associate Program Director of Residency Program
Medical School: University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine
Residency: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Fellowship: Harbor-UCLA, Urogynecology
Current & Past Residents

Class of 2019
Catherine Amble  David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Sara Ghayouri  Florida State University College of Medicine
Wendy Medina  David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Candice Solomon Tilles  University of California, Davis School of Medicine
Jamie Woodley  University of New England College of Osteopathic Med.

Class of 2018
Mia Di Julio  University of Miami, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
Stacy Fang  New York Medical College
Angela Kim  Loma Linda University School of Medicine
Benedict Landgren  The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Valerie Yuan  University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Class of 2017
Rebecca Geer  University of So. California, Keck School of Medicine
Patricia Hom  University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine
Jaclyn Klekman  Medical College of Wisconsin
Kumuda Rao  University of California, Irvine School of Medicine
Danny Younes  University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Class of 2016
Mary Anne Baquing  David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Erin Chong  David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Hannah Newmark  University of So. California, Keck School of Medicine
Whitney Sigala  Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University
Mark Zyman  Temple University School of Medicine

Class of 2015
Jennifer Hsia  Boston University School of Medicine
Agata Kosmalska  University of So. California Keck School of Medicine
Yvette Padilla  Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
Carlos Rangel  Harvard School of Medicine
Alice Yau  Western Univ. of Health Sci. College of Osteopathic Med.
To get to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

1. From Downtown Los Angeles: 110 (Harbor Freeway) South past the 405 freeway. Exit Carson St. and turn right.

2. From LA International Airport (LAX): Go East on Century or Imperial (or Century Freeway 105) to 405 (San Diego Freeway) Southbound. Take 110 (Harbor Freeway) South. Exit Carson St. and turn right.

3. From Long Beach, Orange County, San Diego: Take the 405 (San Diego Freeway) North. Take 110 (Harbor Freeway) South. Exit Carson St. and turn right.