

# Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## New staff

### Welcoming Dr. Nicole Peña Chappell to Gynecologic Oncology



We are delighted to welcome **Nicole Peña Chappell, MD**, to the Division of Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Chappell brings with her an impressive career shaped by service, teaching, and leadership. Most recently, she served as Division Director of Gynecologic Oncology at the George Washington Cancer Center, where she also held an academic appointment as Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She has led and worked in gynecologic oncology programs across several military medical centers, including Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, San Antonio Military Medical Center, and Brooke Army Medical Center and served as Associate Program Director of the National Capital Consortium Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. An accomplished clinical researcher, Dr. Chappell has activated several cooperative NRG clinical trials, published on surgical quality work, health disparities, and molecular predictors in gynecologic cancers.

Dr. Chappell earned her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine. She completed residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston Medical Center before pursuing fellowship training in Gynecologic Oncology through the National Capital Consortium at the Uniformed Services University/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. She is board-certified in Gynecologic Oncology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a Fellow of both the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Chappell is also serving on the patient education committee of the Foundation for Women's Cancer and is an active member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology.



### Dr. Wiechert Named Assistant Program Director

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Drew Wiechert, MD**, to the OB/GYN Residency Program leadership team as Assistant Program Director. A valued member of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Dr. Wiechert brings a deep commitment to education and surgical excellence to this new role alongside **Chi-Fong Wang, MD**, Program Director, and **Sara Neill, MD, MPH**, Associate Program Director.

# Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## Awards & Honors

### Harvard Medical School Promotions



Congratulations to **Sara Neill**, MD, MPH, on her promotion to Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Neill is a distinguished academic specialist in Complex Family Planning and General Obstetrics and Gynecology. She received her medical degree from the University of

Michigan in Ann Arbor and completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital. Following her residency, she completed her fellowship in Complex Family Planning at Brigham and Women's Hospital and earned a master's degree in Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

In her current leadership roles, Dr. Neill serves as Associate Program Director for the OB/GYN Residency Program and as Course Director for the Advanced Clinical Elective in Family Planning at Harvard Medical School. In recent years, Dr. Neill has pioneered and developed multiple initiatives to educate healthcare providers, enhance patient safety, and expand access to evidence-based pregnancy loss, abortion, and contraceptive care.



**Celeste Royce**, MD, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School (HMS).

Dr. Royce earned her medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and completed her residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Since joining BIDMC in 2010, she has played a pivotal role in our education and training initiatives.

Deepening her expertise in medical education, she completed two highly selective programs: the Academy at HMS's Medical Education Fellowship and APGO's Academic Scholars and Leaders program.

An active member of the BIDMC Academy of Medical Education, The Academy at HMS, and the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research, Dr. Royce also serves as the Clerkship Site Director, Director of Undergraduate Medical Education, and Director of Simulation for our department. At HMS, she serves on the OB/GYN Medical Education Committee and the Admissions Committee. She also co-directs the Rabkin Medical Education Fellowship at the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research. Dr. Royce has invested countless hours developing and refining programs in education policy, curriculum design, trauma-informed care, learning outcomes, and quality assurance best practices.

# Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## Awards & Honors

### Harvard Medical School Promotions



**Werner Neuhausser**, MBBS, PhD, was promoted to Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Neuhausser earned his medical degree from Oxford University followed by an academic internship at Imperial College, London. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York and his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Boston IVF.

He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Master's degree in Physics from Vienna Technical University and, as a Fulbright Fellow, went on to receive a PhD in Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Neuhausser is double Board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. He is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a member of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the New England Fertility Society.

### Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education



**Ingrid Liff**, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, has been awarded Harvard Medical School (HMS)'s 2025–2026 [Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education](#). Dr. Liff is one of just seven faculty members across HMS to be selected for this prestigious program, now in its 28th year.

Dr. Liff joined the Department of OB/GYN in September 2024 from Tufts Medical Center, where she served as an Assistant Professor and Clerkship Director of OB/GYN at Tufts University School of Medicine. She was also the Clerkship Site Director for OB/GYN and Perinatal Palliative Care Program Director at Tufts

Medical Center. Dr. Liff earned her undergraduate degree in History and Science from Harvard College, followed by a medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Dr. Liff completed her OB/GYN residency at Montefiore/Einstein in the Bronx, NY, and her Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital.

# Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## Awards & Honors

### Director of Professional Development and Wellness Initiatives for BIDMC GME



We are pleased to announce that **Tracy Byrne, MD**, has accepted the role of Director of Professional Development and Wellness Initiatives for Graduate Medical Education at BIDMC. In this new position, Dr. Byrne will lead the continued development and implementation of the coaching program designed to support residents and fellows across all specialties. As the lead developer of wellness curricula for BIDMC's GME programs, she will play a pivotal role in promoting resilience, professional growth, and a culture of wellness throughout the institution.

Dr. Byrne recently graduated from the APGO Academic Scholars & Leaders Program. This prestigious 15-month program equips OB/GYN faculty with advanced skills to excel as educators, program administrators, and leaders in academic medicine.

### Annual Medical Education Awards

At the close of each academic year, the Carl J. Shapiro Institute for Education and Research at BIDMC honors exceptional contributions to teaching. We are proud to share that our department was well-represented among this year's award recipients!

Photo from left to right:

- **Melissa Spiel, DO**, Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education – Best Attending Project
- **Avery Cox, MD, MPH**, Outstanding Resident Teacher Award by the graduating PCE class
- **Meredith Atkins, MD**, S. Robert Stone Award for Excellence in Teaching
- **Giuliana Rivera-Casul, MD**, Outstanding Resident Teacher Award by the graduating PCE class





# Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## Awards & Honors

### Non-Medical Specialties Teaching Award



Each year, the Department of Medicine at BIDMC honors a member of the hospital community outside of the department in recognition of their generous contributions to the education of their residency program.

This year, the Department of Medicine's outgoing Chief Residents selected **Rose Molina**, MD, MPH, Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as the recipient of this meaningful award. Over the past year, Dr. Molina has been an invaluable

contributor to several housestaff conferences and discussions. Her thoughtful teaching, deep compassion, and ability to engage both learners and patients truly sets her apart.

### 2025 Shore Program Department of OB/GYN Fellowship



We're pleased to share that **Thomas Gallant**, DO, of our MIGS Division, has been selected to receive a Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellowship. The award is part of the [Eleanor and Miles Shore Faculty Development Awards Program](#).

This award will support Dr. Gallant in developing an endometriosis registry at BIDMC, which will help us better understand how different treatments affect outcomes for patients with endometriosis and adenomyosis. The goal is to use this data to inform more personalized, effective care in a field where patients often face delayed diagnosis and limited treatment guidance.

### Perinatal Mental Health Certification

Please join us in congratulating **Jenny Longval**, MSN, RN, CBC, PMH-C, who earned her certification in Perinatal Mental Health. Jenny completed this certification through [Postpartum Support International](#) and is one of only a few registered nurses in Massachusetts to receive this designation. This certification demonstrates Jenny's passion for caring for patients experiencing perinatal mood concerns and her commitment to professional development and ongoing learning. Congratulations, Jenny, on this amazing accomplishment!

