

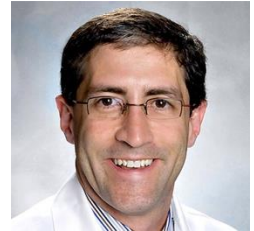
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Welcome to OB/GYN

Neil Horowitz, MD, joined our Department as Executive Vice Chair and Vice Chair of Gynecology.



Dr. Horowitz comes to us from Mass General Brigham, where he served as Division Chief of the combined MGB Division of Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Horowitz brings a track record of building programs, growing research portfolios, and mentoring the next generation of clinicians. We are confident his leadership will further strengthen our shared commitment to delivering exceptional, compassionate care for every patient we serve. Dr. Horowitz earned his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. He completed a Galloway Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center during residency, followed by a Gynecologic Oncology fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He has spent the majority of his career at Mass General Brigham, where he built a comprehensive Gynecologic Oncology practice at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and served as Program Director of Gynecologic Oncology for the MGB Cancer Institute.

Dr. Horowitz has authored more than 125 peer-reviewed publications throughout his career. Through his research, he addresses the surgical and medical management of ovarian cancer and the treatment of vulvar cancer, including work that helped establish cisplatin, gemcitabine, and IMRT as a new standard of care for locally advanced vulvar cancer. His primary academic focus has been gestational trophoblastic disease, an area in which he has authored more than 60 publications on the biology, treatment, and long-term outcomes of the disease and is ranked among the top five GTN researchers worldwide.

Dr. Horowitz chairs the Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia Subcommittee for NRG Oncology and serves on the FIGO GTN Staging Committee and the international ESGO-EOTTD-ISSTD-GCIG guidelines working group for GTD management. In 2025, he was named the inaugural Ross S. Berkowitz, MD Chair in Gynecologic Oncology, and in 2024 he received the Brigham and Women's Hospital Distinguished Clinician Award.

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Sandy Falk, MD, joined our Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology (ASGOG) Division, and will serve as the Director of the newly established Program for Cancer and Integrated Women's Health. She will also serve as the Director of the Center for Intimate Health and Wellness, joining Marybeth Meservey, NP, in the care of these important patient populations.



Dr. Falk earned her medical degree from Columbia University and completed her Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Brigham and Women's and Massachusetts General Hospitals. She holds certification from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare from MIT Sloan, and has been on faculty at Harvard Medical School since 2002.

Since 2009, she served as the Director of Gynecology in the Sexual Health Program of the Adult Survivorship Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, building specialized expertise in complex menopause, sexual health, pelvic radiation sequelae, and gynecologic graft-versus-host disease in cancer survivors.

Dr. Falk has also held senior editorial and digital health leadership roles, including her most recent position as Editor-in-Chief of the Merck Manuals and MSD Manuals, where she led a global platform providing free access to trusted medical information and advanced access to health information through AI integration and multilingual expansion. Dr. Falk previously served as Vice President and Executive Editor-in-Chief of Digital Content at Elsevier Health and Director of Editorial Relations at UpToDate, Wolters Kluwer Health.

In her new role as Director of the Program for Cancer and Women's Integrated Health, Dr. Falk will lead an effort to establish a personalized, multidisciplinary care model for women affected by cancer, advance evidence-based research in this space, and build clinical knowledge and capacity among providers within BIDMC and DFCI, and across New England and beyond.

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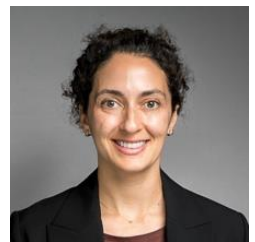
Devon Harris, MD, joined our Division of Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Harris trained here at BIDMC, first as an OB/GYN resident and, more recently, as a Gynecologic Oncology fellow.



Dr. Harris earned her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine through its Global Health Track, building on years of hands-on public health work, first with the Peace Corps in Benin, then with AmeriCorps in Boston. Dr. Harris received the Resident Teaching Award in 2019, and her fellowship years brought a run of honors: the 2024 Best Clinical Abstract Award from the New England Association of Gynecologic Oncologists, the 2023 Outstanding Resident in Gynecologic Oncology Award from the Society of Gynecologic Oncology, and BIDMC's own 2023 Bridget Norton Humanitarianism in Medicine Award.

Her clinical and research interests span gynecologic oncology surgical care, global oncology, and cervical cancer prevention in resource-limited settings, including her research on cervical dysplasia outcomes among women living with HIV in Botswana, along with surgical financial toxicity and enhanced recovery after surgery protocols.

Rachel Mojdehbakhsh, MD, MS, joined our Division of Gynecologic Oncology. She attended medical school at Drexel University College of Medicine and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Wisconsin, where she also completed a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology.



Dr. Mojdehbakhsh's most recent research focuses on diagnostic imaging, treatment disparities, and outcomes in gynecologic cancer. She has also examined disparities

in government research funding for endometrial cancer relative to its rising incidence, contributed to a multi-site analysis of radical hysterectomy case volume during the COVID-19 pandemic, and helped develop and test a multiplexed circulating tumor cell assay as a predictive biomarker for optimal cytoreduction in ovarian cancer. Her research has been supported by the Raja Al-Niimi Fellow Award in Surgical Excellence and a BIRCWH Women's Health Scholar award through the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health.

Beyond her research, Dr. Mojdehbakhsh is active in national society leadership, serving on the Society of Gynecologic Oncology Payment Reform and Quality Subcommittee and as a Board Member-in-Training for the Heartland Association of Gynecologic Oncology. She also developed a laparoscopic ergonomics curriculum for resident simulation training and has mentored medical students pursuing careers in OB/GYN.

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Ethan Litman, MD, MS, joined our Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Dr. Litman earned his medical degree at Albany Medical College and a master's degree in Data Science from George Washington University. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at George Washington University, followed by fellowship training in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at BIDMC.



Dr. Litman's current research spans high-risk obstetrics, maternal immunization, and novel diagnostic technologies. He serves as co-investigator on a BioRhythm-sponsored clinical trial assessing the feasibility of remote fetal non-stress testing in high-risk pregnancies, and as Co-PI on a Massachusetts Life Sciences Center-funded study evaluating non-invasive hemoglobin measurement during prenatal care. Dr. Litman is also co-investigator on a trial examining antenatal perineal massage and its effects on labor agency and pelvic floor health, and on an ongoing study of adverse perinatal outcomes associated with GLP-1 receptor antagonist exposure in pregnancy.

Recognizing the need for closer monitoring of patients at highest risk after delivery, he also launched a remote patient monitoring program for postpartum patients with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

Aletheia Millien, MD, joined us as a member of our Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology (ASGOG) team.

Dr. Millien comes to us from our OB/GYN residency program. During residency, she became known for her steady energy, her generosity toward colleagues, and her ability to lift the morale of an entire team on a hard day. Dr. Millien's clinical interests include Doula Support/Care within OB/GYN, serving as a volunteer doula



in med school. She also received the Resident Chief Humanitarianism and Douglas K. Richardson Perinatal Collaboration Awards of 2026, the Dr. Paul I. Winig Award for Compassion in 2024, and the Harvard Medical School Resident as Teacher Award in 2022.

Dr. Millien earned her medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, where she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society and received the District IV ACOG John Gibbons Medical Student Award, and Dalldorf Loyalty Fund Scholarship.

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This month, we celebrated Fellowship Match Day. We are pleased to welcome the newest OB/GYN fellows who will be joining us at BIDMC next summer.



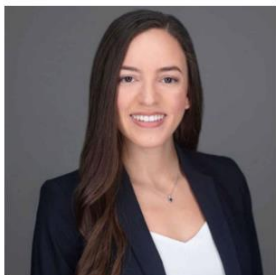
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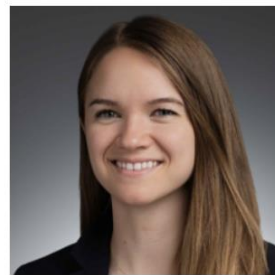
Theresa Christensen, MD
Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Residency: NYU Grossman
School of Medicine



Christina Harvey, MD
Urogynecology and
Reconstructive Pelvic
Surgery
Residency: Luminis Health
Anne Arundel Medical
Center



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Gynecologic Oncology
Residency: McGaw Medical
Center of Northwestern
University



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An Act Prioritizing Patient Access to Care

On August 10, Governor Maura Healey signed [An Act Prioritizing Patient Access to Care](#) into law, which replaces the previous language regarding abortion after 24 weeks to say, “an abortion may be performed by a physician based upon the professional judgment of the physician.”

The new law will take effect on November 8 and reflects several years of advocacy by a large coalition that included SMFM, Massachusetts ACOG and the Massachusetts Medical Society. Several faculty and trainees advocated for its passage and provided written and oral testimony, and **Chloe Zera**, MD, MPH (pictured, far left of Governor Healey signing the act), was invited to speak at the signing ceremony as a physician representative of SMFM, ACOG, and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Also representing BIDMC OB/GYN at the signing ceremony were **Sara Neill**, MD, MPH; **Ethan Litman**, MD, who provided testimony last year; and **Cassandra Duffy**, MD. BIDMC had the largest physician presence of any hospital organization in attendance, underscoring our department's continued leadership in advocating for patient access to care.



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Ranked Top 5 in the Nation by U.S. News & World Report

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's (BIDMC) Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has been ranked **#4 in the nation for Obstetrics & Gynecology care** in [U.S. News & World Report's 2026–2027 Best Hospitals](#) rankings. The department was also recognized as **Nationally High Performing in Gynecologic Cancer Surgery**.



OB/GYN Researchers Receive Funding from Massachusetts Life Sciences Center's Health Initiative

Ai-ris Yonekura Collier, MD; **Taylor Freret, MD**; and **Janet Chollet, MD**, are among the recipients of \$10 million in funding from the [Massachusetts Life Sciences Center's](#) Health Initiative supporting 33 projects that will advance women's health research, foster new collaborations between innovative companies and academic institutions, and expand access to high-quality patient biospecimens across Massachusetts.

Ai-ris Collier, MD – Consortium: Improving Precision Health and Clinical Translation for Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy via Mechanistic Discovery (IMPACT-MECH)

Taylor Freret, MD – Massachusetts Preeclampsia Research & Equity Consortium (MAPREC): Improving Precision Health and Clinical Translation for the Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy via Artificial Intelligence (IMPACT-AI)

Janet Chollet, MD – Immune-Directed Therapeutic Program to Reduce End-Organ Damage and Prevent Preterm Birth in Preeclampsia



From left to right: Mark Clapp, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital; **Taylor Freret, MD**; **Ai-ris Collier, MD**; Andrea Edlow, MD, MSc, Massachusetts General Hospital; Michael Honigberg, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital



Third from the right, front row: **Janet Chollet, MD**

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Dr. Joseph Dottino Named to Editorial Board of Gynecologic Oncology Reports

Joseph Dottino, MD, joined the editorial board of [Gynecologic Oncology Reports](#), a publication of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology. This recognition reflects Dr. Dottino's expertise and standing in gynecologic oncology, and we're proud to see his contributions recognized at the national level.



Dr. Megha Gupta Receives HMS Faculty Research Fellowship

Megha Gupta, MD, MSc, of our Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, was awarded the Harvard Medical School Faculty Research Fellowship through HMS's Office of Culture and Community Engagement.

Dr. Gupta's research, "*Role of Cardiac and Inferior Vena Cava Point-of-Care Ultrasound for Peripartum Hemodynamic Assessment and Early Detection of Postpartum Hemorrhage Decompensation*," is a multidisciplinary project that is a collaboration between BIDMC's OB Anesthesiology and Critical Care.



Dr. Hanson to Lead HGHI Working Group on Postpartum Hemorrhage Care

Sarah (Sally) Hanson, MD, Director of our Global Health Programs, has been selected to lead one of three [2026–2027 Scholarly Working Groups at the Harvard Global Health Institute](#). This Working Group will advance the evidence, policy, and implementation pathway for uterine suction tamponade as a treatment for postpartum hemorrhage in low-resource settings.



Nomination for S. Robert Stone Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Hanson was also nominated for the 2026 S. Robert Stone Award for Excellence in Teaching. Established to recognize exceptional contributions to the education of Harvard Medical School students, the award is one of BIDMC's most distinguished honors for teaching excellence.

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Gov. Maura Healey Visits BIDMC, Unveils Measures to Improve Postpartum Mental Health Screening and Support

[Governor Maura Healey joined](#) moms and clinicians, including **Blair Wylie**, MD, MPH, **Chloe Zera**, MD, MPH, and **Christine Sweeney**, LICSW, CLC, to discuss ways Massachusetts can better support families during pregnancy and after birth, including home visits and earlier screenings to expand access to care.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health plans to take important steps to strengthen maternal mental health care across the Commonwealth. Expanding Welcome Family, increasing investment in MCPAP for Moms, and updating screening regulations are meaningful steps toward recognizing postpartum mood, anxiety, and psychosis conditions earlier and making sure new parents have the support they need.

As part of her visit to BIDMC, Gov. Healey and First Lady Joanna Lydgate met with **Christine Sweeney**, LICSW, CLC, Program Director, and parent participants from OB/GYN's Parent Connection program.

Gov. Healey was interested in the program's 27-year history of supporting parents. She learned more about the program's extensive benefits for families after speaking with Parent Connection participants Corynne Reco and Vanessa Adolphe.

[Watch the video](#) to see more of that discussion and a firsthand account of the Parent Connection's impact on parents and caregivers.



Photo: BIDMC President Pete Healy, BILH President Kevin Tabb, and Drs. **Blair Wylie** (second from left) and Hadine Joffe joined the discussion about how we can help families navigate this important transition.

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