



## Ware Branch, MD

Dr. Ware Branch has practiced maternal-fetal medicine at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City for 35 years. He is currently professor of obstetrics and gynecology and an emeritus HA and Edna Benning Presidential Chair. He also has served as the Medical Director of the Women and Newborns Clinical Program at Intermountain Healthcare for over 15 years.

Dr. Branch began his biomedical investigative career when he saw his first patient with antiphospholipid syndrome in the early 1980s. He has well over 100 publications involving basic and clinical studies in the field of antiphospholipid antibodies and antiphospholipid syndrome, was intimately involved in the standardization of the anticardiolipin immunoassay, and co-authored the international criteria describing the diagnosis of this autoimmune disorder. He remains very much interested in antiphospholipid syndrome and is currently the principle investigator of an NIH-sponsored trial of a novel therapy for this condition.

His work in an autoimmune condition associated with pregnancy loss, fetal death, and thrombosis naturally led

Dr. Branch to other interests in recurrent early miscarriage, early fetal death and stillbirth, and venous and arterial thrombosis in pregnancy. His work in the Intermountain Healthcare system engulfed him in process improvement and cost-containment projects. Most recently, he has taken on the role of captain for the placenta accreta team in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Branch has had the honor of helping to mentor 150 residents and some two dozen MFM fellows. He would like to think that because of his influence, these trainees are, as much as possible, practicing evidence-based, cost-conscious medicine and contributing to the important healthcare missions of teaching and furthering biomedical science in reproductive medicine.

## Resident Scholarly Activity 2017-2018

### Jewel Brown, MD

FPQC Access LARC Initiate mid-project meeting  
Immediate Post-Partum LARC Insertion protocol

### Anjalika Gandhi, MD

AAGL Congress of Minimally Invasive Gynecology  
*Hysteroscopic Myomectomy with Intra-Myoma Vasopressin*  
Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists  
*Comparison of treatment and outcomes between medical onc and gyn onc as adjuvant chemo provider in an advanced ovarian ca population*

### Tony Kendle, MD

ACOG Annual Meeting  
*Nitrous Oxide in Labor: Predictors of Use and Conversion to Epidural Anesthesia*  
The Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health  
*Recognition and Treatment of Sepsis in Pregnancy*

### Michelle Kuznicki, MD

SGO Annual Meeting  
• *Prevention of Surgical Site Infection after Hysterectomy at a Cancer Center*  
• *Central nervous system metastasis from endometrial carcinoma: A multi-institution retrospective study*  
• *Microbiology of Surgical Site Infections in Gyn Oncology Population*

### USF Research Day

*MRSA screening for surgical site infection prevention prior to hysterectomy at a cancer center*

Gynecologic Oncology Reports

*Metastatic uterine tumor resembling ovarian sex cord tumor: A case report and review of the literature*

Florida Society of Gynecologic Oncology

*Prevention of Surgical Site Infection after Hysterectomy at a Cancer Center*

Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists

• *Predictive Factors of Genetic Referral for Advanced, Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Patients at a Single-Institution Cancer Center*  
• *Comparison of treatment & outcomes between medical onc and gyn onc as Adjuvant chemo provider in an advanced ovarian ca population*  
American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting  
*Patent Predictive Factors for Clinical Trial Participation*

### Megan McDowell, MD

Cardiology in the Young

*Severe bicuspid aortic stenosis in pregnancy: balancing the risk of prematurity and maternal mortality.*

Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine

*Sleep Duration and Early Pregnancy Biochemical Predictors of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus*

### Erika New, MD

Minerva Ginecologica

*Comparison of patients' reported pain following office hysteroscopy with and without endometrial biopsy*

Proceedings in Obstetrics and Gynecology

*Adnexal torsion in a patient with Mullerian agenesis undergoing ovarian stimulation: a case report*

Fertility and Sterility 40th Anniversary Edition

*IVF From Incubation to Sperm Injection*

### Rachel Whynott, MD

AAGL Congress of Minimally Invasive Gynecology

*Uterine Manipulation: Surgical Success or Distress*

Seminars in Reproductive Medicine

*The Effect of Uterine Fibroids on Infertility: A Systematic Review*  
American Journal of Clinical Oncology

*Breast Cancer is Common in Women With Ovarian Malignant Mixed Mullerian Tumors*

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RESIDENT RESEARCH DAY

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
8:30am – 12:00pm

USF Marshall Student Center

**USF Obstetrics and Gynecology - Resident Research Day**  
**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30-8:45	Welcome	Stephanie Ros, MD
	<b>Moderator: James Palmer, MD</b>	
8:45-9:05	Feasibility study for electroacupuncture for platinum based chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy and the Rydel-Seiffer turning fork	Rachel Whycott, MD
9:05-9:25	Comparison of patients' reported pain following office hysteroscopy with and without endometrial biopsy: a prospective study	Erika New, MD
9:25-9:45	Nitrous oxide in labor: predictors of use and conversion to neuraxial analgesia	Tony Kendle, MD
9:45-10:05	BREAK	
	<b>Moderator: Stephanie Ros, MD</b>	
10:05-10:25	Association between preoperative adenomyosis detection rate during pelvic ultrasonography and the specialty of the reading physician	Megan McDowell, MD
10:25-10:45	Surgical site infection prevention at an NCI cancer center	Michelle Kuznicki, MD
10:45-11:05	Sarcopenia, a novel predictor of perioperative and oncologic outcomes in ovarian cancer	Christy Carter, MD
11:10-12:00	Antiphospholipid Syndrome. There and Back Again.	Ware Branch, MD



Stephanie Ros, MD  
Program Director



James Palmer, MD  
Vice Chair of Education

**Resident Presenters**



Megan McDowell, MD  
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Rachel Whycott, MD  
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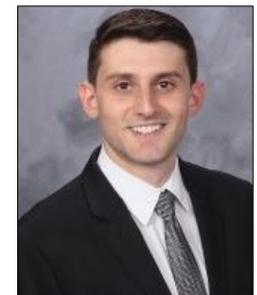
Christy Carter, MD  
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Michelle Kuznicki, MD  
PGY – 3



Erika New, MD  
PGY – 3



Tony Kendle, MD  
PGY – 2