

# HGOS Newsline

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To promote excellence in the practice of Gynecology and Obstetrics, enhance the opportunities for continuing education, encourage leadership and serve as the representative society for Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Houston area



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Jonna Miller, M.D.**

Greetings HGOS members! I am proud to announce that we are meeting our goal of membership expansion, even during this difficult time for everyone. We always strive to make your society fun and educational, but HGOS also serves as a forum for each of us to share our ideas and concerns about the state of medicine nationwide, in our state and in our community. If not for any other reason, the quarterly dinner meetings allow us to greet each other as colleagues and friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Please plan to join us for our third and fourth quarter meetings and bring a guest! We always welcome your spouse or significant other as well as fellows, residents, students and colleagues. Remember, senior residents are interviewing for positions to begin next summer and fall so if you are thinking of hiring, come network at **Grappino di Nino on Thursday, September 8th.**

HGOS welcomes **Elizabeth J. Shpall, M.D.** from M.D. Anderson to discuss the topic of "Cord Blood Banking and Transplantation". Please join us on:

**Thursday, September 8th, 2011**  
**Grappino di Nino**  
**2817 West Dallas**  
**Houston, Texas 77019**  
**6:30 - Cocktails**  
**7:00 - Dinner and Presentation**

Our meetings for the remainder of the year are planned and on the calendar and we have some ideas for next year as well. However, if you have a suggestion for an interesting speaker, please call or email me at [jmiller@hwca.net](mailto:jmiller@hwca.net) or 713-202-3221.

As always, we sincerely thank our meeting sponsors who generously support our dinner programs WITHOUT insisting on their own speaker. Especially this quarter, please thank your Viacord representative, as Viacord is completely funding this next meeting with a topic on PUBLIC banking. This is indeed generous of them! My particular thanks to Stephanie Farmer, RN who has been our sole contact at Viacord in securing this funding.

See you at our next meeting!

Jonna

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## HGOS WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Hilaire Fisher, M.D. - Urogynecology,  
The Woman's Hospital of Texas

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF HGOS

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Grappino di Nino  
2817 W. Dallas, Houston, TX 77019  
713-522-5120

***"Cord Blood Banking and Transplantation"***

Presented by: Elizabeth J. Shpall, M.D.

6:30 Sign In and Reception  
7:00 Presentation and Dinner

Reserve your seat by phone at 713-661-1839  
or by email at [lgasper@hgos.org](mailto:lgasper@hgos.org)

No charge for Dues Paying Members\*, Prospective Members, Residents  
and Fellows

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\*Members who have not paid their 2011 dues may pay in advance or will  
be required to pay at the door. Payment in the amount of \$225 may be  
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like us to post of meetings, member events or family news.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Sherri Simpson, a Houston area psychiatrist, would like to educate our members on services offered by the Mental Health America / Yates Children Memorial Fund (MHA/YCMF). Their charge is to ensure that all women and their families, in pregnancy and thereafter are screened for depression and anxiety and receive available treatment including social support, psychotherapy and pharmacologic interventions as indicated. They hold quarterly training sessions for 10 or more people, including students, residents, physicians and their office staff. Sessions are approximately 45 minutes. Their group also provides information for physicians and patients as well as referral information. Dr. Simpson will be at our next meeting to introduce their services to our members and answer questions.

Dr. Guru Reddy, President of HCMS, would like to make HGOS members aware of the services offered by the Gulf Coast Regional Extension Center (REC) to assist primary care physicians with implementing electronic health records and obtaining federal Medicare and Medicaid incentive dollars. The government subsidizes the services, so each physician only has to pay \$300/year. For physicians who have already implemented an HER, the REC services are still valuable for assistance in verifying that the practice is "meaningfully using" the system and able to receive the \$44,000-\$63,750 of federal incentives. Presently, over 240 Harris County physicians are using their services and HCMS has received positive feedback. If any HGOS member would like more information or would be interested in hearing about this topic at one of our meetings, please contact us.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TAOG/ACOG**

Dr. Eugene Toy would like to inform our members that we have been successful in getting a **delay in implementation of HB 1983 (Elective deliveries less than 39 weeks) to Oct 1, 2011.**

Several other important facts:

- Managed care medicaid organizations also will be involved (i.e., Amerigroup, Community Health Choice, Texas Children's Health Plan, etc) , and careful communication with MCO's are critical since each one may have a little different approach.
- It appears that it will be the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that will be performing the retrospective reviews. OIG standards for documentation include legibility, clear substantiation of medical necessity, and clear documentation of gestational age
- A non-medically indicated delivery less than 39 weeks would mean nonpayment for delivery for physician, hospital, and if the baby went to the NICU, nonpayment for infant
- If any hospital or physician group wants a speaker, resources on how to set up guidelines, scheduling process, etc, please direct them to Dr. Eugene Toy at [ectoy@tmhs.org](mailto:ectoy@tmhs.org) and we will arrange for assistance at no charge.

**SOCIETY NEWS**

The HGOS Executive Board has decided to name our year end meeting after our long time and well-loved member, Dr. Raymond Kaufman who passed away last year. This annual event is now called **The Raymond Kaufman Resident Research Night**. As you all may know, Dr. Kaufman was a huge advocate for student and resident education, among many other things. In his honor, HGOS will be awarding each presenting resident with an honorarium. We are seeking monetary donations from any member who wishes to contribute to this annual event. This gift would be tax deductible and can be given to Lisa Gasper, our Executive Director, at our upcoming meeting in September, or mailed to:

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P.O. Box 272865  
Houston, Texas 77277-2865

Dr. George Kuhn would like to announce that Vian Nguyen, M.D. has recently joined his group, Women's Healthcare Associates. Dr. Carl Lee, Dr. Juan Franco, Dr. Anthony Lucci, and Dr. George Kuhn are all part of this group. Also, IASIS Corporation has recently purchased St. Joseph medical Center and will begin completing renovations on the St. Joseph Hospital Women's Building.

Reminder: Maintenance of certification - answers for Part II (ABC) are due 9/30/11. No late submissions will be accepted. For those of us who must begin the MOC process this year, begin selecting your topics and pulling charts!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**HGOS General Meeting**

September 8, 2011  
Houston, TX - Grappino di Nino  
Contact: Lisa Gasper 713-661-1839

**83rd Annual Combined Meeting of ACOG District XI and Texas Association of OB/GYN**

October 14 - 16, 2011  
Plano, TX  
Contact: [info@tx.acog.org](mailto:info@tx.acog.org)

**Methodist Center for Restorative Pelvic Medicine CME Symposium**

October 28, 2011  
Houston, TX - The Methodist Hospital  
Dunn Rio Grande Conference Room  
Contact: Dina Kachornvanich 713-441-4948

**HGOS Raymond Kaufman Resident Research Night**

November 30, 2011  
Houston, TX - Brennan's  
Contact: Lisa Gasper 713-661-1839

**The 9th International Conference on Ovarian Cancer**

December 2-3, 2011  
Houston, TX  
Contact: Kathleen Schmeler, M.D.  
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