The US Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, affirms the legality of a woman's right to have an abortion under the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution in 1973!! But here we are in 2019 and once again a woman’s right to control her own body is under siege. Emboldened by a new conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, state Republican lawmakers are passing anti-abortion bills in an attempt to get the landmark Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 overturned. If you don’t think voting and elections matter, think again.

More than 300 proposals to restrict abortion have been introduced in states so far this year. The proposals have ranged from the six-week bans in 15 states to total abortion bans in eight states. The states seem to be competing to see who can pass the most egregious bill. Missouri passed a sweeping anti-abortion package which bans abortions after eight weeks into a pregnancy, among other restrictions, and does not have an exception for victims of rape or incest. The bill includes increased tax credits for donations to so-called “pregnancy resource centers,” which are clinics that aim to discourage women from having an abortion. Missouri has 104 “pregnancy resource centers” and only one functioning abortion clinic, run by Planned Parenthood. In many states like Missouri, abortion is essentially unavailable.

Alabama makes it a felony punishable by life or 10 to 99 years in prison to perform an abortion in the state of Alabama. Attempting an abortion would be a felony, with a prison sentence of one to 10 years. So the Pro-life state of Alabama is ready to put a physician to death. Please explain that to me.

Georgia now has the ‘fetal heartbeat’ bill that seeks to outlaw abortion after about six weeks. The measure is the most extreme abortion ban in the country — not just because it would impose severe limitations on women’s reproductive rights, but also because it would subject women who get illegal abortions to life imprisonment and the death penalty. Pro-life obviously doesn’t preclude Pro-death.

Kentucky, Ohio and Mississippi have all passed bills, however they are slightly less restrictive and allow abortions up to the sixth week of pregnancy or until the time a fetal heartbeat is detected. Many abortion advocates have said the six-week threshold is just as extreme as a total ban because many women don’t know they are pregnant at six weeks.

The irony of all this is that similar to Alabama where 25 white male senators passed their restrictive law, most of these bills were passed by white males who know what is best for women and what God wants.

So I have a proposal. In the next election, woman should run for every state elected seat in the country. In any state that woman can comprise a majority they should immediately pass a bill making it illegal for white men to have their prostate removed. I think they should make an exception for rape or incest unlike most of these new abortion bills. They should also allow for tax deductions for “prostate resource centers” which would function to discourage men from breaking the law. Try sitting on that! Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
Department of Medicine
JUNE 2019 Grand Rounds

JUNE 6 “Universal Screening and Cascade Testing for Lynch Syndrome”
Vincent Yang, MD, PhD
Simons Chair of Medicine
R. Bruce Logue Professor of Medicine and Physiology & Biophysics
Division of Gastroenterology
School of Medicine at Stony Brook University

JUNE 13 “Allogenic Stem Cell Transplantation”
John Barrett, MD
Senior Investigator
Chief, Stem Cell Allogenic Transplantation Section
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health

JUNE 20 Whipplinger Lecture
Resident Chairman's Rounds
"Health Disparities in the Navajo Nation"
Dr. Elora Majumder
"Buprenorphine"
Dr. Meredith Trubitt

JUNE 27 “Radiation Toxicities: Mechanisms and Management”
Yuan James Rao, MD
Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology
Department of Radiology
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Cardiology Grand Rounds
5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 227

JUNE 5 MPVD Part 2
Dr. Ramesh Mazhari
Division of Cardiology
Department of Medicine
GW MFA

JUNE 12 M & M

JUNE 19 CVD in CKD: Something to be inflamed about?
Dominic Raj, MD
Division of Nephrology
Department of Medicine
GW MFA

JUNE 26 SUMMER BREAK

Resident Lecture Series
June 2019 Noon Conference

JUNE 3 Opioid Epidemic– Waverly Gordon,
Deputy Chief Counsel at House Committee on Energy and Commerce

JUNE 4 Journal Club
JUNE 5 GME Core Lecture
JUNE 6 Medicine Grand Rounds
JUNE 7 Bioinformatics– Dr. Shant Ayanian
JUNE 10 The Algias– Dr. Victoria Shanmugam
JUNE 11 Patient Safety Conference
JUNE 12 Leukemia– Dr. Faysal Haroun
JUNE 13 Medicine Grand Rounds
JUNE 14 Chairman's Rounds
JUNE 17 Intern Orientation– No Conference
JUNE 18 Intern Orientation– No Conference
JUNE 19 Intern Orientation– No Conference
JUNE 20 Medicine Grand Rounds
JUNE 21 Intern Orientation– No Conference
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JUNE 26 Intern Orientation– No Conference
JUNE 27 Medicine Grand Rounds
JUNE 28 Intern Orientation– No Conference

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The AΩΑ induction dinner on May 16th was moderated by Alan Wasserman, M.D., M.A.C.P., Councilor of the GW Alpha Chapter of AΩΑ and the event was organized by Angelike Liappis, M.D., secretary-treasurer of the GW chapter of AΩΑ, associate professor of Medicine at SMHS.

Dr. Mona Siddiqui was the 12th AΩΑ Visiting Professor. The student led invitation was inspired by Dr. Siddiqui’s distinguished career in government service and her leadership in healthcare innovation and delivery. It is a point of pride that Dr. Siddiqui is a graduate of the GWU Internal Medicine Residency Program. She graduated from residency in 2008 and is remembered with great fondness by GW faculty preceptors and attendings. Dr. Siddiqui currently serves as the Chief Data Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Randi Abramson, was our 2019 Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award Recipient. A graduate of the GW Primary Care residency program, Dr. Abramson is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at GWU. She serves as the Chief Medical Officer for Bread for the City.

Dr. Cynthia Tracy (shown below with Dr. Wasserman) was inducted as a GW faculty member with AΩΑ. She serves as the director of electrophysiology, associate director of cardiology, and professor with the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences. She has participated in and chaired writing committees for the development of Practice Guidelines that set the standards for the EP community. One of her major interests at this time is in the area of public service providing advanced care to indigent patients in Honduras.

Dr. AΩΑ Induction Dinner

Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Additions to the Department of Medicine

Caroline Thoreson is a certified Physician Assistant and Clinical Research Coordinator at the George Washington Medical Faculty Associates (MFA), in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases. Caroline received her BS in Biology at the College of Charleston in 2013 and an MMS Degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Wake Forest School of Medicine in 2017. She is Board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and licensed in the state of North Carolina and the District of Columbia. Prior to joining the MFA, Caroline practiced as a Certified PA in Emergency Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, NC. Before pursuing her PA, Caroline spent two years, post baccalaureate, researching risk factors for diabetes and heart disease in African descent populations, at the National Institute of Health and has 5 publications in this area of interest. She is very excited about working in the field of public health and studying infectious disease.

Margaret Cuthbert, MSN, AGACNP-BC, joins us as a board certified Nurse Practitioner at the GW Medical Faculty Associates with the GW Cancer Center. Margaret received her Bachelor’s degree in Human and Organizational Development with a specialization in Health & Human Services from Vanderbilt University. She remained there to finish the rest of her education, obtaining a Master of Science in Nursing, before moving back east to the DC metropolitan area. She earned her certification as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, as well as Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She is licensed to practice in Washington, DC. Margaret is excited to be a part of the GW MFA team and is looking forward to improving her patients’ lives in a meaningful, impactful way.

Renal Grand Rounds

On behalf of the Division of Kidney Diseases & Hypertension Drs. Jagadeesan and Dominic Raj invite you to attend grand rounds presented by:

Stan Jordan MD
Medical Director of Kidney Transplant Program and HLA and Transplant Immunology Laboratory, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Topic: Non-Invasive Diagnosis of Rejection and Therapeutic Approaches to Allosensitization

Date: Tuesday June 18 at 4 PM
Venue: Ross Hall Lobby C

Chairman’s Rounds

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00
All Faculty Invited to Attend

June 14 Dr. Ameen Alahmadi
Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule  
June 2019

2300 M Street, N.W., Suite 3-332  
8AM—11:30 AM  
Questions: Call (202) 741-2488

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Kudos and Congratulations

Kudos...to Matt Mancini, PA, General Internal Medicine at 2300 M street, on words of praise from the doctors and providers, "his clinical judgement is top notch."

Kudos...to Dr. Nicole Ehrhardt, Endocrinology, for being featured in the Washington Life Magazine in the Respect the Power Mom section.

Kudos...to Dr. Brad Moore, General Internal Medicine, on his paper, “Physical activity goals among patients in a primary care setting” which was published in Translational Behavioral Medicine online.

Congratulations...to Dr. Marijane Hynes, General Internal Medicine, on passing her obesity boards! All of the DGIM weight management physicians are board certified!

Congratulations...to Dr. Patricia Centron Vinales, Renal division, for establishing the first group clinic at the MFA and her Kidney Wellness Clinic will offer cooking classes.