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Summary

The executive members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology meet on a regular basis with the objectives of integrating the three McGill teaching hospitals and consolidating resources. It is clear that the Department faces many challenges.

These include the potential reduction in the number of obstetrical deliveries at MUHC and integration of the Divisions of Gynecologic Oncology and Urogynecology. This is partly due to the reduction of hospital resources related to budget cuts.

The surgical waiting list for general gynecology and gynecologic oncology has lengthened to several months. Formal collaboration with other hospitals, including the Lakeshore General, LaSalle General and Lachine General Hospital should be considered. Despite these limitations, the Department held the first McGill Symposium in Obstetrics and Gynecology involving McGill RUIS institutions on September 19-20, 2012. The symposium was attended by over 100 participants.

On the advice of Professor Masi, Provost of McGill University, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology created a standing committee on research ethics and publishing under the direction of Dr. Togas Tulandi. The mandate of this committee is to oversee the conduct of research within the Department.

In 2012, Dr. Tulandi received the Canadian Association of Medical Education (CAME) 2012 Certificate of Merit Award.
The Department is active in teaching and research, and received several research grants including from the CIHR. Dr. Haim Abenhaim has contributed to the enhancement of clinical research in the Department.

The transition private to publicly funded in-vitro fertilization (IVF) at the MUHC was relatively smooth. Under the new regulations, Dr. Hananel Holzer and his team were successful in decreasing the number of multiple pregnancies from 35% to 3% with similar implantation rates. This has reduced the burden on both the Obstetrics and Neonatal Units and decreased the costs to the hospital.

The Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility MUHC Reproductive Center became one of the centers to provide fertility preservation for women undergoing for women undergoing chemotherapy or radiation.

Members of the Department remain active in international and national societies, the Collège des médecins du Québec and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Obstetrics and Maternal Fetal Medicine

Under the directorship of Dr. Robert Gagnon, the facilities for ambulatory obstetrics located on F2 at the Royal Victoria Hospital have been completed and renovations are nearly completed on F4. A telehealth program was initiated for ultrasound scans performed at Nunavik. Besides local activities, members are active in provincial and national programs and participate in several research projects. Drs. Richard Brown and Haim Abenhaim were both promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Gynecology

The Division contemplated developing an innovative academic program designed to create a center dedicated to improving the quality of life of women suffering from benign gynecologic disorders. The fellowship program, which was accredited by the fellowship board of the American Association for Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) and the Society for Reproductive Surgeons (SRS), did not accept any candidates in 2011 and 2012. This was to assist the Obstetrics and Gynecology residency training in Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS). With the recent full approval of the residency program by the Royal College and the tremendous improvement in teaching MIS, including the creation of a MIS laboratory, the program will be reinstated. The reinstatement of the MIS fellowship program is important for graduating residents who wish to improve their skills in MIS.

The decrease in resources and the increase in the number of gynecologic oncology surgical cases have limited the number of surgical cases for general gynecology, leading to prolonged waiting lists for surgery. Under the direction of Dr. Krishnamurthy, several members of the Division performed surgeries at the Lakeshore General Hospital. Unfortunately, this collaboration was discontinued due to lack of resources to accommodate the MUHC surgeons.

Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
In August 2010, the Province of Quebec started funding In vitro Fertilization (IVF) up to 3 treatment cycles. It also regulated the number of embryo transfers to one embryo only. This has led to a reduction in multiple pregnancy rates at the MUHC from 35.6% to 3.08% with similar implantation rates. This was an achievement of the center under the direction of Dr. Hananel Holzer. Under his direction, the Division created the research committee chaired by Dr. Togas Tulandi and the Medical Practice Committee chaired by Dr. William Buckett.

The fellowship program in Gynecology Endocrinology and Infertility remained strong. Dr. Holzer relinquished the Directorship to Dr. Patricia Monnier.

One of the important activities of the Division are fertility preservation. Treatment is provided to patients from the province as well as from outside Quebec. The Division is also active in research and its members published in many peer-reviewed journals (over 15 publications in 2012).

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada appointed Dr. Tulandi as Chair of the Subspecialty Committee of Gynecologic Endocrinology (GREI). In this role, he is responsible for GREI teaching and accreditation in Canada.

Gynecologic Oncology

Members of the Division (Drs. Gilbert, Gotlieb, Lau, Jardon and Querleu) participated in several multicenter studies, and are active in research and teaching. Dr. Joshua Press, a gynecologic oncologist has decided to relocate to the United States.

Residency Program

Dr. Vincent Ponette, Director of the Residency Program of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been revising the program in order to obtain full accreditation from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Among the changes were the incorporation of general surgery and internal medicine rotations, creation of the Residency Research Division and development of a laboratory for MIS.

Reproductive Biology/Research

Under the direction of Dr. Hugh Clarke, the Division was supported by operating grants including from the CIHR with a total annual value of over $1,000,000. Members of the Division are active in McGill teaching and other bodies including the CIHR. In 2012, members of the Division published over 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

St. Mary’s Hospital and Jewish General Hospital

St. Mary’s Hospital under the direction of Dr. Robert Hemmings and the Jewish General Hospital under the direction of Dr. Louise Miner remain an integral part of our academic activities, including teaching and research. Dr. Hemmings was appointed to the nucleus members of Gynecologic Endocrinology of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He is also active at the Collège des médecins du Québec.
Respectfully submitted,

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