

# Initiating a Research Fellowship for Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology: The time is now!

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# Agenda

- Why start a fellowship?
- What should the fellowship look like?
- How to pay for it!

# Where oh where are AUB and fibroids?

- Women's Reproductive Health Research Scholar (WRHR)/K12 annual meeting October 2017
- 30 junior faculty focused on developing a research career
- Not a single presentation on:
  - AUB
  - Fibroids
  - Pelvic pain
  - Vaginitis
  - Low risk pregnancies (labor dystocia, back pain, weight gain)

# Why academic specialists in general ob-gyn in research?



YOU KNOW YOU ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH NERD IF YOU...

- ✓ like data and statistics.
- ✓ wondered why just one CDC scientist was deployed in Contagion.
- ✓ care about saving lives and protecting people 24/7.

A cartoon illustration of a female doctor with blonde hair in a bun, wearing a white lab coat, a red cape, and red boots. She is standing with her hands on her hips. To her left is a circular logo with the words 'PUBLIC HEALTH' and a pair of glasses.

#PHNerd

# Why academic specialists in general ob- gyn in research?



Translation into Human Science

Translation into the Clinic

Translation to Populations

# Why start a research fellowship for academic specialists in general ob-gyn?

# Why start a ANY fellowship?

- Move science forward in the field
- Create professional community with shared focus
- Increase academic focus, research productivity of specialty
- Improve (inter)national academic and policy presence/representation/leadership
  - Chairs, Deans, Chancellors
  - Professional society leadership

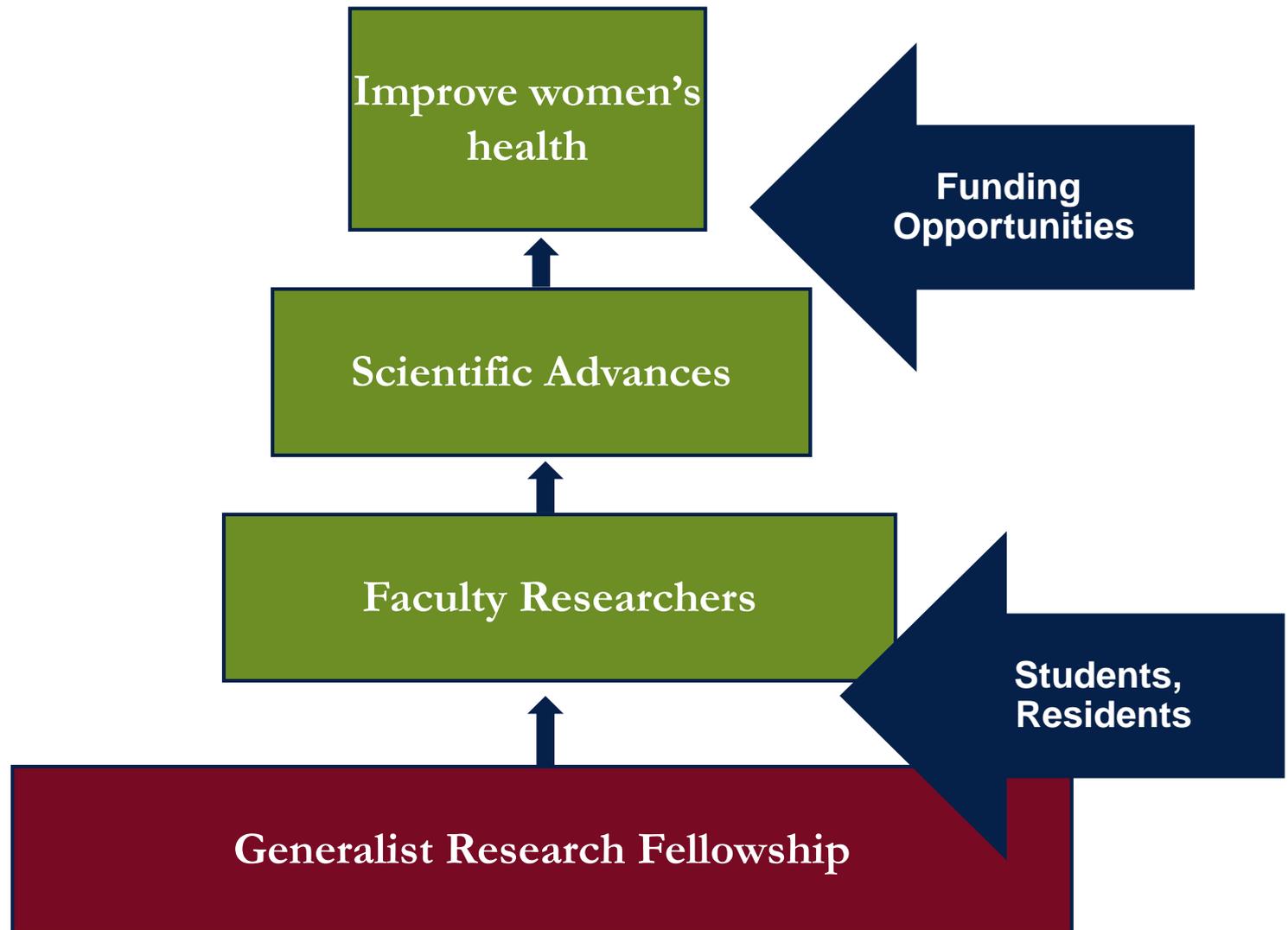
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- Underrepresentation of generalist topics in research
  - 3 months of Green Jo, 9/35 (25%) articles were generalist topics
  - Slows scientific advancement
- Limited infrastructure to develop and sustain a researcher who is an academic specialist in general ob-gyn
  - No training programs specific for academic specialist
  - No focused research meetings/symposiums
  - Few opportunities to develop strong collaborations, research networks, databases

# Why?



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# What should the fellowship look like?

Key ingredients:

- Formal didactic research training

Master's degree in clinical research or equivalent

- Protected nonclinical time (a lot of it!)

2 years, 75% time

- Strong mentorship and collaboration

Lead mentor at site

Formal collaborations with other site fellows/mentors

- Research resources

Existing data for secondary analysis

Pilot studies complete to support K award application

# Dare to Dream!

- 15 fellowship sites
- Annual in-person meeting to present research
- Research network for multi-centered trials
- Shared surgical/clinical database



# How to Fund a Fellowship



- Non- ACGME Fellow
- Fellow can bill clinically as attending
- Salary/benefits are PGY 5 and PGY 6
- Remember cost of training/courses, housing allowance, research support (e.g for programmer)

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- Local funding
  - Division/dept funds (equity with other divisions)
  - Endowed chairs
- Government
  - T32
- Professional society collaborations
- Philanthropy

# Where are we now and next steps

- UCSF to open applications in Fall 2018, first fellow to start summer 2019
- 6 other sites interested
- Establish National Advisory Committee

The time is now!

# Thank you!