

POG's Personal Perspectives

Reflections on the University of Iowa Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

My association with the University of Iowa Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology began over 30 years ago as a fourth year medical student when I did a rotation on the High Risk Antepartum service. The University provided visiting medical student housing at West Lawn. I returned the next July to start my Residency. The next four years trained me well. My teachers/mentors were experts, including Board examiners, textbook and journal editors, and a President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). My fellow residents were well trained, and some have become Board examiners, textbook and journal editors, and one became the President of ACOG. Since completing my residency, I served four years in the United States Army, then I returned to join my current practice in Dubuque, IA. I have regularly attended the OB/GYN Postgraduate meeting each fall and have been impressed with the visiting speakers at this annual meeting. I learn something valuable for my clinical practice each year.

I refer my patients to the Department,

utilizing the full range of consultants. We share care when appropriate. For the past several years, third or fourth year residents can spend a month rotation with my practice in Dubuque, getting additional surgical experience. I have enjoyed getting to know these young people and helping broaden their clinical knowledge. I have heard from some former residents that they utilize some of the techniques learned in Dubuque in their current practices. I am continually impressed by the knowledgeable, caring and thoughtful approach of these residents. It is also nice when you speak with the on call resident for a problem or patient transfer and you know them from their time in Dubuque. I am fortunate to have been trained by, and my care supported by, the University of Iowa Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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