

WomenCare Quarterly

News, announcements, and vital information about Catholic Health WomenCare for WNY physicians.

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Dr. Ronald Bauer and Andrea Bauer, NP, review a patient's mammography results.

Spotlight on: Breast Care of WNY

Breast Care of WNY is an innovative breast center established by **Ronald L. Bauer, MD**, in collaboration with his wife, Andrea, a nurse practitioner. **Moneer A. Khalil, MD**, a board certified Radiation Oncologist, is also part of the practice, as is **Karen Gutierrez, NP**, who recently joined the team and provides additional patient care and support.

In 2013, Breast Care of WNY opened a new office at 199 Park Club Lane in Williamsville as part of a multi-specialty center, offering mammography, biopsies, MRIs, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, genetic testing and minor surgical procedures that do not require sedation.



Lobby and registration area of Breast Care of WNY's offices in Williamsville, NY.

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The Team at Buffalo Infertility and IVF Associates of WNY is High Tech

Buffalo Infertility and IVF Associates of WNY, located at 4510 Main St. in Williamsville, is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art fertility center. Founded in 1999 by **Drs. Kent Crickard, Ralph Sperrazza** and **Michael Sullivan**, the center's board certified physicians provide all aspects of fertility care and surgical management of complex gynecologic disease, 365 days a year. Patients have an entire team to assist them as they try to achieve their goal – a caring staff, in-office testing and blood work, and a comprehensive process that includes close communication of the entire staff of medical providers, review of records, discussion of options, working with the medical team to determine best options, and consults and reports follow all testing.

“The value of our practice is that after surgery to correct the problem, all the doctors in the group continue to work with the infertile couple to achieve a pregnancy,” said Dr. Sperrazza. “If they have a surgery for fertility preserving, we are able to offer the couple therapy based on our knowledge of the severity of the original condition.”

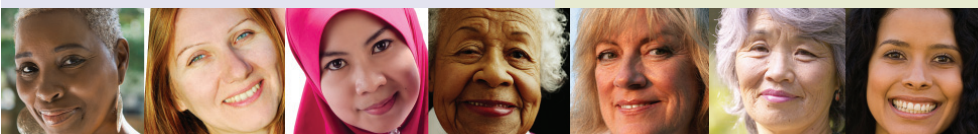
Dr. Sperrazza serves as Director of Resident Physician Education in Infertility at Sisters Hospital. He has over 35 years of surgical experience and has built a reputation as an expert gynecologic surgeon, addressing such challenging cases as endometriosis and uterine fibroids. He incorporates robotic surgery to enhance his ability to provide the most current surgical advances to his patients. As a surgeon, he has the most experience in Western New York in tubal ligation reversal, with a documented success rate of 92%!

Dr. Adam Griffin, a Board Certified Reproductive Endocrinologist and nationally recognized expert in minimally invasive surgery, joined the practice in 2012. He served as Director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the University of Rochester. During his fellowship training at Harvard University, Dr. Griffin helped pioneer the use of robotic technology in reproductive surgery, and has performed over 200 robot-assisted laparoscopic procedures since 2007.

IVF Associates of WNY uses a minimally invasive surgical approach to treat many conditions, such as uterine fibroids, endometriosis, benign ovarian tumors, and tubal disease (including tubal ligation reversal). Drs. Sperrazza and Griffin are trained in robotic surgery and have privileges at both Sisters Hospital's Main Street and St. Joseph campuses.



Drs. Adam Griffin, Ralph Sperrazza, Michael Sullivan and Kent Crickard of Buffalo Infertility and IVF Associates of WNY.



WomenCare News Briefs

OB-GYN Care Expands to Springville Primary Care Center

In December, Catholic Health began offering OB-GYN services at Springville Primary Care Center, 27 Franklin Street in Springville. Services include routine check-ups and prenatal care to referrals to women's health specialists. **Dr. Nicholas Cromwell** joined **Dr. Jane Kraft**, who moved her OB-GYN practice from its Main Street in Springville to the new Franklin Street site. For more information, or to make an appointment, call (716) 592-7400.

Mercy Baby Café Moves to New Location

Baby Café is a weekly drop-in center for new moms and moms-to-be who want to breastfeed and need support and guidance. The Café' at OLV Senior Neighborhood in Lackawanna has moved to **OB-GYN Associates of WNY, located at 3050 Orchard Park Road in West Seneca**. Hours of operation are Thursday evenings from

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. At the Baby Café, moms can get their questions answered, meet other moms who are breastfeeding, and receive free breastfeeding support from a Certified Lactation Consultant. No reservations are needed. To learn more, call (716) 862-1939 or (716) 862-2182.

Catholic Health Named da Vinci® GYN Epicenter

Intuitive Surgical, Inc., named Catholic Health's Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus a GYN Epicenter training site for the training of surgeons how to perform advanced robotic-assisted gynecologic procedures. The only one in New York State and one of only 23 nationwide, Catholic Health's Epicenter team is led by **Dr. Ali Ghomi**, medical director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic and Robotic Surgery at Sisters Hospital.

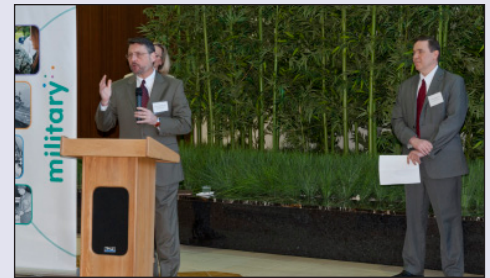
Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait®

Catholic Health joined with health providers from throughout Western New York on November 20 to raise awareness of the importance of carrying babies to full term (at least 39 weeks) and reducing non-medically indicated elective deliveries in healthy pregnancies.

The event, sponsored by the March of Dimes to support their Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait campaign, was held at BlueCross BlueShield of WNY in downtown Buffalo. "Through this collective effort, we hope to provide expectant mothers with the information they need to not only make healthy decisions for themselves, but for their babies as well," said Aimee Gomlak, FACHE, vice president of WomenCare at Catholic Health.

Dr. Larry Gugino, chief of OB-GYN Services at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, and Dr. Anthony Pivarunas, chief of OB-GYN Services at Sisters of Charity Hospital, spoke at the event. "Premature birth is a serious problem, because every week of pregnancy is crucial to

a newborn's health," Dr. Gugino said. "Women who have a healthy pregnancy, and have a choice about when to deliver, should wait for labor to begin on its own, rather than schedule an elective delivery."



CHS OB leaders speak at March of Dimes press conference: Dr. Larry Gugino (left) and Dr. Anthony Pivarunas.

Premature birth is a growing problem in the United States, with nearly half a million babies born too soon each year. "Healthy babies are certainly worth the wait," said Dr. Pivarunas. "Babies born just a few weeks too early are more likely to suffer breathing problems, feeding difficulties, hypothermia, and jaundice, which can affect a newborn's health."

Breast Care of WNY ... continued

Dr. Bauer is a 20-year board certified breast surgeon. He completed a surgical oncology Fellowship at UCLA and a second surgical oncology fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

He and his team provide patients with a comprehensive care plan catered to their own individual needs. Breast care treatment options include breast ultrasound, on-site stereotactic and ultrasound-guided core biopsies, sentinel node staging, balloon placement for partial breast radiation, brachy-therapy planning and treatment, as well as surgery.

The team at Breast Care of WNY now offers monthly informational Breast Cancer related educational programs. Topics include exercising with mastectomies, lymphedema, and nutrition. These programs are open to the community and are available the third Monday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Breast Care of WNY also works closely with other area health professionals to provide chemotherapy, physical therapy services for lymphedema, cancer support, and mastectomy prostheses and bras.

To learn more about our programs and services, or for a referral to a Catholic Health women's health specialist, visit WomenCareWNY.org or call (716) 447-6205.

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