

Moderator

Heidi K. Leftwich, DO

Dr. Heidi Leftwich is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal medicine at UMASS since 2014. She is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine. She completed her OB/GYN residency at the University of Connecticut and MFM fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her clinical practice is focused on caring for those with high-risk pregnancies. In 2018 she became the Associate Fellowship Director of the new MFM fellowship at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. She is active in the community, serving as treasurer in the Worcester Healthy Babies Collaborative, focused on decreasing rates of infant mortality and health inequities as well as a member of the Scholarship committee and Women's caucus of the Worcester District Medical Society. Dr. Leftwich is actively involved in education and serves as the Vice Chair of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine's Education Committee. She has active research projects and funding in preeclampsia and COVID-19 in pregnancy.

Panelists

Armando Arroyo, MD

Dr Armando Arroyo attended the UCLA School of Medicine in Los Angeles. He completed his ObGyn residency training at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility fellowship training at UCSD in San Diego. He then completed his training as a Women's Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) Scholar at UCSD where he studied the reproductive neuroendocrine system.

For the last ten years he has been working full-time in the IVF field as a reproductive endocrinologist. First at CNY Fertility in Syracuse, NY and at Boston IVF in Syracuse NY.

Dr. Arroyo is currently the Medical Director of IVF at the UMass Memorial Fertility Center and Associate Professor at the UMass Medical School. He is board-certified (ABOG) in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology/Infertility.

Jennifer Yates, MD

Dr. Jennifer Yates is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, where she has practiced for 9 years. She serves as residency program director, and her practice focuses primarily on renal and bladder cancer. She has no geographic roots having been raised in a mobile military family, but Dr. Yates calls New England home after completing medical school in St. Louis, residency at Brown University, and a fellowship at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Christine Van Horn, MD

Dr. Christine Van Horn is a PGY-4 Urology resident at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School Program. She received a BA in Molecular and Cell Biology from UC Berkeley, an MS in Biological Chemistry from UCLA, and an MD degree from the Keck School of Medicine of USC. She is currently applying to endourology and minimally invasive surgery fellowships with the plan to pursue a career in academia. She is very passionate about quality improvement research and advocating for change within her institution and beyond. Outside of work, Dr. Van Horn enjoys travel, knitting, and exploring local restaurants.