# Residencies accepting of a Hippocratic medical applicant, Jan 2010

Wake Forest where I am the Chairman would be a perfect place for them. We do not have an abortion rotation and many of our residents don't want to participate in abortion. They can contact me at dmerrill@wfubmc.edu. Also: Here's the link to the Residency program:

http://www2.wfubmc.edu/Obgyn/Residency/

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In a message dated 1/31/10 3:40:24 PM, aaverymd@comcast.net writes: GRMERC Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Consortium (affiliated but independent from Michigan State University, in Grand Rapids, Michigan) -residency does not include performing abortions -community with strong faith-based component Directors: Stephen Rechner, MD Kristin Oldenberg, MD

hope it's helpful, Anita Avery, MD

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In a message dated 1/30/10 2:16:44 PM, holbrobd@EVMS.EDU writes: I'm a 4th-year student going into OB GYN. I'm actually one of the ones that emailed a few months ago asking for a list of such programs. Having just finished my interviews, mostly in the mountain west, I got a fairly good feel for which programs were okay with residents not performing abortions. I do have to say that I was pleasantly surprised. Most programs seemed to have no problem allowing residents to opt out. Here's a quick sumary of what I found:

Programs that seemed to be pro-life friendly

- -U of Utah\*
- -U of Washington\*
- -U of Colorado
- -U of Arizona\*
- -U of New Mexico\*
- -Exempla St Joseph's (in Denver)\*
- -Phoenix integrated
- -Eastern Virginia Medical School\*
- -Medical University of South Carolina\*
- -Duke

\*At each of these programs, I actually spoke to either a faculty member who stated the program is flexible on abortion training, or to a current resident who did not perform abortions and did not feel any discrimination because of it.

# Programs that are NOT pro-life friendly

-Oregon Health & Science. If you choose not to perform abortions, you have to appear before a panel to explain your reasoning. I guess they then decide if your reasons have merit? Here's their abortion policy as posted on their website, http://www.ohsu.edu/academic/som/obgyn/programs/residency/Program/abpolicy .html:

"Abortion Policy

We have developed a mechanism for helping residents who are struggling with the dilemma of whether they hold a moral objection or whether they are just disturbed by or uncomfortable with the procedure itself.

It is the department's expectation that all residents will receive instruction in contraception and abortive counseling and techniques.

It is the department's expectation that residents will perform abortions with appropriate faculty supervision.

It is not the department's policy that residents will be required to perform abortions.

Exceptions will be based on: OHSU's medical staff policy regarding conscientious objection(2).

Presentations by the residents seeking exceptions, with her/his justification for that exception, to a three person faculty panel, chaired by the program director.

The purpose of this panel will be to be supportive and constructive and not directive and coercive. The panel will establish its own criteria for exceptions along the lines of, but not necessarily identical to, criteria established elsewhere(3).

Where exceptions are approved by the panel, the residents will be required to be involved in pre-abortal counseling and post-abortal care of patients undergoing termination of pregnancy."

1. Family Practice Perspectives 1987, 19:158-162

2. OHSU Hospital and Clinics Policies and Procedures/Conscious Practice Oct. 1997

3. Journal of Medical Ethics, 1996, vol. 22, 115-120

While they make the panel sound as nice as possible, from what other students told me (I didn't interview there), they do not currently have any residents at their program who do not perform abortions, and people left with the feeling that they do not want anyone who is not interested in performing abortions.

-UCSF. They are considered the abortion mecca--many people go there just because of the abortion training they provide. They pride themselves on how many abortions they do and how late in term they do them.

One other quick note that may be worth passing along:

In applying, I was concerned to find that many of the programs I was interested in had received a Ryan grant for family planning. I assumed that meant that they very pro-abortion. However, I was pleased to find that was not the case at many of these programs and they still have no problem with residents opting out.

Hope that helps. I'm sure a comprehensive list will be a great resource for future students. Thanks for putting it together!

Brad Holbrook EVMS MD 2010 holbrobd@evms.edu

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n a message dated 1/30/10 11:16:38 AM, oldhams@aol.com writes: I trained in an Army residency program where abortion was neither taught nor performed. In fact there were a number of us who were there for the precise reason that the value of life was upheld and service, both to our patients as well as our country, was taught. I commend the military residency programs to you as they are pro-life, pro-service, pro-family and an excellent environment in which to learn the practice of Ob/Gyn

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In a message dated 1/30/10 11:21:46 AM, mikhail525@hotmail.com writes: I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville's OB/Gyn residency program (a generalist), and there are many life-friendly faculty members, notably including Dr. Jeffrey Keenan (REI and director of the Embryo Adoption Program), the program chairman (MFM), a pediatric-adolescent gynecologist, and many other generalists & subspecialists. A majority of the current residents are also pro-life. We certainly could be described as non-"hostile" to pro-life applicants, and I would welcome the students to consider our program. You may want to hurry and get this info out, as match lists should be due very soon! Thanks, Wayne Friedman, MD, FACOG Assistant Professor, UT Knoxville Dept. of OB/Gyn

In a message dated 1/30/10 11:22:15 AM, agmooremd@aol.com writes: The Armed Forces Hospitals were only allowed to do abortions when the life of the mother was at stake (eg HELLP syndrome in previable pregnancy, viable ectopic with hemoperitoneum & shock, etc)

Before Congress banned all elective abortions in Gov't Hospitals (in 1978, I think) the tri-service hospital I trained in (Tripler in Honolulu) was doing 300 deliveries a month and 300 abortions a month - all at taxpayer expense! We were so glad when Congress outlawed them! Alan Moore MD LTC, US Army, Retired

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In a message dated 1/30/10 11:32:42 AM, dad8kids@hotmail.com writes: All the military training programs, including Tripler in Honolulu where I trained, forbid elective terminations as a matter of law. Even a termination with a strong maternal indication (ie raging chorio in a 14 weeker with a living fetus) requires an exhaustive approval process. The only time my peers and I thought about abortion was when a patient presented to the ER with retained products and/or sepsis as a result of a botched abortion perforned at one of the civilian clinics downtown. The military residency programs give preference to applicants with military obligations, but gladly accept applications from civilians as well. The pay and benies are good, and the training is great. Every patient is a resident case. And, because it's a diverse, well-traveled military population, there's always something new and strange on the ward to challenge the best clinician. Anyway, I'd recommend the miltary: clean conscience, no stigma, good pay, good people.

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In a message dated 1/30/10 11:35:38 AM, anne.mielnik@gmail.com writes: Family Medicine Residency at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, PA Strong OB training for Family Medicine Residents and respectful of conscience, including regarding birth control

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In a message dated 1/30/10 11:45:51 AM, ywcadet@aol.com writes: Newark Beth Israel Med. Center, Newark NJ.

This program is not pro-life. But the residents are not required to participate in abortions. Abortions were done by attendings only. I thinks they have actually closed that clinic for \$ reasons not for moral convictions.

So I think applicants don't need to worry about the abortion issue.

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In a message dated 1/30/10 12:00:43 PM, Valerie.Waddell@osumc.edu writes: Hello,

I am currently a chief resident at Ohio State University. Although there is a developing Family Planning influence here, pro-life residents are accepted. Choosing to not participate in abortion is not stigmatized, even though it isn't always convenient.

I am considering staying on here as an attending when I complete this year, so would potentially be available for residents to talk to regarding abortion. Of course I'd be willing to discuss the program with potential applicants.

My contact info is: Valerie Waddell- The Ohio State University Dept. of OB/GYN Valerie.Waddell@osumc.edu

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In a message dated 1/30/10 12:12:30 PM, yeungpjr.md@gmail.com writes: www.omsoul.com keeps a list.

Patrick Yeung Jr. MD Duke University Medical Center Assistant Professor Director of Resident Endoscopic Education Center for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery www.dukehealth.org/yeung

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In a message dated 1/30/10 12:37:24 PM, joseph.stanford@utah.edu writes: For OBGYN in Utah, I recommend contacting the chairman of the Dept., C. Matthew Peterson, MD, <u>C.Matthew.Peterson@hsc.utah.edu</u> Joe Stanford

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In a message dated 1/30/10 12:41:41 PM, gusbarkett@yahoo.com writes: I am the Director of an OBGYN program that is only Osteopathic in Muskegon, MI. It is called Mercy Health Partners and we are ProLife. Gus Barkett DO FACOG, FACOOG 495 West Mt. Garfield Road Muskegon, MI 49441 Beeper-231-339-1674 Cell Phone 231-578-9446 Fax 231-672-3380 Home-231-798-3289 Office-231-672-3300Email-gusbarkett@yahoo.com

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Although I am not an Ob/Gyn resident, I know of a couple programs that are worth looking into for pro-life candidates:

St. John Mercy in St.Louis

--I know there have been, and currently are, "NFP Only" Ob/Gyn residents there Resurrection Healthcare System in Chicagoland - hospitals (which each run their own different residencies, I think) include:

--Resurrection (in Chicago, on Talcott Ave)

--St. Francis Hospital (in Evanston, IL)

--Others within Resurrection Healthcare?

--the official policy of Resurrection Healthcare is that they don't prescribe contraceptives for contraceptive purposes (although many residents and attendings do anyway)

Those are a couple I've heard about. I'm sorry I don't have contact info for either program!

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In a message dated 1/30/10 1:01:14 PM, jdbyrnemd@aol.com writes:

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center San Jose CA

Independent residency program- 4 per year.

OB/Gyn Department with 50+ faculty FTEs including General OB/Gyn, MFM (6), Gyn Onc (2).

Active clinical research and outreach programs.

Global Health interest group with faculty active in overseas service.

Stanford affiliate and core rotation teaching hospital.

Owned and operated by County of Santa Clara.

Large tertiary center (eg regional Trauma, Burn, Perinatal, Neonatal)

Largest public hospital OB center in CA (~5,200 births a year on teaching service)

Culture: both faculty and residents fully accept and honor those who opt out of termination training.

Contacts for interested residents:

Judy Dodge- administrator. 408\*885\*5550

Residency Director: Roger Spencer MD

Chair: James Byrne MD

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In a message dated 1/30/10 2:02:21 PM, drghalverson@yahoo.com writes: Medical College of Wisconsin ob gyn residency program. director Paul Lehman. 3 hospitals involved- 2 are strongly Catholic. There is a rotation at planned parenthood to learn to do abortions but can opt out and the rest of the faculty don't even know who did or did not do the rotation

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My friend who is a nurse-midwife works with the residency program at the University of Oklahoma (OU), and she says that to her knowledge, no one would be compelled to do abortions in the residency program. She does know of a patient who was induced early by one of the physicians because the baby had multiple anomalies, but my friend does not believe that a pro-life resident would have been forced to participate.

Elisa Crouse, MD, is one of the physicians who works with the OB-GYN residency program at OU. She can be e-mailed at Elisa-Crouse@ouhsc.edu

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In a message dated 1/30/10 2:18:16 PM, mike.draper@hsc.utah.edu writes: University of Utah. I (Michael Draper) am the program director.

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In a message dated 1/30/10 2:51:47 PM, edcedn@aol.com writes: I practice in Orlando and am on the clinical faculty. I currently do GYN only. The residency at Orlando Health allows terminations for the health of the mother and anomalies incompatible with life. There is no other abortion training provided. The program director is Dr. Stephen Carlan (MFM) Elizabeth Nelson, MD 407-422-2641 100 W Gore St #400 Orlando, FL 32856

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RE: The Family Practice Residency program at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, Illinois: I teach a course in Pediatrics to the Medical students but I also interact with the directors of this program and the residents. I am President of the Rockford Chapter of the Catholic Medical Association, which meets regularly with Christians of all denominations, holding meetings, discussions and evenings of fellowship where LIFE issues are the main themes. I am also a member of the Respect Life Ministry of our Church and am able to interact with the community of Rockford and the county, on moral and social issues.

If any medical student is interested please feel free to contact me. If a phone conversation is needed please let me know and I will be happy to talk about this program.

Errol C Baptist, M.D., F.A.A.P. Clinical Professor of Pediatrics University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford www.drbaptist.com

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In a message dated 1/30/10 3:46:37 PM, fsumac02@yahoo.com writes: Univ of Mississippi. (no other comments sent)

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The In His Image Family Residency program in Tulsa, OK is a solidly evangelical program and certainly would not encourage abortions. Our daughter did her FP residency there. The current director is Mitchell Duinick M.D.

I believe that there is a program in Buffalo, N.Y. and I believe it is through St. Mary's Hospital. The last that I knew, the head of the OB/GYN dept. was a doc by the name of Anthony Pavarunis. I cannot guarantee the spelling. Good Luck.

As a graduate of University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, I found it to be non-hostile to prolife residents. The Chairman is pro-choice as well as many others, but at least one attending, a maternal fetal medicine specialist, and several nurses ,staff and other residents are openly prolife. While there, I and another resident as well as the attending on call refused to place laminaria for a "medically indicated" induction scheduled the following day for a 21wk IUP and did not face any negative repercussions. There are no elective abortions performed at the University (although 2nd trimester inductions are done for fetal anomalies and maternal indications) and residents do not receive any formal training in the performance of elective abortion.

I am afraid that I cannot name a program that is clearly not hostile to pro-life applicants. As a faculty member at Washington University in St. Louis in Ob/Gyn, I would warn students interested in OB/GYN that the close association with Planned Parenthood and the Ob/Gyn Department at Washington University results in a direct conflict of interest for pro-life applicants. The head of the residency program is Medical Director at Planned Parenthood and runs the most active Fellowship in Family Planning in the country. Sorry to not be pro helpful but the warning may be valuable to students.

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When I applied, 24 years ago, the best one was in Grand Rapids Michigan. The University of Wisconsin told me point blank that all residents were expected to perform abortions.

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In a message dated 1/30/10 6:17:03 PM, jlinn@familink.com writes: The Milwaukee MCW (Medical College of Wisconsin) Ob/Gyn Residency is not hostile to pro-life residents. Approximately equal time is spent at 3 hospitals, 2 of which are Catholic(St Mary's and St Joe's). Abortions are done at the other hospital (Froedert) and at Planned Parenthood but participation is not required. Several "hippocratic" physicians and AAPLOG members (Matt Lee, Julie Mickelson, Jim Linn) are on the clinical faculty, at least one (Mike Lund) on the full-time faculty.

I or any of the above listed would be happy to talk with the students. Matt Lee and Mike Lund are graduates of this residency. Jim Linn

In a message dated 1/30/10 6:57:34 PM, mfstegman@msn.com writes: Not on staff in this program, and don't know director, but have just had a 3rd year OBGYN resident do an elective month with my group, who is in residency at Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Wyomissing, PA. It is a secular program, and the resident has been able to follow her conscience (no abortions, sterilizations, contraception) without undue hostility.

Happy to provide contact info for the resident if she agrees and anyone interested.

Mark Stegman MD FACOG

In a message dated 1/30/10 7:07:22 PM, bglassmd@yahoo.com writes: As you well know, politics can change quickly and convictions can easily and rapidly give way to political pressures. However, the residency program at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga Unit (Erlanger Hospital) has historically been very friendly toward physicians with pro-life convictions. Thanks to much answered prayer and public action, there is no "abortion clinic" in Chattanooga unusual for a city that size. There are a few private practice Ob/Gyn physicians who will perform an abortion as part of the services through their private practice, but that service is not advertised or promoted in those few offices. I finished the program there in 1990, so my personal experience is a bit out dated, but one of my local colleagues finished there 4 years ago, and she had no problem standing firm in her convictions. I hope it hasn't changed in 4 years. Hope this helps,

Brian Glass, MD Dalton, Georgia

In a message dated 1/30/10 8:32:05 PM, docjohnston@yahoo.com writes: In His Image Family Practice residency in Tulsa. They teach FP and OB. Dr. Patrick Johnston

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In a message dated 1/30/10 8:59:05 PM, thomassparks@cox.net writes: Our program is not hostile to pro-life residents. LSU Med School OB/GYN residency program affiliated with EK Long Hospital and Womans Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA. They can contact me at tspark@lsuhsc.edu. Thomas W. Sparks, MD

In a message dated 1/30/10 9:56:37 PM, wfongmdinc@yahoo.com writes: My residency program (University of Hawaii) is mostly neutral on the abortion issue. The majority of residents do participate in abortions through a "family planning" elective and they certainly don't consider it a moral issue. Most but not all of the University faculty here perform abortions and several do second trimesters. However, we have always had residents who choose to "opt out" and as far as I can tell there is no hostility aimed at them because of this. Even though I am known to be pro-life, no resident has ever asked me to shield them from criticism for opting out. What might be less certain is whether a student applying for residency might be discriminated against if they were outspoken about being pro-life before being selected. (He notes that subtle selection bias could happen anywhere) I have never heard of a faculty member coming right out to pin down a resident applicant about their abortion views. I would be happy to communicate with any student who would be considering a residency way out here in the Pacific.

Bill Fong, MD

In a message dated 1/31/10 8:24:35 AM, drkaprovidence@gmail.com writes: The program that I completed in July was not overall "hostile". ( university of tennessee health science center in memphis) We do have one very pro-abortion attending. If you go to a university setting, chances are that MFM and genetics attendings will be more proabortion as ours were.

If they truly feel called to the field of OB/GYN, they need to find a good church family for support. Also seek out other like minded residents for support. Christian pro-life seniors can be your best allies.

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In a message dated 1/31/10 10:00:53 AM, obgynaz@yahoo.com writes: It has been a few years, but Hawaii and Univ of New Mexico were not friendly to prolife residents or med students when i was there

I transferred to PIROG(phoenix - mmc and st. joe's) for this reason ---- always safer at a catholic

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In a message dated 1/31/10 10:53:08 AM, skenney@mfmne.com writes: The University of Nebraska Medical Center, honored for the most part that I would not participate with abortions. Over 4 years I had a small run in with a private MFM that we were affiliated with and maybe one potentially hostile comment. Fortunately, the university policy only allows for medically indicated, 100% lethal or significant risk to mom, so if someone wants an abortion they usually pick a private clinic because it is much easier. Unfortunately there is a abortionist in the state that is hoping to be the next Tiller, the state is fighting him to keep him from doing late term abortions.

I went to Creighton University for medical school and feel they would easily honor pro-life ideas.

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In a message dated 1/31/10 1:29:21 PM, elizabethl@pol.net writes: While our program/hospital itself is not prolife, our program could at least be considered not hostile. Many physicians here are prolife as far as the private attendings and there does not seem to be any pressure to do procedures that one would prefer not to do. Our program is St. Luke's hospital in Bethlehem PA. Our program director is Dr. Jim Anasti. Elizabeth Lamb, MD \*\*\*\*\*

This is from one of our colleagues in Europe!(Europe is NOT prolife) Dear colleagues,

The ministry of health of the Republic of Lithuania has a draft of an act (secondary legislation), which will allow residents to have a conscience objection and will be friendly to pro-life residents.

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In a message dated 1/31/10 6:17:01 PM, rfreed111@mchsi.com writes: I did my residency training in the early 1990's at Wilford Hall Air Force Hospital. We were offered training in performing abortions, but not mandated. The training was not done at the Air Force facility. I only remember two of sixteen that wanted to participate. I do not know how things are now. Dr. R. Freed

In a message dated 2/1/10 12:12:33 AM, mattbrown@pol.net writes: I know of at least three Family Medicine Residency Programs that have emphasis on obstetrics but residents would not feel pressured because of Prolife views. St. Anthony F.M. Residency in OKC, OK; In His Image F.M. Residency in Tulsa, OK; Cox F.M. Residency in Springfield, MO. I suspect that the Family Medicine Residency in Wichita, KS also would remain nonantagonistic to residents with Pro-life views. Hope this helps. Blessings, Matt Brown, MD

I'm applying to University of Colorado and Exempla St Joseph's Hospital--both in Denver. U of C is more of an "opt out" program (you're scheduled for abortion clinics etc, but you can do something else fairly easily and it sounds like without stigma). ESJH is an "opt-in" where you can get abortion training if you actively seek it, but it's not part of the curriculum. I'd say that many to most of the faculty at both are pro-choice, but ESJH being a Catholic hospital, it is a bit less of an issue. Also, I had a friend who did Natural Family Planning only (didn't prescribe birth control) at ESJH and though she got some flak, she earned respect over her time there and they're probably more understanding than many other residencies.

So, overall I'd say that ESJH is not hostile, and U of CO isn't overtly hostile either.

In a message dated 2/1/10 2:14:39 AM, thespan@sbcglobal.net writes: This is from Peter Greenspan, DO.

I am the associate chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Truman Medical Centers, in Kansas City, Missouri. We are affiliated with UMKC School of Medicine.

I am an AAPLOG member as are a few others in our department. Although there is diversity in our program, I would consider it pro-life friendly. Furthermore, I let it be known to residents and medical students that is they are receiving grief from others in my department or any other for that matter, regarding their pro-life stance, that they should let me know so I can be their advocate.

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In a message dated 2/1/10 6:22:20 AM, stbrown@salud.unm.edu writes: <u>My residency program, the University of New Mexico Hospitals Department of</u> <u>Obstetrics and Gynecology (Albuquerque, NM), is an opt-out of abortion training</u> <u>program. Several faculty members of heavily involved in abortion politics and</u> <u>clinical activities, but at least one member of each graduating class is opts out of</u> <u>training. I would consider it a non-hostile environment. Prospective applicants are</u> <u>free to contact me.</u>

Steffen Brown, MD HO-3, Dept. of OB/GYN University of New Mexico Hospitals

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In a message dated 2/1/10 11:16:28 AM, jpierce2@mcvh-vcu.edu writes: I am the program director here at Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. I am pro-life and do not do abortions. I affirm and support residents who "opt out" of abortion training and help them handle the pressures that are very real. ABOG/ACOG require that we have abortion training available. Abortions are done by a few faculty within the department.

I can be contacted at the email above. Let me know if you need additional information.

John Pierce

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In a message dated 2/1/10 10:15:43 AM, daniel.wechter@gmail.com writes: Synergy Medical here in Saginaw, MI. the number is 9895836828 (Carol Clark then ask for Dr. Henry Moon, the interim director). Feel free to tell him I suggested the program.

Dan Wechter, MD

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In a message dated 2/1/10 12:23:55 PM, 7lisamarie@gmail.com writes: SUNY Upstate in Syracuse is very good about that. I am a first year resident here and have felt no pressure from the administration or other residents to assist with elective abortions. There are at least 3 of us in the program who do not participate. Students may contact me at this address:

7Lisamarie@gmail.com. Lisa Baclawski

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I wish I had such a list when I did my training 20 years ago. I got chastized severely when I refused to take H&P's for abortion patients. I also refused to do sonos strictly for "abortion clinic." One can safely say, however that any program affiliated with a Catholic center is Pro-life.

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In a message dated 2/2/10 8:49:27 AM, LelandC@trinity-health.org writes: I am at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor MI. We have a wonderful (and quite competitive) residency program. We don't do any abortions because we are a Catholic hospital, and there is no pressure about abortions in the program. There certainly are faculty members here who are pro-choice, but it is a manageable situation.

Charlie Leland, MD

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Try contacting One More Soul http://onemoresoul.com/ . They have a directory of pro-life physicians (others besides OB-Gyns included) who may know of the type of program you are looking for.

In a message dated 2/2/10 3:10:48 PM, JKeenan@mc.utmck.edu writes: While our faculty is definitely not all pro-life, our chairman and many of our faculty members and residents are. We'd be happy to have our program listed under the AAPLOG list. I'm copying this to our chairman Bobby Howard as well.

Jeff

Jeffrey A. Keenan, MD, HCLD Director, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Dept. of OB/GYN Univ. of Tennessee Medical Center

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In a message dated 2/2/10 4:09:19 PM, JLinde@genesys.org writes: Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI is a large joint MD/DO hospital under Ascension Health Care, a Catholic directed group. We have 12 OB/GYN residents in an Osteopathic program here. We do not do abortions. We are a level II facility with a MFM in house. We have complete interviews for the 3 slots for next year and our match is occurring this month. Program Director is Charles Rollison, DO

I am 1 of the 3 full time OB faculty here James Lindemulder, DO jlinde@genesys.org

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In a message dated 2/2/10 11:36:27 PM, fpdocjo@yahoo.com writes: Family Practice SIU Quincy Family Practice 217 224-9484 Director: Tom Miller, MD http://www.quincyfp.org/ quincyfpinfo@siumed.edu

I was their first Mizzou grad and found it very faith promoting/uplifting. The docs have a conscience and use it. The closest abortion facility is 2 hours away, so that's not seen much, and it's ok to not refer (I didn't when asked to by a patient with no complaints made to my knowledge). The town is strongly Catholic, though the hospital and residency are not. This is an unopposed program in FP, OB training is great for those who want it and seek the extra OB patients and experience with the OB's, especially for people interested in rural medicine. It even prepares for frontier medicine like Alaska. Anyone is free to contact me at 217-357-0791 (home) or 217-440-3754 (cell).

Jenny Allen MD, ABFP diplomate

In a message dated 2/3/10 12:43:27 PM, ryoung@nmhs.net writes: The University of Mississippi in Jackson, MS is a Prolife friendly residency program. While many of the staff may not be prolife, there is no abortion training in Mississippi, like there is in so many other places. Therefore, an applicants prolife postion would not cause a problem like many other programs around the country.

Ronny Young, MD

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In a message dated 2/3/10 2:41:16 PM, FNuthalapaty@ghs.org writes: Please list the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center OBGYN program as appropriate/gladly accepting for a prolife resident.

Francis S. Nuthalapaty, MD Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology University of South Carolina School of Medicine

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BELOW: THE FOLLOWING INFO WAS COLLECTED IN 2004, probably is still relevant. **ProLife Friendly residency programs** 

I did my training in the military, which is really ideal as a prolife OB doc. Abortion is strictly forbidden in federal hospitals. Most programs that I know of will provide a way of getting training in performing abortions if the resident requests it, but never in any circumstances was I forced to be part of an (elective) abortion procedure. I can't speak for the all of the programs necessarily (though the law is the law), but I did my training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS and was very happy with the "protection" from abortion procedures. I know that the military is not an option for everyone, but for those to whom it applies it's nice to know you'll have less one ethical dilemma to deal with.

Capt. Steve Brumfield, MD Staff Physician, Obstetrics & Gynecology 436th Medical Group, Dover Air Force Base DSN 445-2405

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St. Louis University residency program is Prolife Friendly is a Jesuit Catholic University <u>bowersjn@slu.edu</u>

Dear AAPLOG, I am a member and on the faculty at University of Kentucky in Lexington. Our residency is very friendly to prolife residents. We do not do abortions in our hospital and have no abortion training. Jeanie Dassow,

Concerning the residency question. Military residencies - all of them – are not allowed to do abortions. It's a great thing from my standpoint. I am on staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in DC. It doesn't matter what your personal vantage point is, one cant do them in a federally supported facility. Not to be too self-serving, but we have a great program as well. I'd be happy to speak with anyone interested about military training programs. Mark J. Harrison (H) 301-977-6784 (W) 202-782-1397 (C) 301-928-3233 (often not on) Pager 202-356-1111, pin # 165-2856 email: BVVQWHW@comcast.net Isaiah 43:1

The Mercy General Health Partners Osteopathic OBGYN Residency is Christian and prolife friendly. We take two residents per year. I am the Director. We are located in Muskegon, MI and are affilliated with Michigan State University. Gus Barkett DO FACOG <u>gusbarkett@yahoo.com</u>

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When I went to SUNY Buffalo I had no problems at all with being prolife. In fact most residents did NOT perform abortions. (80-90%) <u>sylvia horsley@hotmail.com</u>

Yes, The Ohio State University OB/GYN residency is "pro-life friendly" even though it has people in it who do abortions. Residents are never required to do abortions; only know how to deal with the complications of induced abortions.

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The GRAMEC OB/GYN residency program in Grand Rapids,Mi. is very friendly to prolife residents as the overwhelming majority of attending staff are prolife.

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Milwaukee Ob/Gyn Residency is relatively prolife friendly. Chairman Dwight Cruikshank is a prolifer. Faculty include several AAPLOG members including Mike Lund, Matt Lee, Julie Mickelson, and myself. Prolife residents will get support here.

Jim Linn jlinn@familink.com

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I finished residency 3 years ago. The faculty are very friendly toward residents not interested in abortions. One of the reasons I choose to rank them. There were no requirements to perform or experience abortion and the director is very understanding of religious convictions. The program is: Carilion Health Systems OB/Gyn in Roanoke, Va.

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1. You may add my name to this group's list.

2. Although our residency has many "choice" faculty, I am very supportive of the Pro-Life movement and am the program director. We do not have an attitude of adversity toward pro-life residents here. The faculty here all know my stance (do not actively participate in abortion training, but realize that it must be made available if a resident so desires)

3. I would be happy to contact anyone you would like me to to help them find a position in a pro-life group. <u>Mike.Draper@hsc.utah.edu</u>

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Good Samaritan Hospital Cincinnati Ohio <u>Bill Polzin@trihealth.com</u>

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"prolife friendly residency": Mercer University, at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, GA mikhail525@hotmail.com

Our residency program at Univ. of Tn - Knoxville is prolife friendly, and we'd be happy to interview pro-life residents. JK <u>JKeenan@mc.utmck.edu</u>

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Mercy Genral Hospital Muskegon, MI. A D.O. Residency with many believing Attending Physicians. Some of whom are CMDA members. <u>hesskd@medscape.com</u> Orion.Rust@lvh.com

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