

THE HUGH WYNTER FERTILITY MANAGEMENT UNIT



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OVERVIEW

The Hugh Wynter Fertility Management Unit (HWFMU) continued to consolidate its programmes and services during 2014/15. HWFMU in expanding its teaching and service capacity in assisted reproduction hosted a regional workshop funded by Ferring International for obstetrician/gynaecologists. It is anticipated that close collaboration will be fostered through this initiative to increase the number of clients from around the Caribbean for fertility treatment in the HWFMU.

The Unit in collaboration with the UWI Legal Unit had two workshops to review and finalize the consent forms for reproductive services. The forms are now in use.

The final report of the audit undertaken by the UWI's audit department was discussed and steps have been taken to implement the various recommendations in collaboration with the relevant offices.

The Unit continues to use available opportunities to promote and improve its services and anticipates significant growth in 2015/16.

CLINICAL SERVICES

Table 1. Surgeries and procedures performed in the Clinic

Procedures	Number
Oral Contraceptives	432
Depoprovera injection	2,354
Jadelle implant	41
IUCD	150
Tubal Ligation	8
Vasectomy	3
Diagnostic Laparoscopy	12
Diagnostic Hysteroscopy	207
Cervical Cerclage	3
Cyst aspiration	3
Operative laparoscopy	135
Operative hysteroscopy	24
Myomectomy	11
Hysterectomy	5

The National Family Planning Board has not been able to supply the Unit with Subdermal implants (Jadelle and Zarin) hence the reduction in amount inserted.

Diagnostic Laparoscopy has been reduced with doctors preferring to do Operative Laparoscopy when a patient has Chronic Pelvic Pain.

Tubal Ligation is now done under general anaesthesia, costs have increased and hence a reduction in the number of persons seeking tubal ligation.

Table 2 Assisted Reproduction Report

Procedures	Number
Couples women registered for Assisted conception	116
Single women registered for Assisted conception	5
Couples counselled	48
Single women counselled	5
Egg Recoveries (IVF/ICSI)	79
Embryo Transfers	79
Egg Sharers/ Egg Donor Recoveries	14
Egg Sharers Embryo Transfers	9
Recipient Cycles	20
Recipient Embryo Transfers	4
Patients with Embryos Cryopreserved	39
Frozen Embryo Transfers	35
Semen Analysis Performed	213
Intrauterine Inseminations	28

TRAINING

The Training section contributes to the development of the skills and competencies of a wide cross-section of professionals throughout the English-speaking Caribbean by means of targeted training interventions. The present focus of the section is on conducting the Masters in Counselling Programme by a blend of Face-to-Face teaching and Computer-Mediated Instruction.

Summer Programme

Nineteen M.Sc. Counselling students from six English-speaking Caribbean countries (The Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Trinidad) attended the second of two summer Programmes at the Mona Campus, UWI from June 29, 2015 to July 17, 2015. The students were housed at the Elsa Leo Rhine Hall of Residence at the Mona Campus.

GRADUATION

Five (5) students graduated in October, 2014 from the following sites as follows:

Belize 1 student

Trinidad 3 students

Mona 1 student

The following courses were offered from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015

Semester 1, 2014–2015

Course Code	Course Name	Passed	F/FM/abs
COUN6201	Cognitive - Behavioural Counselling Part 1	20	3
COUN 6107	Qualitative Research Methods	18	5
COUN 6114	Practicum 1 (M12 Repeat)	1	0
COUN 6115	Practicum 2 (M12 Repeat)	2	0
COUN 6203	Practicum 3	16	5
COUN 6110	Person- Centred Counselling (MEX Re-sit)	1	0
COUN 6111	Existential Counselling (M12 Repeat)	1	0
COUN 6113	Professional Issues Part 1 (Re-sit)	1	0
COUN 6208	Vocational Counselling	1	0

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Semester 2, 2014–2015

Course Code	Course Name	Passed	F/FM/abs
COUN 6206	Cognitive Beh. Counselling Part 2 (Awaiting grades)		
COUN 6205	Family Therapy	18	5
COUN 6207	Practicum 4	19	4 Inc.
COUN 6201	CBT Part 1 Re-Sit	1	1
COUN 6106	Quantitative Research Methods (M12 Repeat)	1	0
COUN 6106	Quantitative Research Methods (Re-sit)	0	2
COUN 6111	Existential Counselling (M12 Repeat)	1	0
COUN 6112	Personal Growth Groups (Re-sit)	2	0
COUN 6203	Practicum 3 (Re-Sit)	1	3 Inc.
COUN6301	Research Project (Awaiting grade)	–	–
COUN 6302	Practicum 6	1	0

Second Summer School: (19 students attended July, 2015)

Course Code	Course Name	Passed	F/FM/abs
COUN 6202	Cognitive – Beh. Group Couns. (Awaiting grades)	–	–
COUN 6209	Professional Issues Part 2 (Awaiting grades)	–	–

OUTREACH

The Unit participated in several of The National Family Planning Board's (NFPB) activities.

Attended stakeholder meetings

- Participated in Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference, November 29 – 30, 2014 with exhibits and presentations on “Fertility Issues” by the Director Professor Joseph Frederick, 5 Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologists and two Embryologists.
- Participated in NFPB's Research Day, July 27, 2015 with presentation on “Reproductive Options for Persons Living with HIV” by Dr. Kamali Carroll, Embryologist.
- Participation in UWI Research Days February 10, 2015: the Unit hosted a tour of the facility and a presentation was made on “The Work of the Unit” by Dr. John Harriott.
- The Unit partnered with the Shauna Fuller Clarke's BASE (Better Awareness and Services for Endometriosis) Foundation to increase awareness of the condition. The activities included observation of Endometriosis month in March 2015 with:
 - Radio and television interviews including a sponsored programme on Nationwide.
 - Presentations at the “Endotalk” public forum at the Faculty of Medical Sciences Teaching and Research Complex. Mona on March 19, 2015.
 - Participation in the international “March” and hosting a booth at Devon House, on March 28, 2015.
- The Unit conducted an “Assisted Conception Workshop” on June 12 & 13, 2015, sponsored by Ferring Pharmaceuticals, for 15 Obstetricians/Gynaecologists from six Caribbean countries including Jamaica and Haiti. There were lectures on decision-making in assisted conception, treatment protocols, managing complications, counselling

clients, medico-legal issues and laboratory aspects of IVF. All participants gained hands-on practice in Ultrasonography for Endometrial Assessment and Follicular Tracking.

- Various activities were undertaken for educational institutions, churches and NGOs including: display booths, distribution of educational materials, PowerPoint presentations, and career talks. These were organized and conducted by staff members and included:
 - Booth display and talk on the “Work of the HWFMU” at a Health Fair at HEART Trust/NTA Vocational Training and Development Institute, Gordon Town Road, on February 12, 2015.
 - Girls’ Day presentations at St. Andrew Technical High School on February 26, 2015, Topic “Roles and Responsibilities of Women” and Mona Primary School on May 20, 2015, Theme “Girls of Virtue, Women of Value”.
 - Booth display and a talk on “Fibroids” by the Director, at the Staff Wellness Day at the Vice Chancellery, Mona, on March 5, 2015.
 - Booth display at August Town Primary School Health Fair on March 21, 2015.
 - Booth display and oral presentation at UWISON on March 24, 2015.
 - Careers day presentation at St Joseph Infant School, Duke Street, on May 5, 2015.
 - Talk and display at Health Fair and Family Day at the Glad Tidings Open Bible Church, Hampton Green, Spanish Town on June 13, 2015.
 - Talk to URSAFE on “In-vitro Fertilization” by Mrs. Denise Everett Keene on June 25, 2015.

MAJOR CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- ASRM 2014 was attended by Dr Kamali Carroll
- ASRM 2015 New York was attended by Mrs. Denise Keene, Mrs. R. Hammond & Dr Vernon DaCosta
- ACOG conference 2014
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference (NFPB) November 2014
- Annual Peri-Natal Conference 2015
- Conference for Nurses and Midwives 2015
- Assisted Conception Workshop 2015

PUBLIC SERVICE

Frederick, Joseph, Professor

- Board Member, British Virgin Islands Healthcare Services Authority
- Member, Caribbean Initiatives of Planning Committee of Planned Parenthood
- Member, Pacesetters Toast Masters Club

Hamilton, Pansy

- Board Member, The Mico University College
- Board Member, Caribbean HIV/AIDS Alliance
- President, Jamaica Association of Health Service Executives
- Executive Member, YWCA Jamaica
- Board Member Pringle Home for Girls
- Member, Churches Emancipation Committee for the Annual Emancipation Lecture

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Jackson, Elaine

- Associate Pastor, New Wine Tabernacle Church
- Director and Executive Producer, UIWAIS House of Worship Ministry
- Member, Board for August Town Primary School
- Member, Jamaica Association of Composers, Authors and Publishers (JACAP)
- Member, Jamaica Association of Health Service Executives

Meade, Joan

- Chairperson, Zone 4A, Sub-district 60B, Lions Clubs International
- Leo Advisor, Lions Club of St. Andrew Central

Williams, Lillith

- Member, The International Association for Counselling

McKenzie, Claudette

- Member, Jamaica Association of Health Service Executives

Carroll, Kamali

- Member, Jamaica Association of Health Service Executives

Forbes-Blake, Veronica

- Member, Jamaica Association of Administrative Professionals

Ingram, Neila

- Pastor, St. Matthew's African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Member/Advisor, O'Meally United Youth Club
- Board Member, Jamaica Council of Churches

Gill, Ileen

- Member, Jamaica Association of Administrative Professionals