

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology welcomed the opportunity to present the 51st Annual McGuire Lecture Series. The lectures were designed to provide the primary care physician with information which is clinically useful and applicable to the daily practice of obstetrics and gynecology. An effort was made to achieve a balance between those health problems that have been known for some time but whose understanding has changed and those problems that have been recognized more recently and whose solutions are still evolving.

Dr. David H. Nichols, at present Professor and Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and

Gynecology, Brown University School of Medicine, was the 51st McGuire Lecturer. He is well known for his knowledge of the gynecologic literature, his research into the problem of pelvic relaxation, and his surgical expertise. Dr. Nichols has published numerous articles on female pelvic anatomy, pelvic relaxation and vaginal surgery. In addition he has co-authored texts on gynecologic pathology and vaginal surgery.

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