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To: Colleagues in Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
From: Charles Lockwood, MD

Greetings. I am writing to remind you of the unique fellowship training opportunities offered by the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. The Program is particularly interested in increasing the number of applicants from the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

For more than three decades, the RWJ Clinical Scholars Program has trained a cadre of physicians who have become distinguished in academic medicine, public health, and national leadership positions. It continues to offer a remarkable opportunity for talented physicians who have the potential to become leaders in improving health and health care, by teaching those physicians how to generate knowledge through research and translate that knowledge into practical benefit for patients and populations. Traditionally the Program has emphasized rigorous training in health services research. They have recently added additional emphasis on leadership training and community-based participatory research.

The Program has sites at the University of California Los Angeles, the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University. Scholars receive a stipend, travel and research funds, and, in some instances, tuition and the opportunity to receive an advanced degree. A Masters in Health Sciences is offered at the Yale site through completion of the Clinical Scholars Program requirements. Scholars may spend up to 20% of their time in clinical activities. Applicants must complete residency by the start of the fellowship.

As an active clinical researcher in Obstetrics and Gynecology and as a member of the Robert Wood Johnson institutional advisory committee at Yale University, I can personally assure you that this program offers superb training for the obstetrics and gynecology physician interested in leadership and the conduct of quality clinical research. I ask you to encourage promising candidates at your institution to apply.

Applications for the program starting in July of 2010 are currently available and are due 28 February 2009. Please see the attached information sheet for further details. For additional information please visit <http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/index.html> and <http://rwjcsp.yale.edu/>.

Regards,

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