

Catherine S. Bradley, MD, MSCE, *AJOG's* new Editor-in-Chief for Gynecology



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Dr Catherine Bradley, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Epidemiology, and Urology at the University of Iowa, has been appointed the new Editor-in-Chief for Gynecology of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AJOG)*. She has served as Associate Editor at *AJOG* since 2015.

Dr Bradley graduated from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, and pursued an internship and Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania. Her subspecialty Fellowship was in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. She also obtained a Master of Science degree in Clinical Epidemiology at Penn before joining the faculty at the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

Within 12 years, Dr Bradley was appointed as a Professor with Tenure at the University of Iowa, with secondary appointments in the Department of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health as well as the Department of Urology. She has served as Division Director since 2005, is Director of the Fellowship of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (FPMRS), and maintains an active FPMRS surgical practice.

Dr Bradley's research interests focus on patient-reported diagnostic and outcome measures, and on the identification of risk factors and symptoms associated with urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, and other pelvic floor disorders. Her past research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Veterans Affairs has included developing and testing a new diagnostic questionnaire for female urinary incontinence and a nationwide longitudinal study of women veterans performed to better understand temporal associations between mental health



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disorders and overactive bladder/urgency urinary incontinence. In this study, Dr Bradley identified anxiety and prior sexual assault as important predictors of incident overactive bladder, contributing evidence to support a multi-factorial etiology of overactive bladder and a link between overactive bladder and mental health in some women.

Dr Bradley has been a Clinical Research Scholar funded by the NIH and was awarded a K23 Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award, sponsored by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). She has extensive experience with collaborative

multicenter research as a past Co-Investigator in the Pelvic Floor Disorders Network (NICHD) and as Project Leader and Co-Investigator in the Multi-disciplinary Approach to the Study of Chronic Urologic Pelvic Pain (MAPP) Network funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). As current Principal Investigator of the Symptoms of Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction (LURN) Research Network (also NIDDK-funded), she leads research at the Iowa site to develop an innovative symptom-based instrument and to collect detailed longitudinal data to better understand phenotypic subgroups of patients with lower urinary tract dysfunction.

In addition, over the past 10 years, Dr Bradley has served as the Research Committee Chair, Pelvic Floor Disorders Registry Scientific Chair, and Research Council Chair for the American Urogynecologic Society.

The Editors, Managing Editors, our publisher, and I are looking forward to working with Dr Bradley in this position of leadership, and to continue to strengthen *AJOG*. ■

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