

## Women in Medicine featuring Dr. Christine Rojas



Dr. Christine Rojas is one of our new Air Force Obstetrics/Gynecology faculty staff at the 633rd Surgical Operations Squadron at Portsmouth Navy Medical Center. In 2004, Dr. Rojas graduated from the Honors College at the University of South Florida with a BS in Microbiology. While in college, she worked as a medical Spanish translator and clinic coordinator at the Judeo Christian Health Clinic in Tampa Bay, a clinic that provides health care to medically indigent residents. Her desire of pursuing medicine was evident through her many years of volunteerism and work in the medical arena. She volunteered in St. Joseph's Hospital Emergency Room in the Tampa Bay area and homeless shelters and served as an educator for an obesity prevention program.

In 2009, she graduated from Florida State College of Medicine and was commissioned a Captain in the United States Air Force. While in medical school, she served on multiple committees involved in charitable activities, including being a founding member of "Students Interested in Global Health" during her time at Florida State College of Medicine. She also organized and attended medical missions in Ghana, Africa and Filipinas, Panama.

In 2013, Dr. Rojas completed her Obstetrics/Gynecology residency at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. As a third year resident, she was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to serve as a Felix Rutledge Fellow at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Within the past year, she has received three distinguished awards, including the Host Award for best scientific paper at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Armed Forces District Meeting (2012), Wright State University Excellence in Research Award (2012), and Wright State University Surgical Excellence Award (2013). She published three manuscripts while in residency – Analysis of Patterns of Patient Compliance after an Abnormal Pap Smear in the Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease, Robotic Surgical Staging for Cervical Cancer diagnosed during Pregnancy: Immediate versus Delayed Definitive Treatment in the Gynecologic Oncology Journal and a procedure article about Simple versus Radical Trachelectomy in the Medscape reference. Her main interest is in Gynecologic Oncology and is currently applying for fellowship through the United States Air Force.

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