

Ginny Ryan, MD MA (Bioethics)  
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Dr. Ginny Ryan received her BS with Distinction in Biology and Society from Cornell University in 1995 and her MD from Washington University School of Medicine in 1999. At the University of Iowa, she completed residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2003 and subspecialty fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) in 2006 and stayed on as a faculty member from 2006-2020. As an Associate at the University of Iowa, Dr. Ryan pursued and completed a MA in Bioethics with a focus on Reproductive Bioethics through the Medical College of Wisconsin. As an Assistant Professor, Dr. Ryan was named a Women's Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) Scholar (2010-15). She received pilot research funding during this time from the University of Iowa and ASRM and translated that work into a funded IIR (through the VA HSR&D office) research grant to study the impact of sexual assault and combat-related trauma on fertility and other reproductive health outcomes in female and male Veterans (2015-2020). Through this IIR grant, Dr. Ryan established a REI clinic at the Iowa City VA Hospital and was invited to act as Special Consultant in Reproductive Health services to the VA Central Office.

Dr. Ryan was the REI fellowship Program Director at the University of Iowa from 2015-2019 during which time she led the program to successful ACGME accreditation. From 2009-2019, Dr. Ryan was also an affiliate faculty member in the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. She helped establish and serve on the Ethics Consult Service and acted as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Ethics Committee for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. In a related leadership role, Dr. Ryan served as Chair of the ACOG Committee on Ethics from 2017-2019 and is currently the Chair of the Ethics Document Review Panel for ACOG. Dr. Ryan also has a strong history in global and underserved healthcare, including work in Arequipa, Peru; Archaiae, Haiti; and Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. She worked with colleagues at the University of Iowa towards developing a Division of Global and Underserved Women's Health. In October 2020, Dr. Ryan joined the faculty of the University of Washington School of Medicine as Professor and Division Chief of REI. She has an application pending with the ACGME to re-establish a REI fellowship at UW at which time she will act as the fellowship Program Director. At her new location in Seattle, she continues a part-time position at the Puget Sound VA Health Care System providing subspecialty REI care to Veterans in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Along with her research agenda and consulting work, Dr. Ryan is an active academic clinician, providing a full range of surgical and clinical services in REI, pediatric and adolescent gynecology, and assisted reproductive technologies, and teaching and mentoring PhD students, medical students, residents and fellows. She co-directed the University of Iowa Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Clinic starting in 2008, providing clinical and surgical care (and resident and fellow teaching) in conjunction with Pediatric Endocrinologists, Pediatric Hematologists, Pediatric Surgeons and LGBTQ clinic providers. To solidify these roles, Dr. Ryan achieved the ABOG Focused Practice Designation in pediatric and adolescent gynecology when this became available in 2018. Dr. Ryan also acted as the REI Division's liaison during the University of Iowa Hospital's development of transgender care surgical services and comprehensive oncofertility services. She has worked as an advocate for improved infertility and oncofertility coverage at the state and federal levels throughout her career. Dr. Ryan is also an ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals and serves on the editorial board for F&S Reports and Fertility & Sterility.