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Department and Position: Professor of Obstetrics Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences (RS), Urology, & Epidemiology at UCSF. She is director of the ORWH/NIDDK funded UCSF Specialized Center of Research (SCOR: www.ucsf.edu/scor) on Lower Urinary Tract Function in Women, UCSF Women's Continence Center (WCC: www.ucsf.edu/wcc), and the CTSI Comprehensive Mentoring Program (http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ca/mentor_program.php) and co-director of the Women's Health Clinical Research Center (WHCRC: www.whcrc.ucsf.edu).

Career Profile: Dr. Brown's career path has been somewhat atypical. In 1986, Dr. Brown joined the UCSF faculty as a clinician teacher in general obstetrics and gynecology and now directs the UCSF Women's Continence Center. It became clear to her that there was little reliable evidence to determine who is at risk for incontinence or to guide therapy. In 1993, after 7 years as an active clinician and teacher, Dr. Brown set out to acquire the necessary skills in clinical research to address these issues – and re-direct her career. With support from her department, she completed a 2-year fellowship in clinical research methods at UCSF that included training in epidemiology, research design, research ethics, biostatistics, data analysis and scientific writing.

After Dr. Brown's fellowship, she was awarded a K23 Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (NIA). After completion of her K23, Dr. Brown was co-investigator on a number of NIH grants and principal investigator on subcontract NIH grants and a number of private sector grants. In 2001, she was awarded a R01 titled, "Epidemiology of Pelvic Organ Prolapse" (NICHD; 9/01-8/06). In 2002, Dr. Brown was awarded the K24 and support from the K24 provided her protected research time in leading her team of multidisciplinary investigators in being awarded a ORWH/NIDDK funded Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) on Lower Urinary Tract Function in Women.

Currently, Dr. Brown is PI of the Diabetes Reproductive Risk factors for Incontinence Study at Kaiser (RRISK). The Diabetes RRISK includes 400 women with diabetes, as well as 1200 women without diabetes obtained by the same probability sampling methods from the Kaiser patient population. To our knowledge, Diabetes RRISK is the first representative cohort study of women with type 2 diabetes that includes extensive measures of incontinence, diabetes severity, and laboratory data. The data set from the Diabetes RRISK is available to junior investigators for secondary data analysis. In summary, Dr. Brown leads a broad, federally funded program in translational research. She also publishes frequently first-author papers in respected peer-reviewed journals, and mentors young clinical investigators.

