
ICGMV'S FIFTH ANNUAL
GROUP MEDICAL VISITS CONFERENCE

A Group Visit for Every Body

**Group Care Throughout
the Lifespan**

**Friday, September 12, 2025
10:00am to 6:00pm ET**



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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Sharon Schindler Rising is a certified nurse-midwife who graduated from the Yale School of Nursing, taught on the faculty there, and then established the graduate nurse-midwifery program and the Childbearing Childrearing Center at the University of Minnesota. In

1993-94 she developed and piloted the CenteringPregnancy model of Group Care in Waterbury, CT and began doing instructional workshops nationally and globally.

She founded the Centering Healthcare Institute in 2001 and served as its CEO until 2014. In 2017 she and her colleague, Charlotte Houde Quimby, published, "The CenteringPregnancy® Model: The Power of Group Health Care". She was on the Yale grant team that conducted the first randomized controlled trial on the Centering model.

Sharon is a founding member of Group Care Global and is part of the implementation research team carrying out the European Union-funded GC1000 initiative in 7 countries (Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 848147).

She resides with her husband in Philadelphia, PA, and works closely with the Board to provide major direction for Group Care Global.

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Considered a pioneer in the area of group medical visits, Dr. Noffsinger is the originator of the Drop-in Group Medical Appointment (DIGMA) and the Physicals Shared Medical Appointment (PSMA) models. He is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in the area of group visits – and an advisor to medical groups and health care organizations around the country and worldwide. His book (*Running Group Visits In Your Practice*), was published by Springer in September 2009 and is intended to be not only a definitive work on group visits, but also a self-contained toolkit with an accompanying DVD that includes both training videos and examples of all the forms and promotional materials needed to launch a shared medical appointment program. Dr. Noffsinger is currently a independent health care consultant and was recently the V.P. of Shared Medical Appointments and Group Based Disease Management at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates/Atrius Health, where he and his team launched over 32 DIGMAs and PSMAs in his first 2 years (2007 – 2009). He was previously at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers in Santa Clara and San Jose for over 26 years, where he developed the DIGMA model, was Director of Oncology Counseling and Chronic Illness Services, and was Manager of the Affective Disorders Team. He was subsequently Director of Clinical Access Improvement for 3 years at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, where he developed the PSMA model, established their Shared Medical Appointment Department, and launched 18 new DIGMAs and PSMAs per year. He is also a frequent speaker at such large medical conferences such as IHI, AMGA, AAFP, ACP-ACIM, AANP, etc. His work in the area of group visits has been featured in numerous medical journals, and he is widely published in the field.

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EXTENDED WORKSHOP



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RENÉE BOYNTON-JARRETT, MD, SCD

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Renée Boynton-Jarrett is a practicing primary care pediatrician at Boston Medical Center, a social epidemiologist and the founding director of the Vital Village Community Engagement Network. Through the Vital Village Network, she is supporting the development of community-based strategies to promote child well-being in three Boston neighborhoods. She joined the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine in 2007 and is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics. She received her AB from Princeton University, her MD from Yale School of Medicine, ScD in Social Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health, and completed residency in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Her work focuses on the role of early-life adversities as life course social determinants of health. She has a specific interest in the intersection of community violence, intimate partner violence, and child abuse and neglect and neighborhood characteristics that influence these patterns.

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CLARE VIGLIONE, MPH, RDN

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Clare Viglione (she/her) is a licensed clinical dietitian, a public health researcher, and the director of the GROWBABY Research Network at Vital Village Networks. Clare graduated from Columbia with a Masters in Public Health and is currently working towards a doctoral degree in Health Behavior at University of California San Diego. Clare has worked and managed collaborative research studies with Harvard Prevention Research Center, Columbia University, UC San Diego, New York University, and Boston Medical Center. She also completed her clinical internship at Harvard Medical School/ Brigham and Women's Hospital and has practiced primary care nutrition focused on diabetes and obesity. Clare hopes to ultimately design and scale equitable, cost-effective familial interventions targeting social-emotional development and childhood obesity.

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MICHELLE E. CLAUSEN, PHD, MSN, CNM

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Michelle Clausen is a Certified Nurse-Midwife and researcher with a deep commitment to maternal-child health. She earned her BS in Public Health (2009), BSN (2013), MSN in Nurse-Midwifery (2015), and PhD (2024) from The George Washington University (GWU). Her doctoral research focused on how maternal spiritual well-being and early life adversity influence perinatal outcomes.

As a clinician, Michelle provides comprehensive reproductive and gynecological care in her role as a midwife and is passionate about supporting physiological birth across diverse clinical settings.

Currently she is a postdoctoral fellow within the GWU Primary Care Research Program (P-CART). Her current research interests include adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma-informed care, spirituality in health, and group-based models of perinatal care. Michelle has been volunteering as a researcher with GROWBABY since 2023, supporting work focused on strengthening child and family wellbeing.

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