

CONFERENCE CHAIR



Ossie Geifman-Holtzman, MD, FACOG, FACMG

Medical Director, Philadelphia Pregnancy, Genetics & Ultrasound Center, Prenatal Diagnosis Institute. Professor, Drexel University College of Medicine & Fels Institute, Temple University School of Medicine

Dr. Ossie Geifman-Holtzman is an American Board Certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Maternal - Fetal Medicine and Genetic Specialist working in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is affiliated with Pennsylvania Hospital, University of Pennsylvania. Dr Geifman-Holtzman is also a Professor at Drexel Medical School and at the Fel's Institute, Temple School of Medicine, the home for her research laboratory. Currently, she is also the medical director of the Philadelphia Pregnancy, Ultrasound and Genetic Center. She has been the director of The Philadelphia Prenatal Conference for the past 14 years.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE




Elena Ashkinadze, MS, LGC

Assistant Professor. Supervisor, Perinatal Genetics
Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine
Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, NJ

Elena Ashkinadze is an Assistant Professor and Supervisor of Prenatal Genetics at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is a graduate of the Sarah Lawrence Genetic counseling program and has close to 20 years of experience in clinical genetics. She is currently the director of the Reproductive Genetics course at the new Rutgers Genetic Counseling Training program. She has served as the Treasurer and President of the Human Genetics Association of NJ and is currently the Chair of the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee for the Board of Medical Examiners under the Division of Consumer Affairs in NJ. She serves on the Maternal Child Mortality and Morbidity committee for the state of NJ. She is faculty at Rutgers and involved in teaching several courses as well as serving as the Director of

	<p>OBGYN Grand Rounds. She has been a speaker at local and national conferences on reproductive genetics and has authored several peer reviewed publications. She has been involved in organizing the Philadelphia Prenatal Genetics Conference from its inception.</p>
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	<p>Peter Benn is Professor Emeritus at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut. Dr Benn received his undergraduate degree and also has a Doctor of Science degree from the University of St Andrews, Scotland. He received his PhD at the University of Birmingham, England, with research in cancer genetics and cytogenetics. From 1977 to 1979 he was a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He subsequently specialized in laboratory service in the areas of prenatal screening and diagnosis. He has published over 170 peer reviewed papers and authored numerous reviews, chapters, position statements, and other articles. From 1990-2019, he was a faculty member at the University of Connecticut. He is a consultant to Natera, Inc., and serves on an Advisory Board for Menarini Silicon Systems. His past professional activities include International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis Board Membership, Editor for Genetics for <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> and a founding member of the Origins of Aneuploidy Research Consortium.</p>
<p>Peter A. Benn PhD Professor Emeritus, Department of Genetics and Genome Sciences, University of Connecticut Health Center, CT</p>	



Angie C. Jelin, MD

Associate Professor, Gynecology and Obstetrics/Genetics
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Maryland

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Dr. Angie Jelin is the Program Director for the Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship and an associate professor in the Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics and Department of Genetic Medicine. Her areas of clinical expertise include prenatal genetic counseling, fetal imaging, chorionic villus sampling and amniocentesis, with a focus on fetal complications in pregnancy. Her research focuses on the evaluation of genetic etiologies of skeletal and urogenital disorders.

Dr. Jelin earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School. She did her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California, San Francisco, and then remained there to complete a maternal-fetal medicine and genetics fellowship. She holds three board certifications in obstetrics and gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine, and clinical genetics



Anthony Gregg, MD

Director Division of Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Clinical Geneticist, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Prisma Health- Midlands, Columbia, South Carolina

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Dr. Gregg is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, maternal fetal medicine, and clinical genetics.


He cares for women with obstetric, medical, and fetal complications of pregnancy. Dr. Gregg held prior


faculty appointments at the University of Iowa, Baylor College of Medicine (Houston), the University of

South Carolina, and Texas A and M College of Medicine. He held past positions of leadership and

committee participation in several professional organizations including the Perinatal Research


	<p>Society,</p> <p>American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He was Director of the Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program at the University of</p> <p>Florida College of Medicine where he also received his MBA. He has co-authored national guidance addressing non-invasive prenatal screening and expanded prenatal carrier screening.</p>
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	<p>UPDATED-2026</p> <p>Amos Grünebaum, MD, is Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics & Gynecology and a Maternal-Medicine specialist at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, where he also serves as Senior Ethics Consultant at Northwell Health. With more than 50 years of clinical experience and over 10,000 deliveries, he has dedicated his career to evidence-based obstetric care, has authored more than 175 peer-reviewed publications (over 100 the last 6 years), and writes the Substack publication "ObGyn Intelligence" at obmd.com. His work sits at the intersection of population-level outcomes research, the professional responsibility of clinicians to follow where evidence leads — even when it challenges prevailing guidelines.</p>
<p>Amos Grünebaum, MD Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell Senior Ethics Consultant, Northwell Health</p>	

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<p>Kate Miele, MD, MA Medical Officer, Division of STD Prevention U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Adjunct Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Emory University School of Medicine</p>	
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	<p>OLD-2026</p> <p>Dr. Owen Montgomery, MD is an Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialist in Philadelphia, PA and has over 40 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from Hahnemann University – Philadelphia medical school in 1981. He is affiliated with medical facilities such as Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Jefferson Methodist Hospital.</p>
<p>UPDATED-2026</p> <p>Owen Montgomery, MD Physician Vice President Jefferson Medical Group East Professor Obstetrics and Gynecology Thomas Jefferson University</p>	

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<p>Rupsa Boelig, MD Associate Professor Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine Thomas Jefferson University Hospital</p>	

	<p>Karlla Brigatti is the Research Director at the Clinic for Special Children, teaches in the Thomas Jefferson Genetic Counseling program, and has been a genetic counselor for nearly 28 years. In that time she has practiced in the rare disease space in prenatal, pediatric, and neurogenetics settings and published nearly 50 peer reviewed papers. Her research interests include gene-based therapies for rare disease, robust natural history studies that inform therapeutic trials, and early genetic diagnosis that affords proactive versus reactive management.</p>
<p>Karlla W. Brigatti, MS, CGC Research Director Clinic for Special Children</p>	



Frank A. Chervenak, MD, MMM

System Chief, Ethics, Northwell Health
Kaufman Professor of Medical Ethics
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Associate Dean of Internal Medicine
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

Frank A. Chervenak, MD currently serves as System Chief of Ethics, Northwell Health and Hugh RK Barber Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Associate Dean of International Medicine, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University and his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University. After fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Yale, he was Director of Perinatal Research at Mt. Sinai.

Subsequently he served as Chair, of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Weill Cornell, New York Presbyterian and then Lenox Hill Hospital and the Zucker School of Medicine. Research interests include ultrasound and ethics in obstetrics & gynecology and physician leadership. He has been named a member of The National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Chervenak has served on the Board of Governors of the American Institute in Ultrasound and Medicine and the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians. He has served as President of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine, International Fetal Medicine in Surgery Society, the New York Perinatal Society and the New York Academy of Medicine Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the New York Obstetrical Society. Currently, Dr. Chervenak serves as President of the International Society of the Fetus as a Patient, Vice-president of the International Academy of Perinatal Medicine, and Co-director of The Ian Donald Inter-University School of Medicine and Ultrasound and serves on the ethics and professionalism committee of FIGO. He has been awarded doctor honoris causae from 12 international Universities. He has been admitted as a fellow ad eundem of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Great Britain and as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He has been named an Honorary Member of the Mexican Academy of Pediatrics and a "Knight of Medicine" by the

	University of Georgia.
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University of Colorado School of Medicine,
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Scholar, Department of Obstetrics and
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I have responsibility for the Fetal-Neonatal
teaching curriculum for Radiology residents and
fellows, and for the imaging education of Newborn
Medicine fellows. I mentor Radiology, Pediatric
and Maternal Fetal Medicine residents and
fellows, and collaborate with advanced degree
non-MD faculty on technical advancements in
imaging fetuses and newborns with congenital
anomalies. I collaborate extensively, both
clinically in developing and furthering clinical

	<p>research, with pediatric colleagues in neurology, neurosurgery, gynecology, orthopedics, urology, nephrology, surgery, plastic surgery, genetics and neonatology.</p>
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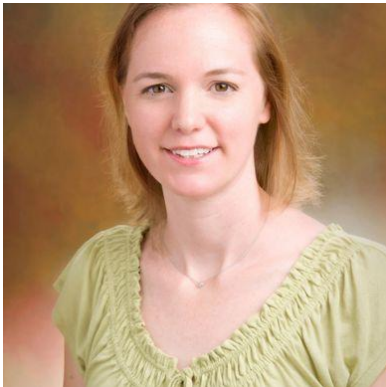
	<p>Karley Dutra, MD, FACOG is an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She completed her residency training at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and a fellowship in Reproductive Infectious Disease at the Medical University of South Carolina. Her clinical interests include care for women living with HIV and hepatitis C infection, cervical and anal cancer screening, and other sexually transmitted infections. She is actively involved in the enterprise-wide antimicrobial stewardship committee at Jefferson, and develops antimicrobial and clinical guidelines in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Her research interests include hepatitis C infection during pregnancy and vaccines in pregnancy. She also serves as the Director of the Resident Research Program in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, supervising and mentoring residents in completing their required research project.</p>
<p>Karley Dutra, MD Assistant Professor, Reproductive Infectious Diseases Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Thomas Jefferson University Hospital</p>	

	<p>OLD-2025</p> <p>Dr. Mark I. Evans is President of the Fetal Medicine Foundation of America, Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, President of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society Foundation, and President of</p>
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Mark Evans, MD

Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
President of International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society Foundation
President of Comprehensive Genetics, PLLC

Comprehensive Genetics, PLLC. He is considered one of the major key opinion leaders in the fields of prenatal diagnosis, screening, and fetal therapy world-wide. He routinely lectures every year all over the world and is regularly invited as visiting professor to national and international obstetrics and genetics meetings. Dr. Evans has over 1200 scientific publications including 30 text books. He has had multiple NIH grants including being a principal investigator for the search for fetal cells in maternal blood. He has received numerous national and international honors including receiving the President's Award for Achievement from the Society for Gynecologic Investigation and was elected President of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society twice.



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Jessica Giordano, MS, CGC

Assistant Professor of Genetic Counseling
(OBGYN)
Columbia University Medical Center
Associate Director of Women's Genetics
Research

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Jessica is a board-certified genetic counselor and assistant professor of genetic counseling with 14+ years of clinical, research, and industry related experience in prenatal genetic counseling and testing. In her clinical work, she has witnessed how non-invasive aneuploidy screening, diagnostic testing via microarray, and pan-ethnic screening has transformed prenatal practice, making complex genetics test part of primary obstetrical practice. She successfully led Columbia's fetal exome sequencing study published in Lancet, the stillbirth exome study published in the NEJM, and is the primary manager for the NICHD multi-center study PrenatalSEQ, aiming to study the use of genomic sequencing in pregnancy. To change post-natal management and LosSEQ, aiming to study use of genomic sequencing in stillbirth. In these research roles, she consents patients, curates variants, and assesses genotype-phenotype correlations with the goal of ultimately communicating results to patients to impact clinical management. Additionally, Jessica has been integral to the recent development and launch of Columbia's new Genetic Counseling Graduate Program and currently serves as a course director and scholarly projector mentor to their graduate students.



Chijioke Ikomi, MD

Pediatric Endocrinologist
Nemours Children’s Hospital, Delaware
Co-Director Nemours eXtraordinary Kids Clinic
Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatrics
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Dr Ikomi is Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. She is a pediatric endocrinologist at Nemours Children’s Hospital, Delaware and the co-director of the Nemours eXtraordinary Kids Clinic, a specialty clinic dedicated to children with X and Y chromosome variations. Dr Ikomi is actively involved in patient care, clinical research, and teaching. She has particular interests in increasing awareness of X and Y chromosome variations and improving outcomes of children with these conditions including Turner syndrome, Klinefelter syndrome, Trisomy X and others.



Athena P. Kourtis, MD, PHD, MPH

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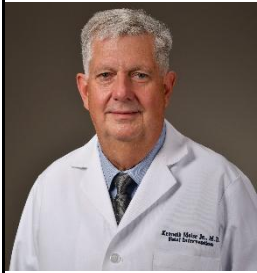
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	<p>OLD-2025</p> <p>Dr. Jena Miller is faculty in the Johns Hopkins Center for Fetal Therapy and Director of Obstetric Imaging with a wide range of training in fetal medicine and fetal therapy. She also serves as the Vice Chair of the North American Fetal Therapy Network. Her expertise includes operative fetoscopy, both minimally invasive and open maternal fetal surgery for complex fetal conditions. Dr. Miller completed her undergraduate training at the University of North Florida followed by medical school and residency at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She completed Maternal Fetal Medicine fellowship at the University of Maryland and pursued additional opportunities in fetal medicine in Europe. She is board certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine. Dr. Miller’s research interests span the spectrum of fetal intervention including translational research to improve surgical techniques and patient-specific modeling for prenatal intervention.</p>
<p>Jena Lyn Miller, MD Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology Co-Director of the Richard D. Wood Jr. Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia</p>	



Kenneth Moise, MD

Professor of Women's Health
Dell Medical School-University of Texas at Austin

Kenneth J. Moise Jr, M.D. is Professor of Women's Health at Dell Medical School. He also recently served as the Director of the Comprehensive Fetal Care Center at Dell Children's.

Dr. Moise is the former President of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society and served for many years as the Treasurer/Secretary of that organization. He is a founding member of the North American Fetal Treatment Network (NAFTNet) having served on its executive board and its steering committee. Dr. Moise's interest in fetal therapy spans a 40-year period. He is recognized world-wide for his contributions in the fetal treatment of Rh disease including the development of middle cerebral artery Doppler for the non-invasive detection of fetal anemia and the use of free fetal DNA to determine the fetal RHD status in the U.S. In 2019, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine for his work in hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn.



Julie S. Moldenhauer, MD

Executive Director, Institute for Maternal Fetal Health
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Ana Monteagudo, MD

Professor and Director Obstetrical Ultrasound
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Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and
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Prior to joining the practice, Dr. Monteagudo served for many years on full time faculty at New York University where she served as a full Professor and held multiple leadership and teaching positions, including Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Director of the MFM Fellowship, and Director of the OBGYN Ultrasound unit. She has also served on the highly prestigious Board of Governors for the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) and is the author of several notable textbooks in OBGYN ultrasound imaging. Dr. Monteagudo specializes in ultrasound imaging and diagnosis of the fetal brain as well as gynecologic pathology.




Shannon Nees, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Director, Cardiovascular Genetics
Director, Fetal Cardiology

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Dr. Shannon Nees is a pediatric and fetal cardiologist with training in advanced non-invasive cardiac imaging and cardiac genetics. Her clinical interests include cardiovascular genetics including Aortopathies, transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography, fetal cardiology and cardiac MRI at CT. Her research has focused on the clinical utility and application of genetic testing for patients with congenital heart disease as well as the correlation between imaging and outcomes in patients with congenital heart disease. She is actively involved in the training and teaching of fellows both at Nemours and nationally through her role on the Society of Pediatric

<p>Nemours Children’s Health, Wilmington, Delaware</p>	<p>Echocardiography (SOPE) education committee. She will be the program director for the advanced non-invasive imaging fellowship at Nemours starting in July 2025 and is the associate medical director of the pediatric echocardiography lab at Nemours.</p>
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	<p>Sarah Gloria Običan, MD, is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Division Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of South Florida (USF). Dr. Običan completed her Psychobiology degree with a minor in Chemistry and Religious Studies at the University of Miami in 2001. She then pursued a medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, graduating in 2006. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at George Washington University in Washington, DC, in 2010, where she remained on faculty in Obstetrics and Gynecology. During that time, she completed a two-year fellowship in Teratology and Reproductive Toxicology under the mentorship of Dr. Anthony Scialli. She then pursued a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, graduating in 2015. Since then, she has been a Maternal-Fetal Medicine subspecialist at the University of South Florida.</p> <p>Dr. Običan’s expertise includes caring for high-risk pregnancies, with a specific interest in teratology, fetal echocardiography, obstetric ultrasound, and fetal therapy. She is the co-director of the University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital Fetal Care Center, where she performs fetal shunts, transfusions, and laser photocoagulation of anastomotic vessels for twin-</p>
<p>Sarah Obican, MD Associate Professor Division Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine Medical Director, MotherToBaby FL Co-Director USF/TGH Fetal Care Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Morsani College of Medicine University of South Florida</p>	


to-twin transfusion. Through the university, Dr. Običan started a Teratogen Information Service for the state of Florida and serves as its medical director. She currently serves on the board of the Reproductive Toxicology Center (Reprotox) and has previously served on the boards of the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists and the Society of Birth Defects Research and Prevention (formerly known as the Teratology Society).

Dr. Običan is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and an active member of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. She is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as Maternal-Fetal Medicine and is a physician at Tampa General Hospital. In addition to her clinical practice, she is an experienced academic. Previously, she was an assistant professor at George Washington University. Currently, she is an assistant professor at USF and the Medical Director for Mother to Baby. She is a published author of numerous articles and book chapters in the fields of teratology and high-risk obstetrics. Additionally, she serves as an associate editor for BDR and a peer reviewer for major obstetric journals. She has spoken nationally and internationally on topics related to the study of birth defect, fetal therapy, and obstetric imaging. She has also received grants, including the R13 grant, to support the international Human Teratogens Course.

Throughout her career, Dr. Običan has been the recipient of many awards and honors. Her accolades include the F. Clark Fraser New Investigator Award, induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, admission to the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, the Allan B. Weingold Award for Administrative Leadership and Teaching, and the Golden Apple Teaching Award.

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Seniha Ozudogru, MD

Associate Professor of Neurology
Chief, Division of Headache and Facial Pain
Perelman School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania



Christina Paidas Teefey, MD, PMH-C, is a specialist in maternal fetal medicine and fetal intervention/surgery at the Institute for Maternal Fetal Health at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware. She brings expertise in fetal diagnosis and surgical intervention, prenatal management of complex congenital anomalies and life limiting diagnoses with an additional subspecialized focus on individualized psychosocial support for families within fetal centers. Dr. Paidas will serve as the Director of Psychosocial Programs within the Institute for Maternal Fetal Health.

Nina Paidas Teefey, MD, PMH-C


Maternal Fetal Medicine/Fetal Intervention
Director of Psychosocial Programs
Institute for Maternal-Fetal Health
Nemours Children's Health

Dr. Paidas completed medical school and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine in Tampa, Florida. She then completed a fellowship in maternal fetal medicine (MFM) at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Prior to Nemours Children's, Dr. Paidas served as an MFM/fetal interventionalist at the Richard D. Wood Jr. Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She has experience in the development of specialized multidisciplinary

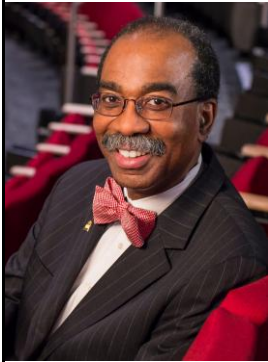
	<p>teams that advance care for pregnant patients carrying fetuses with life limiting prenatal diagnoses. Her research interests include the psychosocial implications of prenatal diagnosis and fetal intervention as well as the parental impact of prenatal counseling in the setting of a life limiting fetal diagnosis. She has contributed to published research in the areas of fetal intervention, maternal considerations in fetal therapy, and mental health implications of fetal diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Paidas is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and maternal fetal medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She maintains Perinatal Mental Health Certification (PMH-C) through Postpartum Support International.</p>
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<p>William Peranteau, MD Attending Surgeon Co-Director, Center for Fetal Research Associate Professor of Surgery, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania</p>	

<p>Ruben Quintero, MD Director, The Fetal Institute, Miami, Florida Chief, Fetal Therapy and Surgery Program Northwell Health, New York</p>	

	<p>Dr. Rajkovic is currently the Chief Genomics Officer at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Stuart Lindsay Distinguished Professor in Experimental Pathology, and Medical Director and Chief of the Center for Genetic and Genomic Medicine in the UCSF Health. Prior to arriving to UCSF, he was the Chief of Medical and Laboratory Genetics at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where he oversaw Pittsburgh's cytogenomic, molecular genomic and pregnancy screening laboratories as well as adult/cancer and prenatal genetic clinical services. He has been the Principal Investigator on NIH grants that studied various aspects of reproductive genomics, women's health, and population genetic screening, and has published more than 150 original peer reviewed articles in leading medical journals, including NEJM, JAMA, and Nature Genetics.</p>
<p>Aleksandar Rajkovic, MD, PhD UCSF's chief genomics officer, Professor of pathology, Medical director and Chief of the Center for Genetic and Genomic Medicine in the UCSF Health System.</p>	

<p>Andrei Rebarber, MD Director, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Mount Sinai West, New York Clinical Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine Co-Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Englewood Hospital Medical Center</p>	



E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD

Former Dean of Medicine and University
Executive Vice President
The Endowed Professor and Director,
Center for Advanced Research Training, and
Innovation (CARTI)
Senior Scientist, Center for Birth Defects
Research
University of Maryland

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Dr. Reece is the former Executive Vice President of the University of Maryland, and Dean of Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM). He is currently the Distinguished University and Endowed Professor & Director of the Center for Advanced Research Training and Innovation (CARTI), and Senior Scientist in the Center for Birth Defects Research. He is also a professor in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. He is a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine (NAM) where he served as a Visiting Scholar-in-Residence and led the NAM committee on the State of the US Biomedical Research Enterprise on the health of the nation.

He is an internationally recognized physician-scientist, scholar and a sought-after visiting professor and lecturer. He has had a transformative 16-year leadership tenure at the University of Maryland (one of the longest serving Deans of Medicine in the US), where he has achieved great success particularly in research and clinical programs. These enterprises are comprised of nearly 10,000 persons within 42 academic units, and with a budget of more than \$1.5 billion.


He and his senior investigator colleague lead an NIH multimillion-dollar research laboratory group studying the bio-molecular mechanisms of diabetes-induced birth defects. His scientific publications exceed 500 manuscripts, 12 books including revisions, and 5 monographs.

Originally from Jamaica, West Indies, Dr. Reece completed a Bachelor of Science degree with honors (Magna Cum Laude) from Long Island University; a MD degree from New York University School of Medicine; a PhD degree in biochemistry from the University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica; and an MBA degree from the Fox School of Business & Management at Temple

	<p><i>University. He completed an internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University Medical Center, and a postdoctoral fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. He remained on the full-time faculty at Yale for almost 10-years and was promoted through the academic ranks. He served as the Director of the Yale Diabetes-in-Pregnancy Study Unit. Subsequently, he was recruited by Temple University to be the Abraham Roth Professor and Chairman for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Between 2001 and 2006, he was Vice Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and dean of the College of Medicine. In 2006, he was recruited by the University of Maryland to serve in the aforementioned positions. In 2010, he served as Acting President of the University of Maryland Baltimore. In 2022, he transitioned to his current position.</i></p> <p><i>He serves or has served on many academic, governmental and civic organizations, boards and committees. He has received numerous awards and honorary degrees.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Reece is married to Sharon Reece, MA, JD, LL.M, Law Professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. They have three daughters: Kelie (PhD), Brynne (DDS), and Sharon-Andrea (JD)</i></p>
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<p>Co-Director, Penn Promotes Research on Sex and Gender in Health Stuart and Emily B.H. Mudd Professor in Human Behavior and Reproduction</p>	
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<p>Shabnam Peyvandi, MD Director, Pediatric Cardiovascular Research Program UCSF Health</p>	

	<p>OLD-2025</p> <p>Alireza A. Shamshirsaz, MD, FACOG, currently serves as the Chief of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Surgery, Director of the Fetal Care and Surgery Center (FCSC), Director of Perinatal Surgery Fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital. He has held the position of Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School since 2022. Dr. Shamshirsaz is a Fetal Surgeon and is dual board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology as well as maternal fetal medicine. He also holds the positions of Vice Chair of the SMFM Education Committee, Co-editor in Chief of the Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology Journal, and Chair of the Steering Committee of the North American Fetal Therapy Network (NAFTNet). Over the course of his professional career in the field of maternal fetal medicine spanning two decades, he has published more than 280 peer-reviewed papers. These primarily focus on complex monochorionic pregnancies, lower</p>
<p>Alireza Shamshirsaz, MD Director, Fetal Care and Surgery Center Director, Perinatal Surgery Fellowship Professor of Surgery Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, Dell Children’s Medical Center</p>	

urinary tract obstruction, neural tube defects, and placenta accreta spectrum disorders. He has also contributed to and led over 40 systematic reviews and meta-analyses in the field. Additionally, he has spearheaded several international qualitative studies aiming to establish clinical guidelines for controversial topics within the field.

In his current role, Dr. Shamshirsaz's research primarily centers on the following three domains:

- 1) Innovative Fetal Intervention: Dr. Shamshirsaz and his research team are exploring several innovative surgeries for patients with congenital hydrocephalus and vasa previa (FLUMEN study).
- 2) Innovative Medical Therapies: He has initiated two projects at his current position: one examining the efficacy of Sirolimus in congenital cervicofacial malformations (MaterPons study) and the other assessing the efficacy of Valacyclovir in treating congenital CMV infections.
- 3) Mesenchymal Stem Cells: His team is investigating the potential of MSCs in treating fetal anomalies.



Amanda J. Shillingford, MD
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Dr. Amanda Shillingford is a board-certified pediatric cardiologist at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in pediatric echocardiography and fetal cardiology. Dr. Shillingford is an active member of the CHOP Fetal Heart Program, and the medical lead for CHOP Fetal Cardiology Outreach Program. Previously, she served as the director of fetal and perinatal cardiology and the associate medical director of the Nemours Partners for Perinatal Management at Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Dr. Shillingford received her medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. At the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, she completed a pediatric residency, a pediatric cardiology fellowship, and an advanced fellowship in pediatric echocardiography/fetal cardiology.

Jeanne Sheffield, MD
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<p>Ondřej Šimetka, MD, PhD, MBA Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology University Hospital Ostrava, University of Ostrava Czech Republic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gynecologist and obstetrician, specialist in the field of Perinatology and Fetomaternal Medicine • Head of the ObGyn Dept, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ostrava, and University Hospital Ostrava, Czech Republic • Main professional interests: severe pregnancy complications (esp. preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome and peripartum thrombotic microangiopathies); technique of operative deliveries, or strategies to avoid them • Author or co-author of many scientific publications and book chapters, with an h-index 17, more than 850 citations, author of the book "HELLP Syndrome" and co-author of the book "Preeclampsia". • He has spent several years on 13 emergency and development missions abroad in Asia and Africa for Doctors Without Borders, the UN (UNV, UNFPA, UNDP), Caritas and others. He was also responsible for postgraduate medical education in Ob Gyn in East Timor for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) • During the last 20 years, he has been involved in the maternal mortality reduction program in East Timor as a doctor, consultant and trainer through the


	<p>initiation and further implementation of EmONC training (Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care) for doctors and midwives, a programme that contributed to 85% reduction in maternal mortality between 2004-2019).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He promotes natural childbirth and is the main organizer of the international multidisciplinary conference POROD (BIRTH) in Ostrava, CZ. • In 2024 he was listed among the TOP 50 doctors in the Czech Republic.
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<p>Lynn L. Simpson, MD</p>	


	<p>OLD-2026</p> <p>I have had a strong interest in clinical ultrasound and research since being a medical student at Russian State Medical University in Moscow, Russian Federation. After successful graduation in 2000 and receiving combined MD degree and Science degree in Biophysics and Medical Cybernetics, I have continued my training in residency in Cardiology with a special focus on Pediatric Cardiac Imaging including prenatal diagnosis of congenital heart defects at Bakoulev Center for Cardiovascular Surgery in Moscow, Russian Federation. I received PhD degree in Cardiology and Radiology in 2005 from the same institution. In 2005 I was awarded an educational grant from German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) and moved to Germany to complete a Fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at University of Bonn and have been working in the Center for Perinatal Medicine. After graduation and returning to Russian Federation, I completed internships in Internal Medicine and Clinical</p>
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	<p>Ultrasound at Moscow Institute of Medical Clinical Science. In 2008, I moved to US as a postdoctoral fellow and have been working in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Eastern Virginia Medical School until now. I joined the full-time EVMS faculty in 2011 and was promoted to the position of Professor in 2023.</p> <p>I see my mission as a clinician, educator and researcher as to promote safe and effective use of ultrasound in women’s health. This is accomplished through active involvement with national and international organizations and local committees within the department of OB/GYN and at the School level.</p> <p>Primarily focus of my research activities includes developing effective methods for early diagnosis of the fetal congenital abnormalities as well as investigating fetal cardiovascular adaptation in settings of the high-risk pregnancies.</p> <p>I fill passionate to support and advocate for women in medicine and science at all career stages and in particular by providing mentorship to junior faculty and trainees.</p>
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	<p>OLD-2026</p> <p>Dr. Shubhika Srivastava is the Chief of Cardiology and Co-Director of the Nemours Cardiac Center at Al DuPont Hospital Wilmington Delaware. She received her training in Pediatric cardiology at Mount Sinai Medical center, New York and continued her career at Mt. Sinai in imaging and fellowship training and was the Director of Fetal and Congenital Echocardiography, Fellowship training and Director of Non-Invasive Imaging before she started her career at Nemours on</p>
<p>Shubhika Srivastava, MD Chief of Cardiology, Co-Director, Nemours Cardiac Center Nemours-Al duPont Children’s Hospital,</p>	

<p>Delaware</p>	<p>January 1st 2020. Her interests are in fetal and congenital echocardiography and outcomes research and education. She is involved in multicenter studies and in the education committee with the fetal heart Society and is the current Co-Chair of American Society of Echocardiography Scientific Sessions and is on the executive committee of Society of Pediatric Echocardiography. She is passionate about education, clinical research in outcomes and quality standards in imaging.</p>
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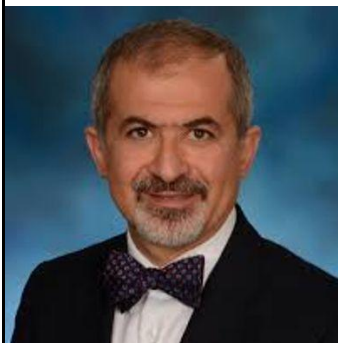
	<p>OLD-2026</p> <p>As an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Szwast is one of the senior fetal cardiologists at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She completed medical school training at the University of Pittsburgh and residency training at Baylor College of Medicine in Combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. She then moved to Philadelphia for Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship training at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and completed an additional year of advanced imaging training in Fetal Echo and Echo. In 2007, she joined the faculty at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia with a primary academic focus in Fetal Echocardiography. Dr. Szwast has lectured regionally and nationally in Fetal Echocardiography. She has authored over 40 publications and written numerous book chapters on Fetal Echocardiography. She serves as a reviewer for multiple cardiac and obstetrical journals. She is particularly interested in fetal arrhythmias and the role of maternal hyperoxygenation testing to predict postnatal physiology in fetuses with complex congenital heart disease.</p>
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Dr. Turan received his medical degree and Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine from Istanbul University and completed advanced training in Fetal Medicine at King's College Hospital, London. He joined Yale University to work on predicting preterm birth and later completed residency and fellowship training again at the University of Maryland, where he is now an Endowed Professor and Executive Vice Chair of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences. Dr. Turan directs the Fetal Therapy and Complex Obstetric Surgery Programs and has pioneered novel imaging and surgical techniques in maternal-fetal medicine. His research focuses on the placenta and fetal interventions, and he has published over 120 peer-reviewed articles and six book chapters. Recognized for his excellence, he

	has been named a “Top Doctor” by Baltimore Magazine multiple times.
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	<p>OLD-2026</p> <p>Dr. Shifa Turan is a Professor and Director of the Fetal Heart Program at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. Her research centers on first-trimester fetal heart imaging and anatomy, using advanced imaging modalities, including artificial intelligence applications. She integrates clinical and basic science, applying novel imaging approaches in animal models to advance translational research. Dr. Turan is an NIH-funded investigator with active projects in embryonic heart development and cardiovascular protection. She has authored over 80 publications, with her work cited more than 3,000 times.</p>
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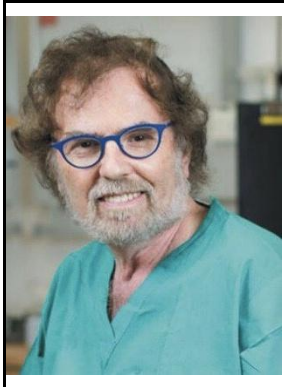
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Igna Van den Veyver, M.D. is a Professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas, Director of Prenatal and Reproductive Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital, and a faculty member of the Texas Children’s Fetal Center. Her clinical translational research focuses on exploring novel genetic and genomic methods of prenatal genetic testing and the complexities of their integration into prenatal care. She is an investigator of the multicenter PrenatalSEQ study, which evaluates the impact of trio genome sequencing for prenatal diagnosis of fetuses with structural anomalies. In addition, the research team in her laboratory in the Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children’s Hospital conducts translational and basic research on the molecular genetics and epigenetics of human developmental and reproductive disorders with a focus on maternal effect genes. Dr. Van den Veyver is past president of the International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis and an associate editor of Prenatal Diagnosis.



Genna Waldman MD

<p>Ronald J Wapner, MD Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine - Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology</p>	

	<p>Prof. Simcha Yagel is the former head of the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centers in Jerusalem and the Ultrasound Unit within the department. He teaches in the Faculty of Medicine and at the School of Ultrasound of the Israel Society for Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He founded the Obstetrics and Gynecology Research Laboratory and was a founding member and president of the Israel Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as founding member and first president of the Israel Society for Placenta Research. Prof. Yagel has served as editor of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology and on the Board of ISUOG. He is the 2021 recipient of the Ian Donald Gold Medal, awarded annually by ISUOG. Prof. Yagel is the Specialty Chief Editor of Frontiers in Medicine / Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a member of the Israel National Academy of Science in Medicine.</p> <p>Prof. Yagel has published over 400 basic and clinical research articles in leading peer-reviewed journals. In the clinical sphere his work focuses primarily on 3D/4D ultrasound of the fetal cardiovascular, CNS, and other fetal organ</p>
<p>Simcha Yagel, MD</p>	

	<p>systems, and the female pelvic floor. He is best known for his work on the 3-vessel-and-trachea view and the 5-planes approach to fetal cardiac scanning, the developmental nature of fetal anomalies, and the fetal head circumference and its impact on the birth process. His recent work has branched out to applying artificial intelligence to develop predictive algorithms for obstetric care.</p> <p>Prof. Yagel’s work in basic and translational research focuses on placental cell function and gene expression in the development of the placenta, and NK cells at the maternal-fetal interface and their role as builders in implantation and placental and fetal development. With the advent of the pandemic Prof Yagel and colleagues have investigated the prevalence of CoViD-19 antibodies in the peripheral blood of three groups of parturients: infected-recovered, vaccinated, and unvaccinated, as well as in their placentas and newborns, to determine the rate of vertical transmission of the virus in pregnancy and transmission of vaccine protection.</p>
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	<p>Daryl L. Zaslow has dedicated the last 30 years to representing the catastrophically injured and was recognized by Best Lawyers in America as its “Lawyer of the Year” in New Jersey, Medical Malpractice – Plaintiffs, in 2020, 2022, 2024 and 2026. He is a principal with the law firm of Eichen Crutchlow Zaslow, LLP and is Certified by the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. Mr. Zaslow’s zealous advocacy and transcendent preparation have been instrumental in achieving significant awards for his clients by way of trial verdicts and settlements. He concentrates his practice in various areas of medical malpractice, including obstetrical malpractice and birth injuries, failures in prenatal diagnosis of birth defects and failures in diagnosing</p>
<p>Daryl Zaslow, Esq</p>	

	<p>cancer cases. In 2025, Mr. Zaslow obtained a \$17,000,000 recovery on behalf of a 4-year-old girl with hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy and her family. This recovery appears to be the largest settlement ever reported in a birth injury case venued in New Jersey.</p>
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Chloe Zera, MD	