

**Sarah Wilson, MD**  
**Associate Program Director/Education Specialist**



**Eve Zaritsky, MD**  
**Assistant Program Director / Laparoscopic Specialist / Resident Research Liaison**



I am a New York transplant who is here to stay because I love the outdoors and lifestyle Northern California has to offer. I came to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1995 after receiving my undergraduate degree in Community Health at Brown University in Rhode Island, the smallest state in the Union. I attended medical school at Stanford University. During my time at Stanford, I spent a year in El Salvador, which was one of the best things I did for my medical school education. I provided medical care, conducted healthcare research, and became fluent in Spanish. After completing internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California, San Francisco in 2005, I attended a yearlong fellowship (or the 26th grade) in laparoscopy at Stanford University Medical School in 2006. I wanted to become more skilled in laparoscopy so I could offer my patients more minimally invasive surgical options. Since starting at Kaiser I've had the opportunity to travel all over the Northern California region teaching other attendings how to do more advanced laparoscopy.



I chose the field of obstetrics and gynecology because I love the opportunity it gives me to establish ongoing relationships with women throughout their lifetime. I enjoy teaching patients about their bodies and addressing their health issues. While I enjoy all aspects of obstetrics and gynecology, my interests are diverse and include queer health, minimally invasive surgery, and international women's health. I also started a [minimally invasive surgery group](#).

I've been put in the role of Resident Research Advisor as well as in charge of simulation education. I enjoy helping the residents create a project from start to finish. The residents have been presenting at conferences and submitting their work to peer-reviewed journals. It has been great to see the residents show off all the great research they are doing. I work with the residents regularly in the operating room and help them to hone their laparoscopic skills. Our residents are getting a lot of experience in laparoscopy since I joined Kaiser Oakland in 2006. When I am not busy caring for my patients, you are likely to find me outdoors surfing, biking, snowboarding, backpacking etc. I also love to travel and have worked and adventured in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, most recently Tibet and Nicaragua. You can see my travel blog if you like at [www.evezaritsky.blogspot.com](http://www.evezaritsky.blogspot.com).

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**Maria Woods, MD**  
**Assistant Program Director**



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**Christie Cooksey, MD**  
Assistant Program Director



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**Crystal Goldsmith, MD; Rosanne Botha, MD; Antonia Nicosia, MD; Meredith Warden, MD**  
Family Planning Division



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**Amanda Calhoun, MD**  
Maternity Director



**David Walton, MD; Mara Greenberg, MD; Gaea Moore; Betsy O'Donnell**  
**Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division**



Kaiser Oakland has one of the most diverse patient populations in the United States. Our patients are ethnically, racially, socially and socioeconomically diverse which leads to a wide range of clinical presentations and pathology. Our residents become well versed in high risk and general obstetrics. We have three perinatologists who bring their own expertise and teaching styles.

David Walton is the director of the Regional Perinatal Group and we are lucky to have him at Kaiser Oakland. As the director, he creates evidence-based protocols and policies to provide excellent care to our patients throughout the region. Dr. Walton has been at Kaiser Oakland since 1992. He is committed to resident education and served as the Program Director for 7 years. He likes teaching and thoroughly enjoys working and being with the residents. He recently said, "The residents are very nice and it is fun to be working with nice people." In addition, he is an active military reservist and often spends time training both locally and overseas. He performs research in conjunction with our Division of Research and has published a number of papers over his career in addition to being a resident research mentor. In his limited spare time he enjoys playing the ukulele and basketball.

Mara Greenberg finished residency at UCSF, worked as a laborist, and then completed fellowship at Stanford in 2011. She is passionate about teaching our residents evidenced based obstetrical care. She leads a fetal heart monitoring conference once a month and perinatal outliers conference once a month. These conferences are open to all residents but are dedicated to the Obstetrical team of the month. In addition, she is director of inpatient Perinatal services, physician lead of our Perinatal Patient Safety Project, and representative to the Maternal-Child Health Performance Improvement committee. She recognized a need for a forum to discuss high risk fetal cases and has collaborated with members of neonatology, genetics, and pediatric surgery to form a fetal case review group to coordinate care for complicated fetal cases requiring a multidisciplinary approach. Dr. Greenberg has continued to do research at Kaiser Oakland while completing projects at Stanford. She is an active member of the SMFM global obstetrics network and is interested in global MFM efforts (and plans to pursue international work when her son is older). Her main interest outside of work is her 5 year old son. They spend time hiking, biking, traveling, singing, dancing, cooking, and creating art together. She also has a passion for salsa dance and is fluent in Spanish. One of the things she loves about Oakland Kaiser is the diversity of our population.

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**Rebecca Margulies, MD; Olga Ramm, MD**  
**Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Division**



I grew up in New York City. Since then, I have lived in Providence, RI (undergrad), Seattle, WA (for a brief but glorious career as a bagel baker, then medical school), back to NYC (OB/GYN residency), Ann Arbor, MI (Urogynecology fellowship), and finally Oakland, CA where I was thrilled to become the Urogynecology division director at Kaiser East Bay.



Play Dough pelvic anatomy teaching

At work, my passions include caring for my patients, teaching residents and medical students about Urogynecology, performing surgery, and teaching surgical technique to residents. My patients struggle with pelvic floor disorders, such as pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence. I am a member of the Highly Reliable Surgical Teams Committee, which is devoted to surgical safety, as well as the East Bay Minimally Invasive Surgery Group. I am a volunteer with Operation Access, a service that provides surgical services free of charge for uninsured patients in the East Bay. I have had an active research career with numerous publications (to see my CV, [visit my homepage](#)).



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I currently act as a mentor for resident research projects in the Kaiser East Bay OB/GYN Residency Program. I was honored to receive the CREOG National Faculty Award from our residents after my first year at Kaiser East Bay.

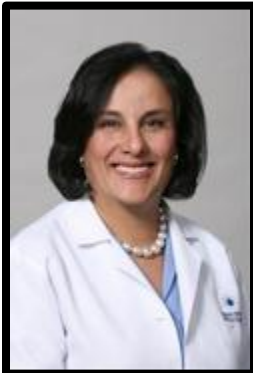
When I am not at work, you will find me on my bicycle (commuting, or just tooling around town), playing outdoors with my husband and two children, or training in Aikido. I strive to balance work and family, and I have found that Kaiser is a great institution where this balance can be achieved! I look forward to meeting you and supporting you in your career in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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**Amy Vallerie, MD**  
**Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology**



**Deb Minjarez, MD**  
**REI Clinical Director in Oakland**



**Tracey Telles, MD**  
**REI Clinical Site Director in Pleasanton**



I grew up in the East Bay, attending both grade school and high school in Hayward, then I moved on to University of California, Berkeley, for my college days. I attended medical school at Michigan State University and after a few winters, I moved to Arizona for my residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. After finishing my Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) fellowship at Stanford University Medical Center, I worked as an Assistant Clinical Professor in REI for three years at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). This was a great learning experience for me, but wanting to be closer to my family, I accepted an opportunity to work for Kaiser Permanente that was too good to pass up. I now live in Danville, a few miles away from my dad and my brother and his family.

I am blessed to work with such great people at Kaiser Permanente. We are fully committed to providing outstanding care to our patients. My training at Stanford and UCSF has allowed me to learn from established programs and assisted me in building Kaiser Permanente's IVF program. I am thrilled to be part of such a great team!

When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I enjoy cycling (both road and mountain), running, snow-boarding, and pretty much anything outdoors. I have traveled in Europe, India, Nepal, South America, and Australia. I am always on the lookout for some interesting adventure travel.

I tremendously enjoy teaching and I am the clinical site director for the REI rotation at Kaiser Oakland. The PGY2 residents spend 2 weeks with my team gaining exposure to REI in the clinic and IVF settings. Residents also spend days with my team during the clinic rotations in the PGY2, PGY3 and PGY4 years. In addition on a monthly basis I also give a 2 hour REI didactic session which is part of the scheduled lecture series (protected teaching time) for the residents.

**Juan Guerra , MD**  
**Diversity Champion**



As a young boy Dr. Juan Guerra served as a language broker for his grandparents. He sought to bridge the gap between quality health care and patients from culturally diverse populations who preferred to receive their care in languages other than English. He continues this work today as Founder of Kaiser Permanente's *Salud en Espanol Module*, a multi-specialty clinic designed to meet the health care needs of our Latino members. He has co-founded the UCSF-Kaiser Permanente Undergraduate Research Internship (URI), designed to assist under-represented minority premedical students navigate their way into medical school. Currently, he is working to enhance Kaiser Permanente's collaboration with medical schools that have traditionally valued the diverse health care needs of our communities. In this role, he shares with medical students Kaiser Permanente's commitment to train the physician work force of tomorrow, making our residency training programs the Destination of Choice for under-represented minority medical students.

With the dawn of the Affordable Care Act, Kaiser Permanente continues to be poised to provide quality health care, utilizing its integrated health care system, technology, and its diverse work force.

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**Carla Wicks, MD**  
**APIC of Diversity**



Carla Wicks completed residency at UCSF and joined Kaiser Richmond afterwards. She has been intimately involved in resident education and supervising the resident experience at Kaiser Richmond. Her calm and caring demeanor sets a great example for doctor patient relationships and style.

Kaiser Richmond serves a large African-American, Hispanic, and immigrant population and the residents have the opportunity to interact and care for these patients. Richmond and Oakland are an integrated department and therefore all obstetric patients deliver in Oakland Labor and Delivery. The vast majority of our outpatient surgeries, often major surgeries, for the entire East



Bay (Oakland, Richmond, Pinole, and Alameda) take place at Kaiser Richmond. In fact, over 80% of our hysterectomies go home the same day with a wonderful surgical and care experience. The residents and staff love operating here because of Kaiser Richmond's community environment and efficient operating rooms.

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**Giuseppe Ciaravino, MD; Liz Han, MD; Agnieszka Vay, MD**  
**Gynecologic Oncology Division**



We have a busy hands-on gynecologic oncology service. We have the privilege of treating a diverse patient population and serving a large catchment area which allows us to see all types and stages of cancer. Residents work one on one with the gynecologic oncologists and because we do not have fellows they have the opportunity for a more direct experience in the operating room. Our residents are well trained in both open and laparoscopic techniques and provide our patients with excellent and compassionate care.

Giuseppe Ciaravino completed his residency at Stanford University and continued his gynecologic oncology fellowship at the joint UCSF/Stanford program. He then joined Kaiser Oakland and has been here ever since. "Everyone loves Giuseppe". He has a contagious laugh and a laid back style. He is magnificently skilled in the operating room and is very generous, often offering to help colleagues in the operating room. He has been recognized for his teaching and was awarded the CREOG National Faculty Teaching Award in 2003 and the Best Surgical Teacher in 2008, 2011 and 2012. He also has regularly volunteered on surgical missions in the Philippines taking a resident with him for an incredible experience both in and out of the operating room.

Liz Han trained at Baylor College of Medicine for residency and MD Anderson for fellowship. Her diverse background has included working with residents and fellows as an attending at a major academic center and performing ovarian cancer drug development as a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in the United Kingdom. After her Fulbright she joined Kaiser Oakland in 2010. She is a true intellect with a sharp wit and sense of humor. She is dedicated to encouraging and supporting our residents who are interested in gynecologic oncology fellowships.

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Agnieszka Vay completed her residency at Kaiser San Francisco and then worked in private practice for a few years before realizing her true passion was gynecologic oncology. She has started working at Kaiser after completing her fellowship at Wayne State. She is a dedicated teacher on all levels from volunteering at her children's school to requesting to provide the gynecologic oncology lecture series for our residents. Our residents truly appreciate her energetic teaching. In her free time she and her husband love to travel the globe with their children who are fluent in 3 languages!