

Erika Deraleau, MD

Chronic Pelvic Pain and Vulvovaginal Disorders

Associate Residency Program Director for Ambulatory Care



I'm Erika Deraleau, the Associate Program Director with a focus in Ambulatory Care and the regional lead for the Department of Chronic Pelvic Pain and Vulvovaginal Disorders.

After majoring Women & Gender Studies at Smith College and working for a few years in New York, I went to medical school at Drexel University College of Medicine before finally heading west to residency at Kaiser San Francisco. I stayed on there for a year-long fellowship in Chronic Pelvic Pain & Vulvovaginal Disorders and then finally settled here at Kaiser Oakland in 2013. I can't say it's a surprise to any of my family that I ended up as a physician who specializes in vaginitis, if the makeshift doll hospital in my childhood basement complete with working projection microscope was any indication! It is such a privilege to now participate in the education of residents, working to develop skilled, compassionate, and justice-minded physicians who will provide outstanding care to their communities wherever their careers may take them.

I have called the East Bay home since 2008, commuting to the city even during my 5 years of training. I now call Berkeley home, where I live with my partner and three children, 1 dog, 2 cats, and an indeterminate number of houseplants. I love to bake and having 3 kids is a great excuse to indulge in decorating increasingly elaborate birthday cakes. Thankfully we can balance all that sugar with the multitude of outdoor activities the Bay Area has to offer!

Lasha Pierce, MD

Assistant Program Director for Alameda Health System Highland Hospital Site





I am Dr. Lasha Pierce, an Oakland California native and a JEDI warrior. I have served the Oakland community for two decades. I am the Highland Site Director for the Kaiser Permanente Oakland OB/GYN residents and UCSF Medical Students. When I'm not at work I am using the force to fight evil. I attended Oakland High School, earned my Bachelor of Science in Physiology from San Francisco State University, and my medical degree from the University of California at Irvine. I completed my residency in Obstetrics in Gynecology at Kaiser San Francisco and received midwifery training from community midwives in the Bay area. I am married, the second of seven children and mother to three adult human beings. I am a very proud grandmother!

I am dedicated to improving healthcare quality, patient safety and eliminating healthcare disparities. For 19 years I have been an OB/GYN physician at Highland Hospital (in Alameda Health System) and for over 10 years have provided care for incarcerated women at various jails. I am the founder of the Women's Reproductive Health Equity Fellowship at Highland Hospital in the Alameda Health System. Mentoring and teaching residents and students bring me great joy professionally and family (and bee keeping) bring me great joy personally.

Maria F Woods, MD, MS

Assistant Residency Program Director for Mentorship & Feedback



I'm Dr Maria Woods and was born and raised in Oakland. I attended UC Davis for undergrad and then earned a Masters in Medical Science at Drexel University prior to attending USC for Medical School. I moved back to the Bay Area to complete my OBGYN residency at Kaiser East Bay. I am a generalist OBGYN out of the Pinole office, and one of the residency assistant program directors, where I focus on our residency mentorship program, proctor intern outpatient clinics, and chair the Clinical Competency Committee and the Program Evaluation Committee. I also serve the department as the Peer Review Lead and as a Communication Consultant. At home, my husband and I keep busy raising our 3 daughters. We love to recreate desserts from the Great British Baking Show and watch anything Marvel. I am a huge Elvis fan and volunteer as a competitive Greek dance instructor.

Leslie Hardy Hood, MD

Assistant Program Director for Equity, Inclusion, & Diversity



I'm Dr. Leslie Hardy Hood. A native Oaklander, educated at The University of California, Davis, and Michigan State University College of human medicine. I completed my OB/GYN residency at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak Michigan. I practice general Obstetrics and gynecology at our Richmond facility. My work encompasses improving cultural humility, equity, and experience in the clinical setting. As well, I am the lead proctor of our Richmond resident continuity clinic and specialize in operative hysteroscopy. Away from work I'm a wife, basketball mom, little jazz band manager and re-inspired golfer.

Eve Zaritsky, MD

Assistant Program Director / Laparoscopic Specialist / Resident Research Liaison





I am originally from New York, but my love of the outdoors (not bagels) drew me to the San Francisco Bay Area years ago. I received my BA in Community Health at Brown University and then I attended medical school at Stanford University. While studying at Stanford Medical School, I spent a year in El Salvador, where I provided medical care, conducted research, and became fluent in Spanish. I completed residency in obstetrics/gynecology at University of California, San Francisco, then completed a fellowship in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS) also known as complex gynecologic surgery, which includes training in advanced laparoscopy/robotics at Stanford University.

My advanced training in MIGS has enabled me to bring more advanced surgical techniques to Kaiser Permanente. I specialize in endometriosis, fibroids, and other complex gynecologic conditions. For endometriosis patients, this may include excision of implants from the bladder, pelvic sidewalls and other locations, removal of scar tissue. For patients wanting to preserve fertility, assessment of fallopian tubes and ovarian cystectomy with techniques to preserve the ovaries and optimize fertility. I also partner with infertility specialists, colorectal surgeons, pelvic pain and physical therapists and others to ensure endometriosis patients have an individualized treatment plan for this chronic condition. I have taught other doctors and resident doctors throughout the Northern California region, helped bring the laparoscopic hysterectomy, myomectomy, advanced endometriosis surgery, robotic and other techniques to Kaiser Permanente campuses in the state. I am involved in clinical research, present at national meetings on issues related to MIGS and transgender health care and published papers in medical journals.

I chose the field of obstetrics and gynecology because I love the opportunity it gives me to establish ongoing relationships with patients throughout their lifetimes. I enjoy teaching patients about their bodies and addressing their health issues. My areas of interest and practice focus on people who need surgery, whether it's for fibroids, endometriosis, gender-affirming surgery, and/or genetic syndromes that heighten their risk for certain cancers. I strive to provide the best care and most up-to-date information possible so my patients can live life at their healthiest.

As an Assistant Program Director (APD) of the residency program, I oversee the resident research projects, run the simulation program, and direct the advocacy curriculum. I enjoy helping and mentoring the residents to create a research project from start to finish. Most of our residents present their [research at meetings and many publish](#). It has been great to see the residents present their work at national and local meetings. Regarding simulation and surgery experience, I work with the residents regularly in the operating room and help them to hone their laparoscopic and robotic skills. Our residents get a lot of experience in minimally invasive surgery. I also run the advocacy curriculum. Our residents lobby both at the state level in Sacramento and in Washington DC. I am actively involved in ACOG and our residents also participate in many of the activities and committees both locally and

nationally. We gear our advocacy curriculum to current relevant events, political and social, and cover an array of topics.

When I am not busy caring for my patients and working as an APD, you are likely to find me outdoors surfing, swimming, biking, snowboarding, backpacking, etc... I also love to travel. I enjoy spending time with friends and family taking advantage of the many cultural opportunities available to us in the Bay Area.

Betsy O'Donnell, MD

Maternal-Fetal Medicine – Assistant Program Director



I am originally from San Jose, CA, and went to college in the northeast at Cornell, before returning to Northern California for medical school at Stanford, and residency and fellowship at UCSF. My parents immigrated to California from Peru, and I was lucky to live there during the summers in childhood. As a kid I had a hard time appreciating the value of this experience, but it shaped my world view, helped me become fluent in Spanish, and contributed to my passion for caring for immigrant and underserved patients, and my commitment to teach and mentor students and trainees who are underrepresented in medicine.

I am a maternal fetal medicine specialist, so my work involves caring for medically complicated pregnant people and prenatal diagnosis. I love being able provide guidance and education to my patients to help them navigate what is usually a stressful time of uncertainty. I also love working with and teaching residents and get much joy in helping them develop an approach to counseling and managing complicated pregnancies.

In my free time, I love spending time outdoors with my family at the beach or on a hike, doing arts and crafts with my kids, or planning our next family adventure traveling someplace new.

Christie M.J.L. Cooksey, MD, MS

Assistant Residency Program Director for Gynecologic Surgery

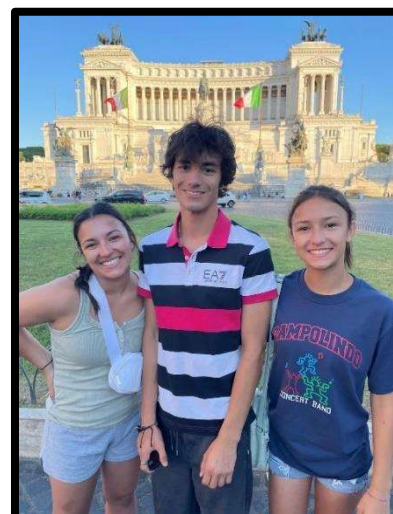


I grew up as an East Coast nomad, living in many different locations prior to college as we followed my parents' career opportunities. I matriculated for undergraduate education at the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!) as a Foundation Fellow and from there, my academic path was set. I attended the Medical College of Virginia (now Virginia Commonwealth University - Go Rams!) for medical school as an Aesculapian Fellow and completed my Obstetrics and Gynecology residency in the United States Air Force. After leaving the Air Force, I spent two years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Go Heels!) as a generalist obstetrician gynecologist, a masters student in the department of epidemiology, and a research trainee under an NIH T32 training grant. I completed my thesis on the topic of empiric methotrexate therapy for pregnancy of unknown location before relocating to Kaiser Permanente Oakland where I found my home.



My time at Oakland has been fruitful and satisfying as a clinical educator in the clinic, emergency room, labor and delivery, and the operating room. It is gratifying to see a trainee progress from nervously inserting their first laparoscopic trocar to confidently leading a junior resident through a complex surgical case at the end of four years. It is my hope to give you the building blocks for a lifelong pursuit of excellence - to show you how to keep pushing yourself to excel and improve. Medicine is not a static field, and the best in medicine do not become complacent. Outside of work you can find me at concerts, music festivals, camping, visiting ohana in Hawaii, and hiking with my family.

Erica Canales, MD
Director of Maternity



Working with and mentoring our Kaiser Oakland OB/GYN Residents has been one of the greatest sources of joy in my work since becoming a TPMG physician in 2018. In my current role as Maternity Director, I have the opportunity not only to participate in clinical care with them on our busy Labor and Delivery unit and Emergency Department, but also to collaborate with them on such big picture topics as our L&D culture, patient care experience, connectedness with our colleagues and patients, health equity and even day to day operations. On the outpatient side, I am one of the Ambulatory Clinic Proctors, a KLIQ medical student preceptor, and I see patients in our Spanish speaking module, called Salud en Español. Outside of work, I enjoy running, music, travel, and spending time with my family, including and especially my 3 kids.

**Sarah Wilson-Hannay, MD, MedEd
Hospitalist**



I'm Sarah Wilson, an OB Hospitalist. I grew up here in the Bay Area and went to undergrad in Southern California at Pomona College. After undergrad, I moved back to San Francisco and worked in educational science theatre at a local science museum. I then pivoted to medical school at UCSF where I stayed for residency training. After residency, I continued my love for medical education and received a Masters in Education at UC Berkeley and did a clinical research fellowship at the San Francisco VA. I worked at UCSF as an OB Hospitalist and the Assistant Residency Program Director for three years until 2015 when I joined Kaiser Permanente Oakland. I am so grateful to participate in and shape our residents' training experience, helping them be the best OB/GYNs they can be. I have lived in Oakland since 2008 and love being a part of this vibrant city and community. Many weekends, you can find me cheering on my boys at a baseball game, shopping at the farmers market or enjoying the beautiful California outdoors with family and friends.

**Crystal Goldsmith
Director of Family Planning**

I'm Crystal Goldsmith and I lead our family planning team locally and regionally. I grew up in Kansas and made my way to Southern California to attend Pomona College. I got a master's degree in epidemiology at Stanford and then worked as an epidemiologist at UCLA focusing on women's health issues from the female athlete triad to menopause. I learned that I liked working with patients more than working with spreadsheets, so I went to medical school at UC Irvine, where I lead our Medical Students for Choice group. My residency in Portland at OHSU shaped me into a generalist with a love for family planning. I am grateful to work in a space that supports comprehensive reproductive healthcare. I find a lot of joy in working with residents in our family planning clinics and OR as well as on L&D. I also help oversee family planning resident research projects.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy exploring the Bay Area with my two kiddos and training (very slowly) for the Berkely Half Marathon each year.

Mara Greenberg, MD
Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division



After medical school at University of Pittsburgh, I finished my Obstetrics & Gynecology residency at The University of California, San Francisco and then completed Maternal Fetal Medicine fellowship at Stanford University in 2011. I came to Kaiser East Bay after fellowship and have been a very proud member of the OBGYN department ever since. I am passionate about teaching our residents evidenced based obstetric care and enjoy giving lectures, working on the antepartum unit, and in our outpatient MFM clinics and PDC with our residents and students. I wear multiple clinical and administrative hats and love to have residents join me in examining evidence-based care delivery whenever possible, either through local quality improvement efforts or research or both. I lead our sub-regional Fetal Treatment Case Conference and regional Ultrasound/Genetics Conference. My regional leadership roles include being one of the founding members of KPNC Health Equity for Women Task Force, and Director of the Regional Perinatal Service center, a telehealth service providing home monitoring for pregnant patients with conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. I also lead obstetric research both locally and regionally, serving as PI for many resident research projects that have led to national conference presentations and publications. Regionally I am a founding member of the Women's Health Research Steering Committee, and I serve at the Division of Research as the PI for our regional comprehensive Obstetric Database. My main research interests include impact of care delivery on obstetric outcomes, and racial/ethnic disparities in obstetric care and outcomes. Outside of Kaiser, I participate actively in the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine as a member of the Publications Committee and Liaison to the ACOG Ethics Committee. Outside of work I'm happiest when spending time with my partner and my two sons, ages 14 and 6. We spend time hiking, biking, traveling, dancing, gardening, cooking, and creating art together.

Kristi VanWinden, MD
Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division



I grew up in the North Bay Area and attended the University of California Davis for college before relocating to Southern California to attend medical school at the University of California Los Angeles. After completing medical school and a postgraduate diploma in global infectious diseases (and working at a medical tech start-up for a bit!) I moved to Arizona for my residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix. I then headed back to So Cal for my fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at the Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center (LAC+USC). After fellowship I worked as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Southern California for two years before moving back to the Bay Area to join Kaiser Permanente in 2017. I have a full-scope MFM practice and split my time between two Kaiser service areas, with the bulk of my time spent at Kaiser San Leandro and Kaiser Oakland Medical Centers.

I am passionate about patient education and health optimization for pregnancy. In addition to my MFM practice, I am also board certified in Lifestyle Medicine and involved nationally with the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, serving as co-chair of the Pregnancy and Reproductive Health subcommittee and as an active member of the Women's Health group and the HEAL (Health Equity Achieved through Lifestyle) Initiative. In 2021 I became the Chief of Health Education and Promotion for the Greater Southern Alameda Service Area of KP, which has allowed me to work with Quality leaders and providers from a wide range of specialties on initiatives promoting health throughout the lifespan. I also tremendously enjoy working with and teaching residents, supporting resident research projects, and encouraging trainees to do their own personal version of health promotion. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband and two sons, racewalking, cycling, plant-based cooking, and a variety of creative pursuits.

Veronica Gonzales, MD
Maternal - Fetal Medicine Division



I was born and raised in the Bay Area. I attended Chabot College in Hayward, California prior to transferring to the University of California, Berkeley. I then attended the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) for Medical School. Early on in my medical school training I was drawn to OBGYN as my specialty of choice, as the physiology of the reproductive tract was awe-inspiring. Additionally, I found our ability as Women's Health providers to treat and learn from women as they went through the, at times, anxiety-provoking but always life-changing transition, as they welcome new life into this world humbling and fulfilling. Residency in OBGYN was completed at the University of Austin, Texas/Dell Medical school, and I returned to UCSF to train as a Maternal Fetal Medicine subspecialist. As the daughter of Mexican immigrants, I am passionate about treating the diverse patient population of the East Bay. Additionally, as the product of various pipeline programs (including the Kaiser Permanente co-sponsored Undergraduate Research Internship), contributing to programs and initiatives that aim to increase diversity in the medical field is also important to me. As such, pursuing a career with Kaiser Permanente felt natural, as these values felt to be in alignment. I enjoy working with residents and teaching the next generation of Women's Health providers as well. I treat high risk pregnancies at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland and Richmond, and I am a native Spanish speaker. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, hiking, spending time with friends and family and trying new restaurants around the Bay Area. My husband and I are also new parents, so we've been enjoying every new milestone!

Tracy Telles, MD

REI Site Director for Kaiser (San Ramon)



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, snowboarding, 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.

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



We have a busy hands-on gynecologic oncology service. We have the privileges 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. Because there are no fellows, residents provide first assistance in the operating room for complex surgeries. Our residents are well trained in laparotomy, robotic, and laparoscopic techniques and provide our patients with excellent and compassionate care.

Our Oncology group is led by Dr. Giuseppe Ciaravino completed his residency at Stanford University and continued his gynecologic oncology fellowship at the joint UCSF/Stanford program. “Everyone loves Giuseppe”. He has a contagious laugh and a laid-back style while maintaining impressive surgical skills. He has been celebrated as an educator for and was awarded the CREOG National Faculty Teaching Award in 2003, as well as 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.



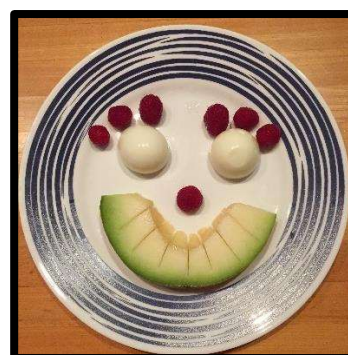
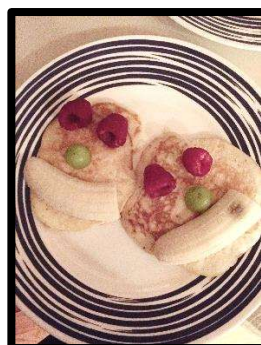
Liz Han trained at Baylor College of Medicine for residency and MD Anderson for fellowship. She completed a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in the United Kingdom which focused on ovarian cancer

therapeutics development. She joined Kaiser Permanente Oakland in 2011. She is a true intellect with a sharp wit and sense of humor. She is dedicated to mentoring and supporting our residents who are interested in gynecologic oncology fellowships.



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. She won the coveted CREOG Teaching Award in 2013. In her free time she and her husband love to travel the globe with their children who are fluent in 3 languages!

Amy Vallerie, MD
Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology



I am yet another East Coast transplant. I grew up in Connecticut. I went to college at NYU became a New Yorker, completing medical school at New York Med and residence at Columbia Presbyterian. I left NYC two short years to complete my fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center for pediatric and adolescent gynecology. I returned to New York, working in a private pediatric subspecialty practice for 3 years. In an unexpected turn of events, my partner got an opportunity in SF that he couldn't pass up. I think the exact words were "its better than Cincinnati!" (If you are from there, you know that the ice cream in Cincinnati is pretty amazing and so this is all just a matter of perspective/opinion!)

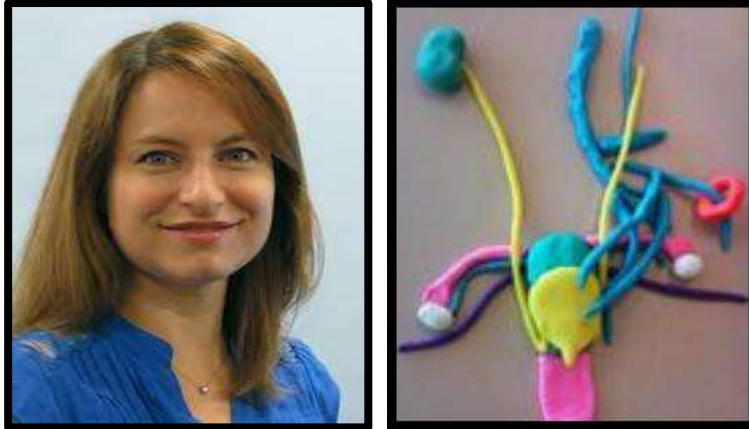
I have been at Kaiser Oakland since 2015. I enjoy teaching both pediatric and ob-gyn residents about the unique field I love and others are usually intimidated by. My practice includes bread and butter pediatric gynecology (did you even know we had a bread and butter kind of practice!), reproductive tract anomalies, teen clinics, , and reproductive endocrinopathies for teens and young adults. I participate in regional adolescent medicine and regional pediatric and adolescent gynecology endeavors to develop best practices, improve physician comfort in caring for the reproductive health of pediatric and adolescent patients, and expand referral services. At Kaiser, working across disciplines is easy and rewarding. I often collaborate with pediatric surgery and/or urology on complex surgical

procedures to provide exceptional patient care. In addition, we have multidisciplinary clinic services for gender nonconforming youth program and pediatric cancer survivors clinic.

When I am not at work, I am drinking a quick cup of coffee and running after one of my 4 awesome kids. I enjoy exploring California's beaches, mountains and regional parks by foot, bike, snowboard and occasional glamping trip. If you are having a bad day, I can make a mean smiley face breakfast plate to cheer you up.

Olga Ramm, MD MS

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Division and Fellowship Director



Dr. Ramm is the Kaiser Permanente East Bay – University of California at San Francisco Fellowship Program Director in our Urogynecology Training Program. She joined Kaiser Permanente East Bay in 2013 after completing her Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago following residency at Northwestern University. Her research interests include the impact of birth on the pelvic floor, obstetric pelvic floor trauma, and patient counseling and consent. She is also passionate about process improvement and surgical outcomes. She places great value and emphasis on surgical teaching. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling with her family, spending time with her two daughters, and dedicating herself to ill-fated home and garden improvement projects.

Rebecca Margulies, MD

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Division



Dr Margulies is the Assistant Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology Subspecialties, overseeing Urogynecology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Chronic Pelvic Pain, Pediatric Gynecology, and Benign Gynecologic Surgery. She is the Urogynecology Division Director. She has served as president of the Medical Executive Committee, is the Chair of the Interdisciplinary Practice Committee, and serves as the OBGYN Liaison to the Credentialing and

Privileges Committee, Operating Room Committee, and Surgical Services Performance Improvement Committees. In her free time, she enjoys open water swimming, trail running, drawing comics, and spending time with her family. She is a year-round bike commuter.

Kaiser Permanente Oakland Certified Nurse Midwife Team



The Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM) are so happy to be a part of the OB-GYN resident journey in Kaiser Oakland. We are here from your early didactics and hands-on training, coaching you through catching your first babies, participating in evaluating your progress, through collaborating and consulting with you as seniors and Chiefs of the service. I am so fortunate to have been the first CNM in this practice and midwifery service director since joining the team in 2014 as a fully integrated attending CNM service. We are on duty in the hospital 24/7 and many of our 9-person staff also see prenatal outpatients in all five of the East Bay sites. Some of the team also regularly participate in resident didactics with a focus on low-risk pregnancies and physiological labor.

We all came to Oakland with varied experiences and backgrounds and we're so happy to share our journeys and perspectives with you.

Anne Galko, hospitalist CNM - SUNY Buffalo MSN, SUNY Stony Brook post-master's midwifery

Abby Pike, hospitalist CNM - graduated from Yale, MSN

Janelle Palacios, hospitalist CNM, researcher and resident lecturer - MSN and PhD Nursing from UCSF

Katie Simms, inpatient, outpatient (Alameda) - Yale MSN

Maggie Adams-McCormack, hospitalist CNM - UCSF MSN

Michelle Baird, inpatient, outpatient (Pinole, Berkeley) and Centering - Columbia MSN

Neel Arant, hospitalist CNM and resident lecturer - Columbia MSN

Rebecca Lesser, inpatient and outpatient (Oakland) - Yale MSN

Ursula Crane, inpatient and outpatient (Richmond) - UCSF MSN

Anya Rapoport, MSN, CNM, WHNP
Midwifery Service Director



I'm Anya Rapoport and I am the midwifery service director. I was born in St. Petersburg, Russia and immigrated to California when I was 8 years old and I've lived in the Bay Area most of my life. I took a circuitous path to midwifery. I attended UC Davis and graduated with a degree in nutrition and biochemistry. After graduation, I worked for Red Cross and considered a masters in biochemistry as well as considering medical school. A friend recommended I get certified as a doula. I was intrigued and did the training. I came home from witnessing my first birth and told my now-husband that I wanted to be a midwife! Lucky for me, both he and his sister were delivered by a midwife, and he quickly became my biggest cheerleader. After several more years and lots of pre-requisite work, I got an accelerated BSN at Columbia University and my masters in nursing, midwifery, at Georgetown University. I started working at Kaiser Walnut Creek six months after graduation in 2016 and have just moved to the Oakland team. In addition to my clinical work, I am engaged in advocacy and workforce expansion work with the California Nurse-Midwives Association. I am currently focused on workforce expansion and diversification. I am a lifelong learner and recently finished a fellowship in leadership and health policy with the California Health Care Foundation.

I've lived in Berkeley for the past 15 years. I love being close to the mountains and the ocean. My husband Will and I love the outdoors. The list of activities is long, but we particularly enjoy biking, hiking with our dog Mia, camping, skiing and more recently sailing. We love to travel; trying to new foods and making new friends is one of the best parts of exploring the world. Recent travel highlights include summiting Kilimanjaro and skiing Mt. Blanc. Day to day, I am an avid reader, knitter and cook. Exercise keeps me energized; if you love hiking and dogs, please join us on a hike

Ayrika Mure

Program Manager – Kaiser Oakland Ob/Gyn Residency



I am an Oakland girl. I am a proud mother of 2 children and a dog mom to a French bulldog and a silky Yorkie. At the age of 13 I learned Japanese and am always interested in learning something new. My hobbies include working out, hiking, and playing cars with friends. I have worked in various roles in health care over the past 14 years and have a passion for people. I love being the program manager for the Kaiser Oakland Ob/Gyn Residency Program and find deep joy in purpose-driven work and supporting our incredible residents.

Cecily Hunter

Highland Program Administrator



I am originally from Minneapolis, MN. I studied Sociology at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis followed by a postbaccalaureate year studying International Development and Public Health in Kenya I spent the year volunteering and doing qualitative research in a rural health center that had a pediatric clinic, a labor ward, and a family planning clinic. Afterwards, I taught English in Taiwan and traveled throughout SE Asia. When I returned to the US, I managed the Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health Residency and GynOnc Fellowship Programs at the University of Minnesota before moving to San Francisco in 2003. I continued to work in academic medicine at UCSF until 2015. I then shifted gears and went to nutrition school following a diagnosis of Celiac Disease and spent several years working as a nutrition consultant before returning to my first passion, women's health.

I am also a dog mom to a mini goldendoodle named Buddy who accompanies me to work at Highland Hospital and gets spoiled by the residents.