

World-class fetal medicine care

The UCSF Fetal Treatment Center (FTC) brings together a diverse team of experts from various fields, including maternal-fetal medicine, clinical genetics, pediatric surgery, radiology, nursing, cardiology, neonatal medicine, anesthesia, and more. Our multidisciplinary approach ensures comprehensive and cutting-edge care for all aspects of fetal treatment and management.

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Hanmin Lee, MDPediatric Surgeon

Co-Medical Director, Fetal Treatment Center Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery Surgeon in Chief, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco Dr. Lee treats a wide variety of surgical conditions affecting fetuses, infants and children. He is an internationally recognized leader in minimally invasive fetal and neonatal surgery, as well as the treatment of life-threatening birth defects. Dr. Lee's research focuses on innovations in surgery. He has published more than 150 papers and book chapters on fetal and pediatric surgery, and he has helped lead multiple trials funded by the National Institutes of Health examining new and advanced pediatric and fetal surgical procedures.



Mary Norton, MD

Perinatologist and Clinical Geneticist Co-Medical Director, Fetal Treatment Center Co-Director, Center for Maternal Fetal Medicine Dr. Norton cares primarily for pregnant women who have a fetus with a birth defect or genetic disorder or are at risk for such conditions. Dr. Norton performs obstetrical ultrasounds, counsels women for whom ultrasound detects a problem with the fetus and performs prenatal tests. She also interprets complex genetic tests, especially when abnormalities are found. Her research interests include applying the latest genetic tests to prenatal diagnosis and fetal disease, as well as patient decision-making around genetic testing and obstetrical ultrasound.

Fetal Treatment Center Team Members



Anita Moon-Grady, MD
Pediatric Cardiologist
Medical Director, UCSF Fetal
Cardiovascular Program

Dr. Moon-Grady specializes in pediatric and fetal echocardiography and intraoperative assessment during congenital cardiac surgery and fetal surgery. Her clinical research interests focus on fetal cardiovascular assessment and cardiac dysfunction in patients with congenital heart disease and in fetuses undergoing surgical intervention (including in multiple gestation pregnancies complicated by twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome). She is also investigating the use of Artificial Intelligence to improve fetal heart disease detection and address health disparities at the population level. She is an Editor for Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology and board vice president of the Fetal Heart Society.



Tippi MacKenzie, MDPediatric Surgeon

Co-Director, Center for MaternalFetal Precision Medicine

Director, The Eli and Edythe Broad
Center of Regeneration Medicine
and Stem Cell Research

Dr. MacKenzie directs our program in basic and translational science as well as applications for clinical trials for novel fetal therapies. She is the director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research and co-director of the Center for Maternal-Fetal Precision Medicine. Her research lab is focused on developing new therapies for genetic diseases. Dr. MacKenzie's team is conducting the world's first clinical trials for in utero stem cell transplantation and enzyme replacement therapy; both of these programs have resulted in successful treatment and term delivery.



James Anderson, MD
Neonatologist
Medical Director, Fetal Treatment
Center, Oakland

Dr. Anderson earned his medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School and completed a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at UCSF. His clinical interests include fetal medicine, neurodevelopmental follow-up of premature and critically ill neonates, and global health.



Katherine Connolly, MD
Perinatologist

Dr. Connolly specializes in high-risk pregnancies, prenatal diagnoses of disorders or complications, and prenatal ultrasound. With particular interest in prenatal genetic abnormality screening, Dr. Connolly offers chorionic villus sampling (CVS) and amniocentesis at our Mission Bay location.



Juan Gonzalez-Velez, MDPerinatologist
Division Chief, Maternal-Fetal
Medicine

Dr. Gonzalez-Velez specializes in high-risk pregnancies. His clinical interests include improving pregnancy outcomes for women with cardiovascular disease, intrauterine transfusions and other fetal interventions. He performed intrauterine transfusions for the world's first in utero stem cell transplant for alpha thalassemia that resulted in a successful delivery.



Shabnam Peyvandi, MD

Pediatric Cardiologist

Director, Healthy Hearts and Minds

Program

Associate Director, UCSF Fetal

Cardiovascular Program

Dr. Peyvandi is a pediatric cardiologist with expertise in the prenatal diagnosis and management of congenital heart disease. She founded and directs the Healthy Hearts and Minds Program, a specialty program within the UCSF Pediatric Heart Center that focuses on long-term development and quality of life for children with congenital heart disease.



Annalisa Post, MDPerinatologist

Dr. Post cares for patients with high-risk or complicated pregnancies. Her research focuses on improving outcomes for patients with pregnancy complications, including pre-eclampsia, chronic hypertension, monoamniotic twins and diabetic pregnancy.



Larry Rand, MDPerinatologist
Perinatal Director, California Preterm
Birth Initiative

Dr. Rand specializes in high-risk pregnancies with fetal complications. He performs high-level obstetric ultrasound and prenatal diagnosis. Dr. Rand is the director of the California Preterm Birth Initiative and conducts multiple research studies focused on early markers to predict preterm birth.



Nasim Sobhani, MD Perinatologist

Dr. Sobhani specializes in providing care throughout high-risk pregnancies. She provides comprehensive care for women with pre-existing conditions that can affect pregnancy and for women with pregnancy-specific health conditions. She also cares for developing fetuses when genetic or structural conditions have been diagnosed in utero. She sees patients in both the hospital and the clinic.



Teresa Sparks, MDPerinatologist and Clinical Geneticist
Co-Director, Hydrops Center of
Excellence

Dr. Sparks specializes in high-risk pregnancies and perinatal genetics. She has particular interests in fetal anomalies, management of pregnancies affected by maternal or fetal genetic conditions, and prenatal diagnosis. She is a Women's Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) scholar and is the principal investigator for a multicenter study to improve the diagnostic approach to and care for pregnancies with non-immune hydrops fetalis.



Kate Swanson, MD, PhD
Perinatologist and Clinical Geneticist

Dr. Swanson cares for people with complex pregnancies, particularly those related to maternal or fetal genetic conditions. She also provides preconception care to families at risk of pregnancy complications or with a history of pregnancy loss. In her research, Dr. Swanson focuses on the use of prenatal genetic testing to support patients, including how to make it accurate, accessible and understandable.



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