



## New State-of-the-Art Unit for Maternal Fetal Intervention and Surgery Program Opens

This fall I am very excited that we have launched a collaborative Maternal Fetal Intervention and Surgery Program with Seattle Children's Hospital, and we are incredibly proud to welcome [Bettina Paek, MD](#) and [Martin Walker, MD](#) to our department.

Our Maternal Fetal Intervention and Surgery Program members will work with our Maternal-Fetal Medicine faculty, under the leadership of [Edith Cheng, MD, MS](#), to diagnose fetal conditions, provide care options, provide treatment including fetal surgery in utero, and collaboratively work with obstetricians to help support patients. We will provide a variety of diagnostic services that are designed to help give parents a complete understanding of diagnoses and care so that patients can make informed choices. Most procedures will be performed at the University of Washington Medical Center – Montlake in our new state-of-the-art surgical and imaging facilities.

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## Medical Triumph: 20 Years After Being Separated, a Conjoined Twin Gives Birth to Daughter

In 2000, Charity Lincoln Gutierrez-Vasquez was born at UW Medical Center conjoined with her twin sister at the abdomen. Twenty-one years later, Charity returned to UW Medical Center to give birth to her own daughter. **Edith Cheng, MD, MS**, professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine division chief at UW Medical Center, and **Nicholas Burns, MD**, Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellow, oversaw the high-risk birth. The team included our specialists from urology, surgery, anesthesiology and pain medicine, pediatrics and plastic surgery.

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## Expert Roundtable Discusses Reproductive Rights and the Texas Law

**Sarah Prager, MD**, director of the Family Planning Division and Family Planning Fellowship, joined a roundtable on the new abortion law, the most restrictive in the country. Her clinic is seeing increased anxiety among patients who are traveling from Texas to Washington for care and asking for long-acting contraception due to planned moves to Texas.

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## RESEARCH AND NEWS

- **Linda Eckert, MD, Alisa Kachikis, MD, MSc, Laura Sienas, MD and Rebecca Simon, MD** authored "Applicability of the GAIA Maternal and Neonatal Outcome Case Definitions for the Evaluation of Adverse Events Following Vaccination in Pregnancy in High-income Countries" published in [The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal](#).
- **Elizabeth Swisher, MD and Marc Radke** authored "Randomized Phase II Study of PARP Inhibitor Veliparib with Modified FOLFIRI versus FOLFIRI as Second Line Treatment of Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer: SWOG S1513" published in [Clinical Cancer Research](#).
- **Kristina Adams Waldorf, MD, FACOG and Matthew Dacanay** authored "Bacterial and Host Determinants of Group B Streptococcal Vaginal Colonization and Ascending Infection in Pregnancy" published in [Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology](#).

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