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## Melissa Gilliam, MD, MPH

Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Pediatrics

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An expert in pediatric and adolescent gynecology, Dr. Melissa Gilliam helps children, teens and women age 25 and younger who have complex gynecologic problems or need routine care. Dr. Gilliam specializes in managing common problems such as bleeding, painful periods, breast cysts and abnormal pap smears and complex problems requiring pelvic surgery. She has expertise in providing preventive care and providing contraception to adolescents with other medical problems. Dr. Gilliam focuses on providing a youth-friendly atmosphere for girls and young women. She works closely with other specialists across the University.

An active researcher, Dr. Gilliam's research focuses on contraception, family planning, youth development, and sexually transmitted infections. Specifically, she focuses on contraceptive use among teens and women who are at risk for unintended pregnancy.

### Practice Locations

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### Year Started Practice

1999

### Board Certification

Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Medical School

Harvard Medical School



### Clinical Interests

- [Pediatric and adolescent gynecology](#)
- Mayer Rokitansky, Kuster Hauser Syndrome (MRKH)
- [Family planning](#)
- Menstrual problems
- Delayed and absent menses
- Pelvic surgery
- Imperforate hymen
- Birth control (IUD placement)
- Breast disease
- Abnormal pap smears
- Pediatric vaginitis
- Labial adhesions
- Polycystic ovarian syndrome
- Ovarian cysts and masses
- Mullerian anomalies
- Gynecologic care for girls with disabilities
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Puberty problems

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## Internship

The University of Chicago Medicine

## Residency and Fellowship

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago

## Memberships

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Medical Association  
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals  
American Public Health Association  
North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology  
Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine  
Society of Family Planning

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## Learn More About Dr. Gilliam

Dr. Gilliam offers a range of services and resources in the [Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Clinic](#).

[Read "Changing the Game On Teen Health,"](#) a feature about how Dr. Gilliam gives young people a voice -- and empowers them to confront barriers to their well-being.

Dr. Gilliam leads [research to prevent teen pregnancy](#). She is interested in the use of new media and technology.

Using a unique combination of focus groups and surveys, Dr. Gilliam found that a sense of personal control influences Latinas' decisions about sexual debut. [Read more](#).

Dr. Gilliam is empowering teens to address social issues through video games. [Learn more about her work in a feature by Fast Company](#).

Focusing on pregnancy prevention, Dr. Gilliam studied various birth control methods and found that [the ring edges out the pill in compliance among college women](#).

The [Chicago Tribune](#) featured an [interview with Dr. Gilliam](#), focusing on her creative approaches to aiding at-risk teens, including the launch of the Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Ci3) at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Gilliam was named one of the top doctors in the city by *Chicago* magazine. [Read her profile](#) to learn why she's passionate about family planning and how she's addressing

the economic issues related to teen pregnancies.

Dr. Gilliam's work on teen pregnancy prevention was featured in *Chicago* magazine. [Read the story.](#)

Dr. Gilliam talks about taking a multidisciplinary approach to family planning and reproductive health at TEDx UChicago, an event designed to spark conversation and connection in the community. [Watch the video.](#)

A champion for women's health, Dr. Gilliam was named one of the "100 Women to Watch in 2012" by *Today's Chicago Woman*.

### **Selected Publications**

View a partial list of [Dr. Gilliam's publications](#) through the National Library of Medicine's PubMed online database.

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