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Dr Chen is a member of the [Center for Family Planning Research](#), where researchers perform clinical research trials related to the development of new contraceptive methods and other techniques. The field of family planning addresses the needs of women and men by helping to control if and when they desire to become pregnant. By helping individuals avoid unintended pregnancies, women who become pregnant can do so at a time when they are able to best maximize the changes of a happy and healthy pregnancy. The goal of developing new contraceptive techniques is to find safer, easier to use and more effective ways to prevent pregnancies. Much of the research the Center does has a significant impact on the use and availability of contraceptives in developing countries. The Center works to find contraceptives that can also prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV.

Dr. Chen is also a member of the University of Pittsburgh's [Center for Women's Health Research and Innovation](#) and a member of the [Reproductive Bridges Coalition](#) with the goal of conducting research, providing education, and optimizing access to reproductive health services in Western Pennsylvania.

Selected Publications

- Bell KN, Meyn LA, **Chen BA**. Long-acting reversible contraceptive uptake before and after the Affordable Care Act contraceptive mandate in women undergoing 1st trimester surgical abortion. *Women's Health Issues*. 2018 Jul-Aug;28(4): 301-305.

EDUCATION

- MD, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, 2002
- Residency, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, 2002-2006
- Fellowship, Family Planning and Contraceptive Research, University of Pittsburgh, 2006-2008
- MPH, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, 2006-2008

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Planning Research, see the [clinical trials section](#) of Center's site.

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