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Associate Director, Fellowship in Family Planning
Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics

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EXPERTISE

Family Planning, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Obstetrics, Pregnancy and Childbirth, Women's Reproductive Health

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Incarcerated women and reproductive health care; racism in health care; reproductive justice; medical anthropology

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Background

Carolyn Sufrin, M.D., Ph.D., is an assistant professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and of health, behavior, and society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. As a board-certified Gyn/Ob, her areas of clinical expertise include family planning, general obstetrics and gynecologic care.

Dr. Sufrin earned an undergraduate degree in anthropology at Amherst College, followed by a medical degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She completed residency training at Magee-Womens Hospital of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, as well as a fellowship in family planning at the University of California, San Francisco. While at the University of California, she also earned a doctorate in medical anthropology.

Before joining the Johns Hopkins faculty in 2014, Dr. Sufrin served as assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco. [...read more](#)

Titles

- Associate Director, Fellowship in Family Planning
- Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Departments / Divisions

- [Gynecology and Obstetrics - Family Planning](#)

Education

Degrees

- MD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (2003)

Residencies

- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center / Obstetrics and Gynecology (2007)

Fellowships

- University of California San Francisco School of Medicine (2010)

Board Certifications

- American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology / Obstetrics And Gynecology (2010)

Research & Publications

Selected Publications

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Sufrin C, Beal L, Clarke J, Jones R, Mosher WD. Pregnancy Outcomes in US Prisons, 2016-2017. Am J Public Health. 2019 May;109(5):799-805.

Sufrin C. Making mothers in jail: carceral reproduction of normative motherhood. Reprod Biomed Soc Online. 2018 Nov 13;7:55-65.

Peeler M, Fiscella K, Terplan M, Sufrin C. Best Practices for Pregnant Incarcerated Women With Opioid Use Disorder. J Correct Health Care. 2019 Jan;25(1):4-14.

Goshin LS, Sissoko DRG, Neumann G, Sufrin C, Byrnes L. Perinatal Nurses' Experiences With and Knowledge of the Care of Incarcerated Women During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period. *J Obstet Gynecol Neonatal Nurs*. 2019 Jan;48(1):27-36.

Sufrin C, Baird S, Clarke J, Feldman E. Family planning services for incarcerated women: models for filling an unmet need. *Int J Prison Health*. 2017 Mar 13;13(1):10-18.



Activities & Honors

Honors

- Eileen Basker Memorial Prize Honorable Mention, Society for Medical Anthropology, 2018
- Outstanding Researcher Award, North American Forum on Family Planning, 2017
- Edison T. Uno Chancellor Award for Public Service, University of California, San Francisco
- Outstanding Faculty Award in Resident Teaching, UCSF, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, 2008 - 2012
- Outstanding Research Award, Researcher in Training, Reproductive Health 2010 Annual Meeting, 2010

Memberships

- American Anthropological Association
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Fellow
- Society for Family Planning
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Videos & Media

Recent News Articles and Media Coverage

- Pregnant Behind Bars: What We Do And Don't Know About Pregnancy And Incarceration, *NPR* (03/2019)
- Breakthrough Study Offers New Stats On Abortion And Birth In Prison, *HuffPost* (03/2019)
- Criminal Justice reform must include pregnant women, *The Hill* (03/2019)
- Federal Legislation Seeks Ban On Shackling Of Pregnant Inmates, *NPR* (12/2018)
- 'I didn't get arrested, I got rescued': jail is a lifeline for some pregnant women, *The Guardian* (08/2018)

- What We Do to Women Behind Bars': A Q&A With 'Jailcare' Author Dr. Carolyn Sufrin, [Rewire.News](#) (06/2017)
- When Seeking Family Planning Services, Baltimore Women Deserve to Know Which Options Are, and Are Not, On the Table, [The Baltimore Sun](#) (10/2016)
- BIRCWH Grants Awarded to Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics Faculty, [Press alert](#) (03/2016)
- Helping Women and Girls in Prison, [The New York Times](#) (12/2015)
- Woman says NYPD officers forced her to give birth while shackled to a bed, [Fox News](#) (December 7)

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