

# Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

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## Family Planning & Preventive Services



### Overview

The Division of Family Planning and Preventive Services is a key component of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia University Medical Center. Our physicians provide general gynecologic care, family planning services, education programs about contraception and prevention, access to contraception and counseling to prevent unplanned pregnancies.

Our physicians are fully engaged in the development and evaluation of novel contraceptives in studies supported by the NIH. Active research projects include development and evaluation of a maternal blood samples using cell-free fetal DNA from to detect fetal chromosomal abnormalities; effective birth control for women with epilepsy, to secure sustainable access to levonorgestrel-releasing, intrauterine device (IUD) contraception, and to evaluate effectiveness and safety of the user-controlled contraceptive vaginal ring (CVR).

Our physicians have the expertise to help women with existing medical problems evaluate contraceptive options and determine whether contraception can be used to alleviate problems such as heavy menstrual bleeding and menstrual pain. Our experts also manage miscarriages and induced abortions with surgical and non-surgical treatments.

Family Planning specialists work in conjunction with the Maternal-Fetal Medicine experts to manage pregnancies diagnosed with fetal anomalies or pregnancies that develop second-trimester complications. In addition to compassionate and supportive patient care, we train medical students, residents and fellows to perform minimally-invasive surgical procedures, to conduct clinical research investigating new surgical techniques, new ways to deliver services and treatments.

## Doctors

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## Areas of Focus

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Contraception and Family Planning

Intrauterine devices (IUD's)

Nexplanon

Office Based Procedures

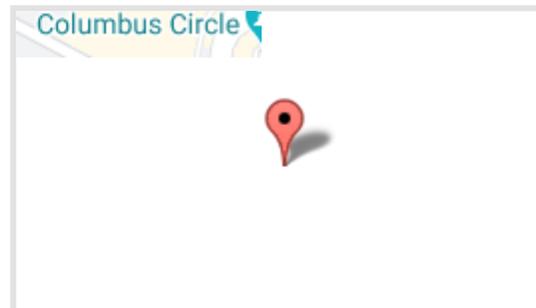
Colposcopy & LEEP Procedures

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## Practice Location(s)

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### Columbia Ob/Gyn Columbus Circle

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