



Southcoast Health OBGYN

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Laborists

Fae Nason, MD

Dr. Nason is a graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She completed her residency in OB/GYN at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, MA, and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Dr. Nason was in private practice prior to spending the last 10 years as a laborist. Her three grown sons are her pride and joy, as are her two chocolate labs. Her favorite pastimes are writing music, making pottery and quilting. She loves the ocean and is so happy to live in the Southcoast region.

Elizabeth Small-Pal, MD

Dr. Small-Pal earned her medical degree at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. She completed her residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA.



Dr. Small-Pal became interested in medicine after spending several months volunteering with the Frontier Nursing Service in rural Kentucky. Her passion for obstetrics is rooted in her love of delivering newborns.

Nurse Practitioners

Janice Sundnas, NP

Janice Sundnas received her undergraduate degree in Nursing at Rhode Island College and moved to New Hampshire where she worked at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center as a Labor and Delivery nurse. She then braved the Texas heat to complete her Nurse Practitioner training at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, TX, and spent the next 15 years working in rural New Hampshire.



Janice is a board certified Women's Health Practitioner and enjoys caring for women throughout their lives. She provides care to adolescents, adult women, post menopausal women and also prenatal care. She is trained to insert IUDs, Nexplanon implants and other minor office procedures.

When not at work caring for her patients, Janice enjoys skiing, kayaking, traveling and long walks with her golden retriever, Odin. She sometimes allows her husband to join her!

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As daughters become mothers and mothers become grandmothers, women have healthcare needs all their own. The Obstetrics and Gynecology team at Southcoast Health is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of women in our community, supporting their health at every life stage.

Meet the team delivering focused care that every woman deserves, throughout all the stages in her life.

Our maternity programs offer:

- Comfortable, in-room accommodations for overnight visitors
- Infant security system
- State-of-the-art Level II nursery and Newborn nursery at St. Luke's Hospital, staffed by Boston Children's and local primary care physicians
- Breastfeeding/lactation education and support
- Vaginal birth after cesarian section (VBAC)
- Family Centered/Gentle C-section
- Nurse midwifery program
- Couplet care program
- Hearing testing
- Experienced, caring staff

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Michael Augustine Pepi, MD, FACOG

Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology



Dr. Pepi completed his Medical Degree at St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies. He then completed his residency for Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford, CT.

He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI. Dr. Pepi has been published in the Journal of Gynecologic Surgery, and is currently a member of the Fellow American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Rhode Island Medical Societies.

Most recently, Dr. Pepi was the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in Pawtucket, RI.

Dr. Pepi most enjoys sharing the birth of his patients' babies, for each experience is different. He also enjoys fishing and skiing in his spare time.



Providers

Susan Cornell, DO



Dr. Cornell completed her medical degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine prior to her residency at the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Massachusetts Amherst as a member of Commonwealth Honors College.

During the time between her undergraduate degree and medical school, Dr. Cornell completed research at both Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She is a junior member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

In her spare time, Dr. Cornell enjoys traveling abroad, going to the beach and spending time with family.

Ernesto G. Gonzalez, MD



Dr. Gonzalez earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in Farmington, CT, and completed his residency at the University of Buffalo Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Previously, he completed the Health Careers Program at Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of San Diego, CA.

Dr. Gonzalez is fluent in Spanish. His special interests include high-risk obstetrics, ultrasound and quality improvement.

He is a member of the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

G. Uma Harinarayanan, DO, FACOG



Dr. Hari, as she is known to her patients, has been providing obstetrical and gynecological services to women in the Southcoast community for over 9 years. She earned her medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL.

Dr. Hari is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. She is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Her clinical interests include high risk pregnancies, contraception, minimally invasive gynecologic surgery which includes hysteroscopy, laparoscopy, and robotic surgery. To support lactation in the community, she leads the Southcoast Baby Café initiative which is a drop-in lactation group staffed by lactation consultants.

Additionally, Dr. Hari is interested in the mind-body practices such as meditation, nutrition, herbs/supplements and their benefits to health and wellness. To learn evidence based practices, she completed the University of Arizona's Integrative Medicine Fellowship in the spring of 2018. The practice of integrative medicine emphasizes that the physician and patient are partners in healing.

During her free time, Dr. Hari enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling and being outdoors. She is versed in medical Spanish.

Chelsea Martin, DO



Dr. Martin earned her bachelor's degree at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA before completing her medical degree at Des Moines University in Des Moines, IA. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mercy Health in West Michigan.

Dr. Martin is a member of AOA, ACOG, ACOOG. Her professional interests include management of high risk pregnancies, adolescent gynecology, vulvar skin disorders, and issues with sexuality. She also participates in medical mission work and has spent time in Haiti and West Africa.

In her spare time, Dr. Martin enjoys spending time with her husband and dog — especially hiking, biking and traveling. She also enjoys cooking and baking and is an avid reader.

Barbara Soares, MD



Dr. Soares received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the Boston University School of Medicine and completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

Dr. Soares is licensed to practice in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the North American Menopause Society. She is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as a NAMS Certified Menopause Practitioner.

Her clinical interests include menopause management, bioidentical hormone replacement therapy and abnormal pap smears.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and her three sons.

Nurse Midwives

Jennifer Anderson, CNM



Jenny Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and a Master of Science degree, specializing in Midwifery, from the Columbia University School of Nursing in New York, NY. She has been a practicing Certified Nurse Midwife since 2007. Jenny has experience caring for women with uncomplicated and high risk pregnancies, as well as providing routine gynecologic and family planning services.

Jenny is a member the American College of Nurse Midwives. Her clinical interests include the role of nutrition in health and disease, substance use disorders, and improving postpartum care and support for women and families.

When not working, Jenny aims for a consistent yoga routine, but mostly she's busy with her young family.

Therese Brown, CNM, CNP



Therese Brown is a nurse midwife and nurse practitioner. She has dual board certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board and the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Brown earned her initial master's in nursing through the University of Massachusetts and subsequently obtained her midwifery education through Shenandoah University in Virginia after practicing at Southcoast OB/GYN in New Bedford for several years.

Ms. Brown offers full scope midwifery and gynecological care. She has a special interest in vaginal delivery after c-section, adolescent health, contraception counseling including IUD and Nexplanon placement, and lactation support.

A Plymouth native, Brown enjoys spending time at the beach, reading and volunteering at her children's school. She is married and has two sons and a daughter.

Christine Pereira, CNM



Christine Pereira, a Fall River native, began her career at Southcoast Health in 2004 as a labor and delivery nurse at Charlton Memorial Hospital. She is a graduate of Worcester State University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing and also concentrated in Spanish language arts. In addition to being a labor and delivery nurse, Christine also served as a nurse in an OB/GYN office within the Southcoast Health system. She even completed her clinical training here while she pursued her Master's degree to become a Certified Nurse Midwife. In 2012, she fulfilled her lifelong dream of become a Certified Nurse Midwife after graduating from the University of Cincinnati, allowing her to provide an even higher level of care to her patients.

Christine's clinical interests include seeing women of all ages from the preconceptual period through the labor and delivery process. In addition to caring for patients in the North Street office, Christine, who is fluent in both Portuguese and Spanish, provides antepartum and postpartum care to the patients of the Greater New Bedford Health Center each week.

Christine enjoys traveling, cooking and spending time with her family.

Kathleen Pringle, CNM



Kathleen Pringle earned her Masters of Science in Nursing at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and obtained a certificate in Nurse-Midwifery from Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA.

Kathleen was born at St. Luke's Hospital many years ago and has lived in the New Bedford area all of her life. She joins Southcoast Health with over 25 years of midwifery experience. She has served as an assistant clinical professor in the University of Rhode Island's Nurse Midwife Graduate program and has precepted many students in the specialty of OB/GYN. She is a former RI Chapter Chair of the American College of Nurse Midwives.

Kathleen currently resides in Acushnet with her husband and three children.

Sophie Stoddard, CNM



Sophie Stoddard earned her Masters of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nurse Midwifery from the Yale School of Nursing in New Haven, CT. She received her American Midwifery Board Certification in 2008 and is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. She is a three-time recipient of the Harvard Vanguard Medial Associates Clinical Recognition Award. In addition to being a clinician, she enjoys teaching and precepting nursing and medical students in the hospital and with the aid of simulation tools.

With nearly a decade of experience as a Certified Nurse-Midwife, Sophie's clinical interests include adolescent care, STI prevention and education and healthy pregnancy outcomes through education and support throughout the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum periods.

Sophie is from Colorado and enjoys spending time in the mountains, exercising and raising her two sons.