**The Care Team at the Center for Women’s Health and Midwifery**

**We have five midwives who see patients for prenatal care at the Center for Women’s Health and Midwifery.**

Our practice shares on call time with a team of ten amazing midwives, the five you meet at your prenatal visits and an additional five who help us cover the labor floor, they do not see patients at our office because they are all on faculty at the Yale University School of Nursing in the Midwifery Department.

**24/7 there is always at least one midwife present at the hospital waiting to take care of you. We take care of our patients at Yale-New Haven Hospital Saint Raphael Campus. It is a peaceful unit that recently had a multi-million dollar renovation. All rooms are private and have a couch for a support person to stay with you. We keep your baby at the bedside to provide care in a family-centered environment.**

**If you need to reach us, you can call the office at (203) 789-3029 / (203) 789-3423. If it is after hours, the answering service will page the on call midwife. If you do not hear back from the on call midwife in 15 minutes, please call: Labor and Delivery at (203) 789-3461**

These are brief biographies to help you get to know the midwives and doctors who are on your labor and birth team. There are five fantastic physicians who work with us on labor and delivery who we consult and co-manage the care of patients. They can perform vacuum deliveries and Cesareans, if needed. The team will also include labor and delivery nurses, as well as residents and midwife students who are learning the midwife model of care.

**The Midwives**

**Melanie Albright, CNM** received her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Columbia University in 1976. She worked at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Labor and Delivery before returning to Columbia University to pursue her Master of Science degree in Nursing as a certified Nurse Midwife. She has embraced the passion for caring for women and babies for over 30 years. Melanie has a husband to whom she has been married for over 35 years, 3 grown children, all of whom are in the Navy, and 5 grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys travel to see grandkids, gardening and reading. “Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility."

**Nancy DeGennaro, CNM, MPH, IBCLC** graduated from the University of CT with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and Yale University with a Master of Public Health and Epidemiology. She attended the Frontier Nursing Service in Kentucky where she completed her midwifery education. She is happily married for over 35 years to her childhood sweetheart and has 3 wonderful children and 2 beautiful granddaughters. Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting and exercising.

**Susan Hally, CNM** has been practicing midwifery in the New Haven community for over 30 years.  She has a BS in nursing from the University of Connecticut. She worked as a nurse for 5 years prior to her midwifery education.  She has a MS in nurse-midwifery from Columbia University. She has special interest in promoting nutrition counseling in women's health care. She has a MS degree in human nutrition from the University of New Haven.  Her primary hobby is gardening. She is a CT Certified Master Gardener.

**Richard Jennings, CNM** studied midwifery at Yale University; he learned that his Grandmother and Great Grandmother had been community midwives in Philadelphia and Ireland. Richard has directed midwifery practices in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania Hospital) and in Manhattan (Bellevue Hospital). Richard was on faculty at the University of Pennsylvania for 16 years. He is married with three grown sons. His most recent favorite quote from a patient was “my labor was strong, but I was stronger.”

**Cecilia “Cele” Jevitt, CNM, PhD, FACNM** studied midwifery at Emory University and completed doctoral studies in medical anthropology at the University of South Florida. She moved to Connecticut to direct the midwifery education at Yale University School of Nursing, after 30 years in Florida. Her family includes 8 children and two granddaughters who keep her busy visiting them between Florida and British Columbia. She enjoys farming, kayaking and cooking.

**Erin McMahon CNM, CLC, CDE** is a member of the Clinical Faculty in the Yale School of Nursing. She has practiced as a CNM for the last 16 years. Erin earned her B.S. from Cornell University and her B.S.N. from Fairfield University. She completed her M.S.N. through a joint program at San Diego State University and the University of California at San Diego. Erin has been involved in the teaching of nursing students, medical students, residents and nurse midwives at Yale University for the last 8 years. Erin’s research interests include diabetes in pregnancy, lactation and simulation as a teaching strategy in clinical training. She lives in New Haven County with her three daughters, two dogs and two cats. She enjoys perennial gardening, horseback riding and spending time with her family.

**Erin Morelli, CNM, CLC** received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Quinnipiac University in 2000 and a master's degree in nursing from Yale University in 2002. Erin is on faculty as a lecturer for Yale University School of Nursing Midwifery areas of interest for her are: lactation, promotion of family-centered care, teaching the next generation of midwives and group prenatal care. She facilitates a moms group on Facebook (Connecticut Moms Group). Erin is married with 3 young children. She enjoys cooking, spending time with her family, and travel. Favorite Quote "To be happy, don't do whatever you like, like whatever you do!" (By Mary Engelbreit)

**Jessica Pipitone Stanek, CNM, CLC**, received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Ithaca College and her Master of Science in Nursing from Yale University in 2006. Before coming to Yale, she was a midwife in a birth center for four years. She is fluent in Spanish, loves to knit, exercise, dance, and sing. She is the busy mother of three small children and loves taking care of women and their families.

**Michelle Telfer, CNM, MSN, MPH**, prior to coming to Yale University, worked in private practice in the Greater New Haven area and in New York City. She also has worked as a visiting nurse in New York City and in maternal and child health in The Gambia, West Africa. She is passionate about global health. She became a midwife so she could partner with women in helping them achieve their best health, pregnancy and birth experiences. Michelle is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley where she received her BA in philosophy, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine where she received her master’s in public health in international health and development, and Columbia University where she received her bachelor’s in nursing and master’s degree in midwifery. When she is not working and teaching midwifery students and OB-GYN residents, she enjoys hiking with her husband and two children.

**Sarah Wheeler, CNM, CLC**
Sarah received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interpersonal & Relational Communications in 2008 from SCSU and a master's degree in Nursing from Yale University in 2011. She is married with four children, and worked as a doula for several years prior to becoming a midwife. She enjoys spending time in the kitchen and outdoors, but most of all with her family.

CNM = Certified Nurse-Midwife IBCLC = International Board Certified Lactation Consultant

MPH = Master of Public Health CLC = Certified Lactation Counselor

**The Doctors**

**Mindy Fishman, MD**

Medical School: Duke University Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital

Areas of Interest: Working with midwives to provide a team approach

**Jessica Illuzzi, MD**

Medical School: Harvard University Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital

Areas of Interest: Physiologic Birth, Nitrous Oxide, Water Immersion in Labor, Prevention of Group B Strep sepsis, and Promotion of Vaginal Delivery

**Ravi Kaza, MD**

Medical School: Medical College of Ohio Residency: University of Wisconsin

Areas of Interest: Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Regan Welsh, MD**

Medical School: University of Colorado Boulder, New York Medical College Residency: Bridgeport Hospital

Areas of Interest: Menopause and Adolescent Gynecology