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ATRIUM HEALTH WOMEN'S CARE VIRTUAL INNER CIRCLE

AN EXCLUSIVE EVENING WITH

Suzanna Fox, MD, Smitha Vilasagar, MD, Jerry Matkins, MD,
Ngina K. Connors, MD
and celebrity panelist, Olivia Culpo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Suzanna Fox , MD

**Enterprise Service Line Leader, Women's Care
Greater Charlotte Region Service Line Leader,
Women's Care
Deputy Chief Physician Executive**

As the Enterprise Service Line Leader for Women's Care, Dr. Fox provides clinical strategy, operations oversight, as well as clinical care delivery leadership across the Women's Care Service Line throughout the Atrium Health footprint. In addition, she partners with the Enterprise and Regional OB/GYN Academic Chair to promote education and research goals to advance our preeminent academic learning healthcare mission.

An advocate for her fellow OB/GYN professionals, she is committed to leading world class care for women. With over 25 years of leadership experience in OB/GYN practice, she helps to set the standard for quality OB/GYN care within the organization and champions the strategic vision for Women's Care– including ambulatory and subspecialties across the Atrium Health Enterprise.

As Deputy Chief Physician Executive, she supports the Enterprise Chief Physician Executive, Scott Rissmiller, MD. In this capacity she partners with the Divisions of Surgery, Primary Care, and Adult Medical specialties to assist with operations oversight and execution. She also serves as the Executive physician sponsor of the Emerging Care Model Division, Global Health Care Services, and Atrium Health's Hospital at Home program.

In addition to these responsibilities, she serves on multiple committees and councils including: Chair of the Physician Compensation Committee, Chair of the Best Place to Care Committee, the Enterprise Strategic Council, and Health Equity and Social Impact Leadership Council.

One of Dr. Fox's recent accomplishments includes the development of the Women's Advancement Fund, which provides funding to care for the underserved and for clinical and academic research.

Dr. Fox is a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia (Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society) and the University of Georgia (Cum Laude/Resident Assistant). She completed her residency in OB/GYN at Carolinas Healthcare System – now Atrium Health – serving as Chief Resident. Her husband of 29 years, Bobby Wicker, is a physician at Charlotte OBGYN and they have three sons who are their pride and joy.

Smitha Vilasagar MD, FACOG



Smitha Vilasagar, MD, FACOG is a minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon who specializes in endometriosis, complex laparoscopic surgery, and chronic pelvic pain. After completing OB/GYN residency, she completed a subspecialty fellowship in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and chronic pelvic pain at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. She has been practicing at Atrium Health in Charlotte, NC since 2016.

She performs laparoscopic surgery for treatment of endometriosis, and her practice primarily focuses on excision of this inflammatory disease. She has remained steadfast about creating a compassionate multidisciplinary model of care for patients suffering from endometriosis at Atrium, as well as the downstream effects of this potentially debilitating condition, like chronic pelvic pain and infertility. She lectures at national and international conferences about various chronic pelvic pain conditions and is passionate about doing this education and teaching others. She has also taken to social media platforms to continue to spread this awareness across a broader audience. Her research focuses on clinical and surgical diagnosis of endometriosis as well as surgical outcomes and surgical simulation.

Jerry Matkins, MD



Dr. Matkins is a general OB/GYN who has been practicing in the area for over 25 years. A graduate of Davidson College and UNC School of Medicine, he completed his residency in OB/GYN at Carolinas Medical Center and has practiced there for the past 18 years. He has served as both the medical director of Eastover OB/GYN (where he still practices) and Chief of OB/GYN at Carolinas Medical Center. He is consistently named to multiple Top Doctor and Best Doctor lists.

He is passionate about delivering the best and most innovative care to patients and implementing novel solutions to gynecologic problems that allow safer interventions and enhanced recovery for women.

He and his wife of 28 years (Preeti, also a physician) have two adult children and one rambunctious boxer dog. In addition to his profession he enjoys reading, cooking and sailing.

Ngina K. Connors

MD, MBA

Interim Chair, Department of OB/GYN
Division Chief, Maternal Fetal Medicine



Dr. Connors received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her medical degree from the Pearlman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her residency in OB/GYN at the Christiana Care Health System where she earned several awards including the most outstanding resident surgeon, most outstanding resident research, and the Donald F. Richardson Prize from Region III of American College of OB/GYN. In addition, Dr. Connors completed her fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at Wake Forest University Baptist Health and later earned an MBA with honors from the Wake Forest University School of Business.

After completing her fellowship, Dr. Connors served as an Assistant Professor at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine where she supervised MFM fellows, OB/GYN residents, and medical students. She later relocated to Texas where she served on faculty for Methodist Health System and successfully expanded consultative services, was instrumental in growing patient volume, and supervised and taught residents. Dr. Connors also worked in private practice for several years in Fort Worth, Texas before returning to North Carolina in 2014 as the Medical Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at Atrium Health - Cabarras where she successfully expanded in and outpatient perinatal services. She subsequently assumed the role of Medical Director for the Cabarras OB hospitalists and helped to further develop Atrium Cabarras as a tertiary care center for maternal transports.

In January 2017, Dr. Connors became Division Chief for Maternal Fetal Medicine at Atrium where she has been successful in integrating and building perinatal services, creating value throughout the system. She has fostered an outstanding MFM physician team through recruiting and retaining great talent devoted to high quality patient care, intra-departmental collaboration, and resident training and research. For the past year she has served as the interim Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has been successful in team building and supporting and advancing clinical, research and teaching endeavors of the faculty. In addition, she serves on the following committees: Atrium Health Women's Health QSOC, co-leader; Atrium Health Women's Service Line Quality and Operations; Atrium Health Women's Health Clinical Optimization Leadership Team; OB/GYN Department Executive Team; Atrium Health Metro QAIC; and Atrium Diversity and Inclusion Committees.

Dr. Connors is committed to resident and medical student education at Atrium and spends time teaching and supervising on Labor and Delivery. She is also involved in didactic resident education and is a resident mentor. She has a special interest in maternal healthcare disparities and is involved in multiple initiatives aimed at reducing disparities.



OLIVIA CULPO

FEATURED PATIENT

Olivia Culpo has created a worldwide platform that stretches across the entertainment, beauty, and fashion spaces, substantiating herself as a fierce entrepreneur and business-minded woman.

Most recently, Olivia and her sisters collaborated with Macy's to launch an exclusive ready-to-wear collection, Culpos X INC. The collection featured three capsule, offering quality fashion at affordable prices. Additionally, she continues to expand her entrepreneurial endeavors, most recently by taking on the role of Creative Director for canned cocktail brand VIDE Beverages.

Olivia currently serves as an Ambassador for EndoFound. Inspired by her own battle with endometriosis, she continues to use her platform to spread awareness about and educate others on the painful condition. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Olivia launched "More Than A Mask," a line of non-medical face masks, which through her work, was able to provide 1.5M meals through Feeding America.