

# SSM Health Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute

The world of fetal medicine is changing, and the team at the SSM Health Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute is leading the charge with the knowledge, experience, and compassion to handle everything from common prenatal conditions that require consistent monitoring to rare fetal diagnoses that could benefit from fetal surgery.

The program is a partnership of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital — St. Louis and Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

It is housed at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon in St. Louis, Missouri. Many fetal interventions and deliveries take place at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital. Cesarean deliveries are also available at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.



## Our Expertise

Since opening in 2009, thousands of families have chosen the Fetal Care Institute for care. Together with the family and the referring physician, the Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute team works with pediatric specialists from SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and maternal-fetal medicine specialists from SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital to make a plan that gives each baby the best chance at life outside the womb. The Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute is a member of the North American Fetal Therapy Network and a founding member of the Fetal Therapy Nurse Network.

## Our Approach

From diagnosis to fetal intervention and fetal surgery, the Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute presents all of the options and provides a support system for complex pregnancies. If traditional treatment will not do, the team explores groundbreaking treatments, research studies and new procedures to provide each family with options for the future. We take the time to educate our families about the treatments available, listen to their concerns and give them the information they need to make the decisions that are best for their babies.

## REFERRAL INFORMATION

A Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute nurse is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to discuss referrals with physicians and potential families by calling 314-268-4037, option 2.

### PHYSICIANS

The team works with referring physicians to provide the best level of care for patients and their families. Referring physicians are an important part of the decision-making process, and in many cases, patients can deliver at their home hospital.

### SELF-REFERRALS

There are situations where patients have questions about their unique pregnancy. The Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute welcomes inquiries from parents and will connect them with the best resources for their situation.



Phone **314-268-4037, option 2**  
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Web **stlouisfetalcare.com**  
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# The Leadership Team

The Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute is comprised of a team of experienced maternal-fetal medicine specialists, fetal care nurse navigators, neonatologists, pediatric specialists, genetic counselors and sonographers.



## **CHRIS BUCHANAN, MD, FACOG**

SLUCare Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist

Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute Medical Director, and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital — St. Louis Maternal Transport Medical Director

Research and clinical interests: fetal intervention and surgery, chorioamnionitis, multiple gestations, anemia in pregnancy



## **ANGELA LEWIS, MD**

SLUCare Neonatologist

Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute Neonatal Liaison

Research and clinical interests: Level II-IV neonatal intensive care, neonatal nutrition, outpatient care in the high-risk nursery clinic



## **RENUKA PETERSON, MD**

SLUCare Pediatric Cardiologist

Fetal Heart Program Medical Director and Pediatric Echocardiography Lab Medical Director

Research and clinical interests: fetal echocardiography, prenatal cardiac management and counseling, echocardiographic predictors of cardiac outcomes



## **JOANNA KEMP, MD**

SLUCare Pediatric Neurosurgeon

Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute Pediatric Neurosurgery Liaison

Research and clinical interests: spinal dysraphism, fetal surgery, congenital brain and spine malformations, neuro-oncology, traumatic brain injury, surgical epilepsy



## **MORGAN BALDWIN MSN, RN, CPNP**

Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute Pediatric Surgery Liaison

Research and clinical interests: Surgical management of the neonate, gastroschisis, intestinal failure



## **KATIE FRANCIS, MSN, APRN**

Cardinal Glennon St. Louis Fetal Care Institute Program Coordinator

Research and clinical interests: fetal care coordination and fetal care nurse administration

## **FETAL CARE NURSE NAVIGATORS**

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