

# HELP CREATE THE NEXT LIFE-CHANGING STORY.

Support the Women's Health Impact Fund at Magee-Womens

The Women's Health Impact Fund at Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation (MWRIF) supports critical research to advance women's health and set new standards in patient care. The fund helps recruit the brightest scientific minds to Pittsburgh, which allows us to build a culture of research innovation that spans women's health issues from 9 months to 90 years and beyond.

An investment in the Women's Health Impact Fund helps us achieve better health care outcomes for women and communities, both locally and globally.

## WE HAVE AMBITIOUS GOALS

Here are just a few examples of our life-saving research goals:

- Reduce maternal and infant mortality in the U.S. and abroad.
- Stop the spread of HIV (the largest killer of girls and women aged 15 to 24).
- Slow and eventually end cancer metastasis by curing breast and ovarian cancer.

In addition to our work on these life-threatening conditions, we also support more than 30 additional labs that cover nearly 300 conditions impacting women's health and reproductive biology.



# THE IMPACT

The impact of Magee-Womens is not just measured by achievements in the clinic and the lab. For Dr. Orwig, that impact can be heard in the story of a mother crediting him for the first ray of hope she had during her son's cancer treatment. For Dr. Simhan, it's in the dozens of babies who got a healthy start in life because their mothers received resources and support from doulas. For countless pregnant and parenting women, it's the ability to prioritize their own health while still giving their infants the care they need in the earliest days of their life.

In addition to the external funding each researcher pursues to support the costs of the work that led to these successes, MWRIF provides financial support throughout the process:

- Lab development funds;
- Gap funding to ensure the work continues uninterrupted;
- Salary support to write grants requesting external funding, manage labs, and submit publications that share research findings; and
- Infrastructure and administrative support, which allows staff to focus on science.

Research is a vital tool. Impact is our goal — we want to continue to change lives today and for generations to come! The ultimate source of financial support for researchers is the generosity of our donors. Your gift today will help us create that impact. **Please help us create the next life-changing, life-saving Magee story.**

For more information, email [info@mageewomens.org](mailto:info@mageewomens.org).

## IMPACT SNAPSHOTS

### *Forging new standards of care for recovery patients* **DR. ELIZABETH KRANS**

Every day, women in need come to UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital to seek treatment and find hope for their future and their babies' health at the Pregnancy Recovery Center (PRC) that Dr. Krans oversees.

At the PRC, the staff embraces a nonjudgmental approach to the women they treat. The PRC incorporates maintenance medication for women in substance use recovery while pregnant. It embraces the belief that the best medicine for a baby born with a dependency is its mother.

### *Working to end disparities in maternal and infant mortality* **DR. HYAGRIV SIMHAN**

Dr. Simhan and his collaborative team of medical professionals and doulas work together to support and care for pregnant women along their journeys.

UPMC-Magee Womens Hospital has utilized a data-driven approach to reducing maternal and infant mortality. By offering a program that utilizes social determinants of health to identify pregnant women who will benefit the most from doula care, Magee-Womens is combatting the elevated infant mortality rate in Pittsburgh and beyond.

### *Expanding fertility options for more people* **DR. KYLE ORWIG**

Dr. Kyle Orwig's goal is to help people achieve the dream of having their own families, even when they thought it was biologically impossible. Whether it's restoring fertility to survivors of childhood cancer or developing technology designed to repair the genetic causes of infertility, Dr. Orwig lives to push the scientific boundaries of his field.

Through his work in the Oncofertility Consortium, Dr. Orwig also galvanizes other leaders in this field to share and support best practices to change conversations about fertility in the face of a cancer diagnosis.



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