

# Cheryl K. Walker, M.D.

**Clinical Interests** Dr. Walker completed a fellowship in Reproductive Infectious Diseases and Immunology following her residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology. Her current research interests bridge epidemiology and basic science principles to study three areas: 1) the impact of the gestational environment on fetal risk for neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism, 2) the effect of gestational age and maternal physiology on extra-fetal hematopoietic and mesenchymal stem cell populations and, 3) costs and risks associated with early births, with the goal of using evidence-based principles to reduce avoidable early deliveries, including those resulting from elective induced labors and cesarean deliveries.

Dr. Walker is an investigator on a number of research projects at the Center for Children's Environmental Health and the M.I.N.D. Institute here at UC Davis. Dr. Walker's clinical interests are in general obstetrics & gynecology, infectious diseases, and family planning, and her practice is with the Department of Health and Human Services through Sacramento County.

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