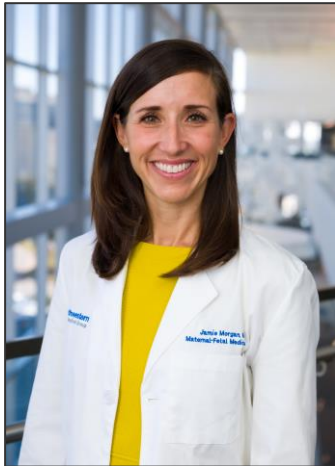


# TexasAIM Plus Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Learning Collaborative Faculty



## Carey Eppes, MD, MPH

Dr. Carey Eppes is the Medical Director for TexasAIM. Dr. Eppes is a Maternal-Fetal Medicine physician at Baylor College of Medicine and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Division Director, and co-director of the Ben Taub High Risk Obstetrics Infectious Disease Clinic. Her clinical and research focus is on infectious diseases during pregnancy, substance use disorder and obstetrical quality, safety and equity. Dr. Eppes also serves as the ACOG district XI patient safety and quality improvement chair, Chair for the Texas Collaborative for Health Moms and Babies and is a member of the Texas Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Committee and Texas Medical Association Committee on Reproduction and Women's health.



## Jamie Morgan, MD

Dr. Jamie Morgan is the Deputy Medical Director for the TexasAIM Severe Hypertension Collaborative. She is an Associate Professor in the [Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) at UT Southwestern Medical Center where she serves as the director of OBGYN Simulation. Dr. Morgan is passionate about providing care for women with complex medical disease or major obstetrical complications during pregnancy. Her academic and research efforts focus on obstetrical quality and safety and maternal disease states in pregnancy. She was recently named a Clinical Champion for the AIM national organization. Dr. Morgan currently serves on the SMFM Patient Safety and Quality Committee as well as the ACOG Simulation Working Group. She has been named as a *Texas Monthly* Super Doctor Rising Star every year since 2019 and is a member of Alpha Omega Honor Society.





**Shad Deering, MD, CHSE, COL (ret) USA**

Dr. Shad Deering is a board-certified Maternal-Fetal Medicine physician with the Baylor College of Medicine and The Childrens Hospital of San Antonio where he serves as the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and the System Medical Director of the CHRISTUS Simulation Institute. Dr. Deering is a national leader in medical simulation training and patient safety, focusing on practical implementation. Dr. Deering helped lead the statewide implementation of in-situ postpartum hemorrhage simulation instructor training with TexasAIM.



**Sue Butts-Dion**

Sue Butts-Dion is an improvement advisor for health care systems. She brings more than 25 years of experience supporting collaborative learning and improvement and has provided collaborative and consulting support around such topics as patient-centered medical homes, maternal and child health (prenatal care, breastmilk feeding, safe sleep), immunizations, healthy weight, ADHD, oral health, diabetes, hypertension, developmental screening, colorectal cancer screening, delirium, and improving the patient experience. Sue is President of Butts-Dion Consulting, Inc.



**Eleni Tsigas**

Eleni Tsigas is the Chief Executive Officer of the Preeclampsia Foundation. She serves on the Executive Council of MoMMA's Voices, on the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Healthcare, and on the Equitable Maternal Health Coalition. She is a Supporting Partner to the AIM Program, technical advisor to the World Health Organization and several global health research programs and is the Principal Investigator for The Preeclampsia Registry. Importantly, she is a two-time survivor of severe preeclampsia having endured the death of a child, NICU and related preterm birth experiences, and her own near-miss experience.



**Lisa Bennett MSN, RN, CNM, NEA-BC**

Lisa Bennett, a devoted nursing leader, is the Childbirth Center Director at Houston Methodist West Hospital in Katy, Texas. Throughout her 12-year nursing career, Ms. Bennett has established multiple programs focused on the improvement of the health and wellbeing of pregnant women. Ms. Bennett holds a Master of Science in Nurse-Midwifery from the University of Cincinnati.



**Rakhi Dimino, MD, MMM, FACOG**

Dr. Rakhi Dimino is passionate about reducing maternal mortality and morbidity by increasing access to superior health care for all women and their unborn babies. As a Medical Director of Operations for OB Hospitalist Group, she coaches OB hospitalist teams to improve outcomes for the women in their community, while she fosters leadership development in team members. Dr. Dimino is a Certified Physician Executive and has a Master of Medical Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University. She is the Chair for the Committee on Reproductive, Women's and Perinatal Health for the Texas Medical Association.



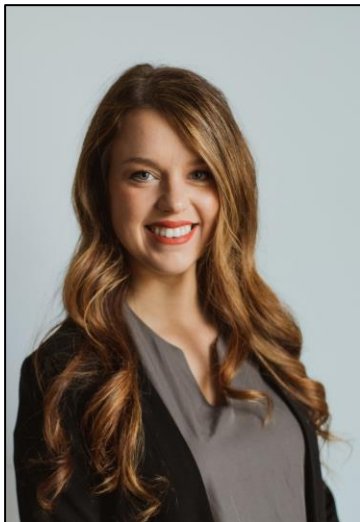
**Kendra Folh, MSN, RNC-OB, C-ONQS, CPHQ, CLSSBB**

Kendra Folh is a Registered Nurse with over 20 years of experience in critical care obstetrics, labor and delivery, and health care quality and innovation. She is the Program Director for the Women's and Children's Service Line for the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, Texas. She has worked on international, national, and state collaboratives, such as the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's International Perinatal Community, the Children's Hospital Association, AWHONN, and Texas AIM Collaborative. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Data Committee for the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Moms and Babies.



**Mindy Foster, MSN, RN**

Mindy Foster holds a BSN and MSN from The University of Texas. Most of her 24-year nursing career has been in Women's Services where she held several facility-level roles. Mindy's current role is System Vice President of the Women and Infants Clinical Institute for CommonSpirit Health, where she works to achieve the overarching goals of the Clinical Institute: reduce maternal/newborn mortality and morbidity, eliminate disparities in perinatal care across the system, create advanced technological monitoring systems for verification of care delivery and system-wide adoption, create and implement guidelines to reduce variation in care, and contribute to evidence-based practices through research and publication.



**CheyAnne Harris, MSN, RN, RNC-OB, C-ONQS**

CheyAnne Harris is experienced as a staff nurse in L&D, perinatal educator with emphasis on facilitating simulation, and perinatal program manager. In her current role as Certification Manager at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mount Pleasant, Texas, she manages perinatal as well as additional service lines' quality and development targeting quality assurance and process improvement in the rural healthcare setting. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, as well as her Master of Science in Nursing Education from the University of Texas at Tyler. Mrs. Harris is an AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety Instructor and a Level of Maternal Care Designation surveyor with the ACOG.



**James Hill, MD, COL (ret) USA**

Dr. James Hill is a member of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in San Antonio, Texas, where he serves as the Medical Director of Labor and Delivery at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital at Westover Hills. After 10 years as a Field Artillery officer in the US Army, Dr. Hill earned a Master of Operations Research Engineering degree from Stanford University. He then earned his doctorate in medicine from University of Florida. In 2010, Dr. Hill retired as a Colonel from the US Army with over 29 years of service.



**Jennifer Huber, MSN, RN, RNC-OB**

Jennifer Huber is an obstetrics nurse with over 12 years of experience in high-risk obstetrics, labor and delivery, and nursing education and leadership. She is the Nurse Manager of Women’s Services at Covenant Health in Plainview, Texas. Jennifer previously held roles as Nursing Instructor for Covenant School of Nursing and Nurse Manager and Professional Development Specialist of Labor and Delivery and OB Emergency Department at Covenant Children’s Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.



**Lashauntee L. Jones, MSN, RN, RNC-OB, C-ONQS**

Lashauntee L. Jones has been a Registered Nurse for 13 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas at Austin. Mrs. Jones joined Texas Children’s Austin Perinatal Associates in June 2022 as an MFM Clinical Nurse Coordinator. She is passionate about maternal nursing, health equity, quality, and patient safety. She has served as a Clinical Nurse Instructor, Quality and Patient Safety Coordinator, and TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer.



**Paula Smith, DO**

Dr. Paula Smith joined Baylor Scott & White Health in Waco, Texas, in October 2015 and serves as the Maternal Medical Director at BSW-Hillcrest Hospital. She received her medical degree from Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine graduating Summa Cum Laude. Dr. Smith completed her fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York in 2014, and was an assistant professor at the University of Rochester until 2015.



**Latricia M. Thompson, MD**

Dr. Latricia M. Thompson is the Maternal Medical Director at Houston Methodist Hospital. Dr. Thompson is a compassionate physician with more than 10 years of experience as an Obstetrician and Gynecologist. Within the Houston Methodist Hospital System, she has functioned as the OB-GYN chair, Epic physician builder/champion, Women’s Health Council physician representative and Maternal Medical Director. She has worked diligently with a diverse team of medical and administrative professionals to improve patient care, promote new business development, and enhance patient relations.



**Brook Thomson, MD**

Dr. Brook Thomson is an Associate Professor and Associate Medical Director for Inpatient Obstetrics and Deputy Director of Obstetric Simulation and Outreach for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). He is passionate about patient safety and team dynamics and was one of the original pioneers of TeamSTEPS. He is on the Board of Directors for the Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists and has served as the Simulation and ACM Co-Chair for this organization. He was faculty for the statewide implementation of in-situ postpartum hemorrhage simulation instructor training with TexasAIM.



**Heather Walker, MSN, RN, RNC-IAP, C-ONQS, C-EFM, RNC-OB, RNC-MNN**

Heather Walker has 26 years of experience as a staff nurse in mother/baby, high-risk antepartum, and labor and delivery. She also has a background in case management, leadership, and quality improvement. Heather currently serves as perinatal educator with Memorial Hermann Cypress and collaborates with system perinatal educators to develop best practices across the Memorial Hermann Health System. Heather's passion lies in quality improvement, evidence-based practice, simulation, empowering teams, and promoting lifelong learning. She is the North Houston chapter leader for AWHONN, the vice president of the Houston Area Collaborative Perinatal Program, and an instructor/trainer in perinatal bereavement. As a current student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at the University of Texas at Austin, Heather focuses on the collaboration between area birth centers and midwives and her facility to improve communication, decrease delays in transfer, and improve maternal and neonatal outcomes.