

## September 2020 – Women in Medicine, Week 2

September is Women in Medicine Month and we will feature some of the exemplary women providers and clinicians a part of our organization. Today, we spotlight Dr. Lee Christianson and Dr. Cheruba Prabakar of OB/GYN Partners for Health, Oakland; and Dr. Marcela Millan of Menlo Medical Clinic and Dr. Talia Gracer of AIM Emeryville.

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### Dr. Lee Christianson

*Thoughtful, Kind, Bright*

Dr. Christianson's colleagues say, "Dr. Christianson practices evidence based medicine - I can always count on her to know the latest updates in GYN."

"Dr. Christianson is an excellent surgeon and is always a pleasure to work with in the OR."

"She is always smiling and patient with my questions, even at the end of a bruising day."

Dr. Christianson was nominated by Dr. Isabelle Cohen who said, "Whenever one of my patients has an appointment with Dr Christianson, they invariably tell me how much they enjoyed meeting her and how helpful she was to them. Even on the busiest clinic days, Dr Christianson is always fully present and attentive to each individual patient. I cannot thank her enough for being so thorough. Dr Christianson's unwavering compassion and patience inspire me to provide excellent care to patients every day. Her gentle ways of providing suggestions in the operating room help to make me a better surgeon."

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### Dr. Cheruba Prabakar

*Caring, Intelligent, Hard-Working*

Dr. Prabakar's colleagues said, "Dr Prabakar is a model physician and leader - I am so grateful to work with her."

Dr. Prabakar was nominated by Dr. Isabelle Cohen who said, "Dr Prabakar helps to hold our whole office together, particularly during times of immense challenges and major changes. She cares deeply

about each member of the office, from the staff to the providers - it is evident that she knows how each unique individual contributes to our group. During group meetings, she always takes a moment to recognize someone's hard work, ideas, and contributions. She is sensitive to the different needs of each person in the group, and helps keep us a happy cohesive bunch. Dr Prabakar is a role model as a physician, surgeon, leader, and working mother! I learn from her every day and am thankful for the kindhearted ways in which she imparts her knowledge. She gives feedback in a way that makes you feel like she cares about your wellbeing, never overly critical, and never making any assumptions. This makes her an outstanding lead physician."

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## Dr. Marcela Millan

Loving, Caring, Brilliant

Dr. Millan's colleagues said, "Dr. Millan is down to earth, she is energetic and keeps calm under stress. She always makes sure to say 'Hi'."

"Dr. Millan makes it a priority to make sure that her MA is having a good day and not feeling overwhelmed!"

"Dr. Millan is a joy to work with, she makes work fun and she is super approachable and understanding!"

Dr. Millan was nominated by Rosaura Soliz-Jaramillo. She said, "Dr. Millan has inspired me with her willingness, hard work, and determination. I see how hard she works in and out of the office. She is committed to serve our community and to help the staff grow in our department. She always takes the time to listen to any concerns and is willing to help. I love that we have a mutual trust with her. What I've learned from Dr. Millan is that hard work pays off; do what you love; and to never give up. I see how she holds and looks at the newborns, how she plays and talks with the toddlers, how she understands the teenagers and how she communicates with the parents. She is a whole-rounded person, a great doctor and great human being. We are beyond blessed to have her in our lives."

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## Dr. Talia Gracer

Hardworking, Diligent, Intelligent

Dr. Gracer's colleague said, "She's awesome!"

Dr. Gracer was nominated by Leah Sanchez, who said, "Dr. Gracer has been an amazing resource, colleague, and friend to me since I've been with UHA. She is amazingly hardworking and effective and has helped to

streamline processes in our clinic. She is insightful, incisive, and generous with her time and knowledge. She has been completely supportive of me and others in our practice. Dr. Gracer has modeled an amazing work ethic, but also has encouraged myself and others advocate for ourselves and work toward improved processes in the workplace. She is a natural leader and a passionate supporter of equity in the workplace and women in positions of leadership. We are lucky to have her as a colleague.”