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Bio

BIO

Abha Khandelwal is an imaging cardiologist who has clinical experience in cardio-obstetrics, structural disease and prevention of cardiovascular disease in high risk populations. She has a Master's in Management of Information Systems and has integrated technology to improve operations within the cardiovascular ambulatory clinics. She serves as the Ambulatory Clinic Chief for Cardiovascular Medicine and the General Cardiology Section Lead. Her research spans clinical trials in preventative cardiology, imaging, cardio-obstetrics and women's heart health. She is the cardiac director of the maternal heart program in collaboration with Maternal Fetal Medicine and Anesthesia. She has participated in a broad range of phase II- phase III clinical trials targeting treatment of elevated lipoprotein a for secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease, diabetes control in cardiovascular disease and dyslipidemia in high risk populations. She has worked within the Stanford South Asian Translational Heart Initiative (SSATHI) program looking at technology utilization to improve adherence to care plans in the south Asian population. She is the course director for the first annual CME for transforming cardiac rehab in the fall at Stanford. She has utilized digital health initiatives to improve cardiometabolic profile of women with history of gestational diabetes and hypertension post-partum. She is an active member in the AHA go red scientific advisory committee and helped with virtual enrollment for their initiatives. As Ambulatory Clinic Chief, she has worked at operationalizing mobile technology within the clinics and used remote patient monitoring to improve patient outcomes. Her vision is to integrate technology to improve health care delivery, health in high-risk populations, and reduce health disparities.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Cardiovascular disease in Pregnancy
- women's heart health
- Valvular Heart Disease
- Cardiomyopathy
- pericardial disease
- Stanford South Asian Translational Heart Initiative

- Cardiovascular Disease
- preventative cardiology
- lipoprotein a

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Medicine - Cardiovascular Medicine
- Member, Cardiovascular Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Cardiac Director Maternal Health Program, Stanford Health Care, (2020- present)
- Wellness Director- Cardiovascular Medicine, Stanford University, (2021- present)
- Quality director- Cardiovascular Medicine, Stanford University, (2021- present)
- Section Chief Non-invasive Cardiology, Stanford Health care, (2017- present)
- Ambulatory Clinic Chief Cardiovascular Medicine, Stanford Health Care, (2017- present)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Task Force Member, CMQCC-Cardiovascular Disease in Pregnancy (2013 - present)
- Reviewer, American Journal of Cardiology (2009 - present)
- Mentor, Association for Women in Science (2013 - present)
- Volunteer, American Heart Association (2009 - present)
- Fellow, American College of Cardiology (2009 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (2023)
- Board Certification: Adult Echocardiography, National Board of Echocardiography (2022)
- Residency: Rush University Medical Center (2008) IL
- Internship: Rush University Medical Center (2006) IL
- Medical Education: The Ohio University College of Medicine on Public Health (2005) OH
- Fellowship: Rush University Medical Center (2001) IL
- Board Certification, Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology , Nuclear Cardiology (2011)
- BA, Case Western Reserve University (2000)
- MS, Case Western Reserve University , MIS (2001)
- MD, The Ohio State University College of Medicine (2005)

LINKS

- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Cardiovascular disease in Pregnancy

Valvular Heart Disease

Cardiomyopathy

Pericardial disease

Heart Disease in South Asians

Women's Cardiovascular Disease

CLINICAL TRIALS

- A Multicenter Trial Assessing the Impact of Lipoprotein(a) Lowering With Pelacarsen (TQJ230) on the Progression of Calcific Aortic Valve Stenosis, Recruiting
- A 12 Month Site Randomized Trial in Adults With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and History of Cardiovascular Disease, Not Recruiting
- Early MRI Detection of Myocardial Deterioration as a Preventive, Disease Staging, and Prognostic Biomarker in Insulin Resistance, Not Recruiting
- Assessing the Impact of Lipoprotein (a) Lowering With Pelacarsen (TQJ230) on Major Cardiovascular Events in Patients With CVD, Not Specified

Teaching

STANFORD ADVISEES

Med Scholar Project Advisor

Anushka Jetly

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Cardiovascular Medicine (Fellowship Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Clinician Experiences at the Frontier of Pharmacogenomics and Future Directions.** *Journal of personalized medicine*
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- **Reproductive Experiences and Cardiovascular Disease Care in Pregnancy-Capable and Postmenopausal Individuals: Insights from the American Heart Association Research Goes Red Registry.** *Current problems in cardiology*
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- **Coordinated Care to Optimize Cardiovascular Preventive Therapies in Type 2 Diabetes A Randomized Clinical Trial** *JAMA-JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*
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- **Addressing postpartum contraception practices utilizing a multidisciplinary Pregnancy Heart Team approach.** *AJOG global reports*
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- **Lipoprotein(a) and Incident Atrial Fibrillation: Leveraging Nature's Randomization to Identify Novel Causal Associations.** *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*
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- **ETHNICITY, INCOME, OR INSURER: OUTCOMES IN PERIPARTUM CARDIOMYOPATHY**
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- **Association of Neighborhood Income with Clinical Outcomes Among Pregnant Patients with Cardiac Disease** *Reproductive Sciences*
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- **Clinical factors associated with a positive postpartum depression screen in people with cardiac disease during pregnancy.** *Current research in psychiatry*
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- **Managing Ischemic Heart Disease in Women: Role of a Women's Heart Center.** *Current atherosclerosis reports*
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- **Development and validation of a risk prediction index for severe maternal morbidity based on preconception comorbidities among infertile patients.** *Fertility and sterility*
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- **Long Term Patient Follow-Up of Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy: Multidisciplinary Teams Tether At-Risk Patients to the System.**
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