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Brief Bio

Dr. Donna Harrison is a physician, board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology. She is currently serving as Director of Research for the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the largest non-sectarian pro-life physician organization in the world, with over 7000 members across the United States, and associate members worldwide. Under her leadership as past CEO, AAPLOG doubled membership, launched the annual Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference, developed an up-to-date website and social media presence, and launched systematic outreaches to the medical, legal and policy communities to discuss the effects of abortion on women. Dr. Harrison also serves as Chair of the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine.

Dr. Harrison's research interests include Selective Progesterone Receptor Modulators, Endometrial Contraception, Maternal mortality, and Abortion Mortality and Morbidity. She has authored peer reviewed papers on the approval of RU-486 and on Ulipristal (Ella) as well as on the embryocidal potential of hormonal contraception. Dr. Harrison is a Continuing Medical Education Speaker in the United States and internationally on topics of Medical Abortion with Mifepristone and Misoprostol, Adverse Events associated with Mifepristone and Misoprostol, Emergency Contraception with Ulipristal, Maternal Mortality, and Abortion Morbidity.

She served for 10 years as an Adjunct Professor at Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL, teaching post graduate seminars at the annual Center for Bio Ethics and Human Dignity summer workshops. She is Associate Editor of the peer reviewed medical journal "Issues in Law and Medicine".

Dr. Harrison is married to Dr. Mark Harrison M.D, and is the mother of 5 children and 14 grandchildren.

Donna J. Harrison M.D. Curriculum Vitae

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

- 1993-2023. Diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) Retired 2023
- 1986-current. State of Michigan Board of Physician Licensing Unrestricted Medical License
- 1997-1999. American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) (voluntary non-renewal)

EDUCATION

Medical Education:

- 1986-1990 Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti, MI (affiliate of University of Michigan)
- 1982-1986 University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI (top 10% of graduating class)
- 1984 (summer) University of Arizona School of Medicine Tucson, AZ International Health Intensive

Undergraduate Education:

- 1978-1982 Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI. Honors Biochemistry B.S. + Chemistry B.A.
- 1978 University of Iowa Summer Science Intensive Rocky Mountain and Boundary Waters
- 1977 Michigan State University Summer Science Research Program Soil Science Division

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – current. Chair of the Board of the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine.
- 2000 – current. American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists
 - 2023-current Director of Research
 - 2021-2023 Chief Executive Officer
 - 2013-2021 Executive Director
 - 2011-2013 Director of Research and Public Policy
 - 2008-2011 President
 - 2006-2008 President-Elect
 - 2000-2006 Chair, Subcommittee on Mifepristone (RU-486)
- 2014– 2025. Trinity International University, Adjunct Professor of Bioethics.
- 1993 – 2000 Lakeland Regional Health System
 - 1996-1999 Chair Quality Improvement Committee
 - 1995-1998 Chair Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology Berrien Center location
 - 1993-2000 Obstetrician Gynecologist Private Practice Southwestern Medical
- 1991-1993 University of Michigan Medical Center 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. Ann Arbor MI 48109
 - 1991-1993 Clinical Associate Professor Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - 1991-1993 ObGyn Private Practice Leland Fleming Dindoffer and Associates

INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC MEDICAL SERVICE

Visiting Lecturer Mt. Hope Nursing Schools (Bamenda and Buea Cameroon) 2014, 2017

Consultant physician, Tet Kole Nan Kris Clinic, Montrois, Haiti. 1989-1994 Trained community health workers and ran indigenous medical clinic.

Volunteer Physician, Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti, MI. 1986-1990 Provided medical care at free clinic for low income patients.

Visiting Physician, Tiruvalla Medical Mission, Kerala, India. July-Aug, 1988 provided medical and surgical care. July 1988.

Volunteer Medical Student, Hospital le Bon Samaritan, Limbe, Haiti. June-Aug, 1986 provided medical care at one of the largest hospitals in Northern Haiti.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine

Christian Medical & Dental Associations

Member of the Commission on Human Trafficking 2022-2023

ACADEMIC HONORS

American Business Women's Scholarship recipient 1978

National Merit Scholar 1978-82

Harry S. Truman Public Policy Scholar 1980-1984

Rhodes Scholarship Competition Semi-Finalist for Ohio 1981

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

[Determining the Period Prevalence and Acuity of Emergency Department Visits Following Induced Abortion Mistakenly Identified as Spontaneous Abortion: An Analytic Observational Prospective Cohort Study](#)

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[Comparative Acuity of Emergency Department Visits Following Pregnancy Outcomes Among Medicaid Eligible Women, 2004-2015](#)

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Cirucci, David C. Reardon, Christopher Craver. Int J Epidemiol Public Health Res. 2024;5(2). doi:10.61148/2836-2810/IJEPHR/075

[A Cohort Study of Mental Health Services Utilization Following a First Pregnancy Abortion or Birth](#)

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[The Enduring Association of a First Pregnancy Abortion with Subsequent Pregnancy Outcomes: A Longitudinal Cohort Study](#)

James Studnicki, Tessa Longbons, David C. Reardon, John W. Fisher, Donna J. Harrison, Ingrid Skop, Christina

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Health Serv Res Manag Epidemiol. 2022 Jan-Dec; 9: 23333928221130942. Published online 2022 Oct 11. doi: 10.1177/23333928221130942 PMID: PMC9554127 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-969KCite](#)

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Health Serv Res Manag Epidemiol. 2021 Jan-Dec; 8: 23333928211053965. Published online 2021 Nov 9. doi: 10.1177/23333928211053965 PMID: PMC8581786 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-1.8MCite](#)

[Estimating the Period Prevalence of Mothers Who Have Abortions: A Population Based Study of Inclusive Pregnancy Outcomes](#)

James Studnicki, John W. Fisher, Tessa Longbons, David C. Reardon, Donna J. Harrison, Christopher Craver, Maka Tsulukidze, Ingrid Skop

Health Serv Res Manag Epidemiol. 2021 Jan-Dec; 8: 23333928211034993. Published online 2021 Jul 23. doi: 10.1177/23333928211034993 PMID: PMC8312161 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-248KCite](#)

[Estimating the Period Prevalence of Publicly Funded Abortion to Space Live Births, 1999 to 2014](#)

James Studnicki, John W. Fisher, Tessa Longbons, David C. Reardon, Christopher Craver, Donna J. Harrison J Prim Care Community Health. 2021 Jan-Dec; 12: 21501327211012182. Published online 2021 May

6. doi: 10.1177/21501327211012182 PMID: PMC8114245 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-394KCite](#)

[Mifepristone and Misoprostol for Undesired Pregnancy of Unknown Location](#)

Christina Cirucci, Donna Harrison, Christina Francis. Obstet Gynecol. 2022;140(3):519. doi:10.1097/AOG.0000000000004906

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15. doi: 10.1177/2333392819841211 PMID: PMC6466461 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-443KCite](#)

[Mifepristone Adverse Events Identified by Planned Parenthood in 2009 and 2010 Compared to Those in the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System and Those Obtained Through the Freedom of Information Act](#)

Christina A. Cirucci, Kathi A. Aultman, Donna J. Harrison

Health Serv Res Manag Epidemiol. 2021 Jan-Dec; 8: 23333928211068919. Published online 2021 Dec 21. doi: 10.1177/23333928211068919 PMID: PMC8724996 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-670KCite](#)

[Deaths and Severe Adverse Events after the use of Mifepristone as an Abortifacient from September 2000 to February 2019.](#)

Aultman K, Cirucci CA, Harrison DJ, Beran BD, Lockwood MD, Seiler S. Issues Law Med. 2021 Spring;36(1):3-26.PMID: 33939340

[Pregnancy Outcome Patterns of Medicaid-Eligible Women, 1999-2014: A National Prospective Longitudinal Study](#)

James Studnicki, John W. Fisher, David C. Reardon, Christopher Craver, Tessa Longbons, Donna J. Harrison Health Serv Res Manag Epidemiol. 2020 Jan-Dec; 7: 2333392820941348. Published online 2020 Jul

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[Improving the Metrics and Data Reporting for Maternal Mortality: A Challenge to Public Health Surveillance and Effective Prevention](#)

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[Systematic Review of Postfertilization Effects and Potential for Embryo Formation and Loss during the Use of Intrauterine Devices](#)

Cara Buskmiller, Donna Harrison, Lester A. Ruppertsberger, Patrick P. Yeung, Jr.

Linacre Q. 2020 Feb; 87(1): 60–77. Published online 2019 Jun 27. doi: 10.1177/0024363919854289 PMID: PMC7016440 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-615KCite](#)

[Joint Medical Statement on S.311 Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protect Act SUPPORT.](#)

Donna J. Harrison, Michelle Cretella, John Schirger, Carolyn Laabs. *Issues Law Med.* 2019;34(1):95.

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doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2018.2602

[Systematic Review of Ovarian Activity and Potential for Embryo Formation and Loss during the Use of Hormonal Contraception](#)

Donna Harrison, Cara Buskmiller, Monique Chireau, Lester A. Ruppertsberger, Patrick P. Yeung, Jr. Linacre Q. 2018 Nov; 85(4): 453–469. Published online 2019 Jan

3. doi: 10.1177/0024363918815611 PMID: PMC6322118 [ArticlePubReaderPDF-413KCite](#)

[Treatment of an Ectopic Pregnancy: An Ethical Reanalysis](#)

Maureen L. Condic, Donna Harrison

Linacre Q. 2018 Aug; 85(3): 241–251. Published online 2018 Jun 18. doi: 10.1177/0024363918782417

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Wechter D, Harrison D, Adams R Sr, et al. Issues Law Med. 2014;29(1):147-164

[No Prenatal Diagnosis = Saved Lives](#)

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Linacre Q. 2012 Feb; 79(1): 7–8. Published online 2012 Feb 1. doi: 10.1179/002436312803571492

PMCID: PMC6027087 [ArticlePubReaderPDF–26KCite](#)

[Introduction to the International Working Group for Global Women's Health Research 2010 Symposium Proceedings](#)

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21.PMID: 21177418

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Gary MM, Harrison DJ. Ann Pharmacother. 2006 Feb;40(2):191-7. Published online 2006 February. doi: 10.1345/aph.1G481. PMID: 16380436

[Challenges to the FDA approval of mifepristone.](#)

Calhoun BC, Harrison DJ. Ann Pharmacother. 2004 Jan;38(1):163-8. doi: 10.1345/aph.1D448.PMID: 14742814