



Nancy Milliken, M.D.

Training: Her interest in Medicine began in her senior year as a history major at Harvard when she became involved in the women's health movement in Cambridge. Upon graduation, she pursued this new interest by taking pre-med courses at Stanford which prepared her for medical school at Duke University. A residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology followed at Pennsylvania Hospital after which she was selected to be a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar at UCSF. Dr. Milliken used this fellowship to study the compelling ethical issues in Reproductive Medicine, e.g., exploring the rights and responsibilities of the participants in assisted reproductive technologies, and arguing against the concept of maternal fetal conflict and the use of force in the treatment of pregnant women.

Department and Position: Vice Dean of the School of Medicine, Director of the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and Professor of Clinical Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences.

Career Profile: Dr. Milliken joined the faculty of UCSF in 1987 as a clinician-educator in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. While continuing to teach and lecture locally and nationally on medical ethics, she assumed an active administrative role in the delivery of clinical care within the department and was named Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in 1995. In the nineties, Dr Milliken's interests and efforts broadened to encompass the need for women focused health care across the lifespan and in 1996, she led the team which successfully competed for an award from the Office on Women's Health in the federal Department of Health and Human Services designating UCSF as one of the first nationally designated centers of excellence in women's health. As PI and Director, Dr Milliken has led the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health in developing a model for advancing women's health within a premier academic institution. The core components of this model, which has been implemented across the network of national centers, include research in women's health, clinical care delivery, curriculum design for professional training, leadership development, and community engagement. In 2002, Dr. Milliken received the UCSF Chancellor's Award for the Advancement of Women in recognition of her leadership in advancing women's health. Since 2004, Dr. Milliken has served as Vice Dean of the School of Medicine assisting the Dean in multiple strategic initiatives, recruitments and community engagements.

Personal Profile: Dr. Milliken is married and lives in San Francisco with her two sons ages 15 and 18. She attributes her professional satisfaction and success to the intellectual stimulation and personal support she has received from colleagues at UCSF.

