

### USC Women's Cardiovascular Center



The Women's Cardiovascular Center at the Cardiovascular Thoracic Institute at USC is devoted to assuring that the unique needs of women are recognized and met in the prevention, detection and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The mission of the all-women, multidisciplinary team of health care professionals is to provide open, expert and personalized comprehensive cardiovascular education and care to women of all ages.

The center is comprised of female physicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses who render preventive cardiology, comprehensive diagnostic evaluations and treatment for established cardiac disease problems. We aim to fully center care around the female patient with the goal of preventing heart disease.

A patient's initial visit will include an extensive review of her medical history, a thorough physical exam and a screening for cardiovascular disease risk factors. We strive to improve the quality of the health care experience for women while offering therapies proven to extend the lives of women with or without heart disease. Each patient receives one hour of dedicated time toward counseling and education with the physician to discuss her cardiovascular disease risk and treatment.



### Women's Cardiovascular Center Team



**Leslie A. Saxon, MD**

Chief of the division of cardiovascular medicine,  
Professor of medicine - clinical scholar  
Specialties: cardiac electrophysiology, networked devices, heart failure and preventive cardiology



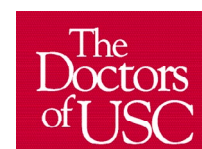
**Vivian Y. Mo, MD**

Director of the USC Women's Cardiovascular Center,  
Assistant professor of clinical medicine  
Specialties: cardiovascular disease, echocardiography and preventive cardiology

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To schedule an appointment call Grace Kang at (323) 442-6278 or email [wvcv@cvti.usc.edu](mailto:wvcv@cvti.usc.edu). For more information, please visit [www.usccardiology.org/womenscardiovascularctr.html](http://www.usccardiology.org/womenscardiovascularctr.html).





**Helga Van Herle, MD**

Associate professor of clinical medicine

Specialties: cardiovascular disease, echocardiography and preventive cardiology



**Tracy Lawrence, MD**

Assistant professor of clinical medicine

Specialties: cardiovascular medicine, echocardiography and internal medicine



**Tasneem Naqvi, MD**

Director of echocardiography, professor of clinical medicine

Specialties: cardiovascular disease, pacemaker optimization, echocardiography resynchronization therapy, interventional echo for percutaneous valve therapy, vascular ultrasound, 3-D ultrasound and advanced ultrasound imaging



**Grace Kang, RN, MSN, FNP**

Nurse practitioner for the Cardiovascular Thoracic Institute at USC

Specialty: non-invasive cardiac diagnostic testing

## Services

- Laboratory testing
- Electrocardiography (EKG)
- Nuclear stress testing
- Cardiac catheterization
- Vascular ultrasound
- Cardiac CT and MRI
- Echocardiography
- Detection of subclinical atherosclerosis
- Non-invasive endothelial function testing
- Assessment of arterial stiffness
- Coronary artery calcium scoring (CAC)
- Carotid intima-media thickness (CIMT)
- Ankle-brachial index (ABI)

## Specialties

- Coronary artery disease
- Heart failure
- Arrhythmias
- Valvular diseases
- Vascular diseases
- Cardiomyopathies
- Congenital heart disease
- Preventive cardiology

## Our USC Locations

**USC University Hospital**

1500 San Pablo St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
888-700-5700

**USC Norris Cancer Hospital**

1441 Eastlake Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
800-700-3956

**The Doctors of USC**

Healthcare Consultation Centers  
1510 and 1520 San Pablo Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
1-800-USC-CARE

**The Doctors of USC**

**Satellite Locations**  
Downtown – Bank of America Plaza  
Los Angeles: (213) 437-1000  
La Canada: (Internal Medicine)  
Beverly Hills: (opening soon)  
Westside Center for Diabetes  
(310) 657-3030

**Doheny Eye Institute**

1450 San Pablo St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
(323) 442-6335

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