

HUNTINGTON MEDICAL FOUNDATION



Kirsten Gardner, M.D.

SPECIALTY

Board certified in Pediatrics

JOINED HMF

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Internship & Residency

Children's National Medical Center
Washington, D.C.

Pediatric Chief Resident 2000-2001

M.D., School of Medicine
Stanford University

B.A., Economics
University of California, Berkeley

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Before joining HMF, Dr. Gardner was a staff pediatrician for an HMO in Baldwin Park, California.

Prior to that she was a staff pediatrician, then the lead physician in pediatrics, for a network of health centers in Columbia, South Carolina.

Dr. Gardner has served as an assistant clinical professor in pediatrics at the University of South Carolina.

She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Dr. Gardner laughs when people ask if she's from the South. The Berkeley native figures she picked up a slight accent during her years working in South Carolina. (Living in Norway and France as a student had no effect on her speech, however!)

Her father is a farmer, so Dr. Gardner learned to love the outdoors and appreciate hard work at a young age. Her first job was teaching horseback riding, a favorite sport of several of her young patients.

She's the first doctor in her family and says she was drawn to pediatrics because children have such positive energy. "If you're a pediatrician, your patients will make you smile and laugh everyday."

Dr. Gardner and her husband live in South Pasadena with their two—soon to be three—children, two dogs, and a cat. She takes home ownership very seriously.

"I served as the general contractor for a floor-to-ceiling remodel of our house," she says of the five-month undertaking. "and survived!"

The family's cozy house is surrounded by Dr. Gardner's hands-on gardening efforts. "I have an English garden with roses and a seasonal vegetable garden."

Getting her kids to eat those vegetables is an ongoing project.