



Diana L. Farmer, M.D.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Farmer, an internationally renowned fetal and neonatal surgeon, is chair of the Department of Surgery. She is known for her skilled surgical treatment of congenital anomalies and for her expertise in cancer, airway and intestinal surgeries in newborns.

In 2010, Farmer was inducted as a fellow into the Royal College of Surgeons of England, becoming only the second woman surgeon from the United States to receive this prestigious honor. In 2011, she was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, one of the highest honors in medicine.

Farmer is included in the 2010 edition of Who's Who Among American Women and has appeared on national television to discuss surgical innovations.

Research/Academic Interests

Farmer is principal investigator of several National Institutes of Health clinical trials on the effectiveness and safety of spina bifida treatments before birth, and she is researching a novel stem cell therapy for repairing damaged neural tissue in spina bifida patients.

Farmer consistently has been recognized for her teaching and service by UC San Francisco, including the 2008 Family House Volunteer of the Year Award, 2009 Golden-Headed Cane Award (the highest faculty teaching award), 2001 and 2002 Outstanding Women Faculty Chancellor's Recognition Award, 2002 and 2008 Department of Surgery Excellence in Teaching Award and 2011 Holly Smith Award for Exceptional Service.

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Professional Memberships American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Surgery
American College of Surgeons
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Association of Women Surgeons
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Honors and Awards Holly Smith Award for Exceptional Service (UC San Francisco), 2011
Best Doctors in America, 2011
Who's Who of American Women, 2010
Golden-Headed Cane Award (UC San Francisco), 2009
Family House Volunteer of the Year Award (UC San Francisco), 2008

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