

## Meet Nicole E. Williams, M.D., FACOG



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With the philosophy of marrying both Eastern and Western medicine, Dr. Nicole Williams opened The Gynecology Institute of Chicago in July 2013. Unlike other practices, The Gynecology Institute of Chicago believes in a team approach for women's health recovery and will include both acupuncture, massage, and physical therapy. Her world travel experiences and core belief in "giving back" has not only shaped her medical practice, but her entire life. Growing up in East St. Louis, Dr. Nicole Williams always knew she was destined to make an impact in the world, especially helping women. At a young age, she studied in Russia and noticed there was a bigger world out there besides the crime that plagued her hometown. She was influenced as a high school student to become a citizen of the world and help others. She is now bilingual, speaking conversational French and learning German. According to Dr. Williams, *"the need to give back is not a choice for me."*

As a college student, she earned a BS in Biochemistry and BA in English Literature from University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. With the mission to help others, she decided to focus on medicine and further her education at Loyola University of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. In 2000, she traveled to Haiti as a medical volunteer where she was overwhelmed with the need for women's health care in third world countries. From that point forward, Dr. Williams made a promise to travel internationally at least once a year to help women in dire need. After medical school, she interned at Wayne State University in Detroit and traveled back to Chicago to complete her residency at St. Joseph Hospital of Chicago. In 2012, she trained in fellowship at The Women's Health Institute of Illinois in Minimally Invasive Gynecology and Urogynecology.

Dr. Nicole Williams has an extensive research background for women's health. She was a National Institutes of Health research grant recipient in plasmid DNA research during medical school and also presented research on Intravenous Leiomyomatosis. During her training, Dr. Williams earned a certificate in Female Sexual Dysfunction from world renowned sexual

Psychologist Dr. Domeena Renshaw at Loyola University. Dr. Williams also served as a representative at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) conference where she presented research on patient safety. In 2016, she presented fibroid research at the national American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) conference to a packed house.

Active in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), she has served as the Junior Fellow Illinois Section Chairperson and was appointed to a national position on the International Affairs Committee. Dedicated to the welfare of women, Dr. Williams has traveled to the Dominican Republic twice, as well as Haiti, Cambodia, the Philippines, Rwanda, and Ghana to perform necessary gynecologic surgery.

For three years, Dr. Williams held a position as teaching faculty at Mercy Hospital and Clinical Instructor with the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. She served as chairman of the DaVinci Minimally Invasive Surgery Committee, developing the Robotic Gynecologic Surgery Program at Mercy Hospital. She also served as a proctor who trained other physicians in proper and safe use of the DaVinci robot in the operating room. She currently holds a staff appointment at Rush University Medical Center.

Her clinical interests include dysfunctional uterine bleeding, female sexual dysfunction, menopause, pelvic pain, female incontinence and prolapse. In addition, she is a member of the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL). Dr. Williams is dedicated to international mission work and continues to travel to third world countries as a medical volunteer, bringing along a student doctor each trip to inspire a new generation. This year (2018) she recently accomplished another mission to Haiti. Dr. Williams resides in Chicago's South Loop and enjoys playing piano and writing short stories and poetry.