What if the first glimpse of your precious newborn revealed an unexpected birth defect? What if we could prevent it in the future?

Dr. Hecht and her team identify genes that cause cleft lip and palate. In doing so, they are one step closer to preventing this condition and the heartache parents feel as their child endures craniofacial surgery.

The joy of birth should shine brightly. So our community of experts works tirelessly to solve the greatest health challenges of our time.

Dr. Jacqueline Hecht discovers genes linked to cleft lip and palate