
Outreach to Vulnerable Populations:

Women's and Infants' Health

August 18 - 19, 2010
The Edgewater Hotel
Seattle, Washington



Agenda

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Welcoming Remarks**

Mary Brooks Beatty

President

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2:15 pm – 2:45 pm **Healthcare Reform and Its Impact on Women**

Federal healthcare reform makes significant changes in existing disparities in coverage and cost to women, as well as access to affordable healthcare. Among other changes, healthcare reform bans gender ratings; prohibits coverage denials and exclusions for women with pre-existing conditions; and provides expanded coverage to more women.

Q&A – 10 minutes

2:45 pm – 3:35 pm **Addressing Disparities in Women's Healthcare with the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Model**

The American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association have jointly defined the medical home as a model of care where each patient has an ongoing relationship with a personal physician who leads a team that takes collective responsibility for patient care. This session will discuss how the PCMH model could significantly benefit women's health and alleviate disparities in access to treatment.

- Presentations
 - Q & A
 - Roundtable Discussions
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3:30 pm – 4:25 pm **Lupus and Its Impact on Women**

Lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system causes inflammation and damage to virtually every organ system in the body. Lupus typically strikes young women of childbearing age, often causing complications in the mother's health and increasing the risk of miscarriages, death or premature birth. With access to close observation and medical care, however, lupus patients can have a healthy pregnancy and birth.

- Presentation
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4:25 pm - 4:30 pm **Wrap Up**

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6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Dinner Reception**

6:30 pm – 6:35 pm **Welcome**

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Thursday, August 19, 2010

8:00 am – 8:50 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am – 9:10 am **Welcoming Remarks**

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9:10 am – 10:30 am **Importance of Folate Supplements in Teen and Maternal Health**

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, folate is an important part of a healthy diet, especially for women of childbearing age. Yet most young women do not meet the Recommended Dietary Allowances for folate, and disparities in consumption of folate exist among ethnic groups, with very low rates of consumption among Hispanic women. What can state legislators do to raise awareness among young women and increase access to folate and other vital nutritional supplements?

- Presentation (and Video TBD)
 - Q & A
 - Roundtable Discussions
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10:30 am – 10:45 am **Morning Break**

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Post-partum Depression and Women's Health**

According to Postpartum Support International, many women experience some mild mood changes during or after the birth of a child, while more than 15 to 20% of women experience more significant symptoms of depression or anxiety. With access to screening and treatment, however, women and their families – do not have to continue to suffer. Legislators at both the state and federal level have passed legislation to assist new mothers get the help they need.

- Presentation
 - Q & A
 - Roundtable Discussions
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Networking Lunch**

1:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Preterm Infants – The Challenges and Costs

A Parent's Perspective

Incidence and cost of prematurity – March of Dimes Overview

Topics covered include the definition of prematurity, Peristats, the incidence of prematurity by state, rate of low birth weight babies, state scorecards, 2010 goals, racial and ethnic disparities.

Health Burden of Prematurity

Topics covered include morbidity and mortality associated with preterm birth (including late preterms), challenges inherent in the care of preterm infants in current US hospital settings and follow up in the community.

Quality Improvement Efforts

Topics covered include NICHQ quality efforts, neo-natal quality measures, challenges for transitioning neonate into community.

Coalition/Advocacy Groups (National and State)

Topics covered include the National Premie Network and 11 State Premie Networks, as well as an update on six state summits held in 2009.

Policy/Legislative Efforts

What can legislators do to get involved on the issue and in state premie networks, and to spur creative solutions to addressing the costs and burden of prematurity?

- Presentations
- Q & A

3:00 pm

Wrap Up & Adjourn

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