
Outreach to Vulnerable Populations:

Maternal and Infant 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
Women In Government

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

Usha Ranji
Associate Director, Women's Health Program
Kaiser Family Foundation

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 Healthcare with the Patient Centered Medical Home Model**

Willarda V. Edwards, MD, MBA
National Medical Association, President 2009

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 alleviate disparities in access to treatment.

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

Arthur Weinstein, MD

Washington Hospital Center

Senator Mattie Hunter

Illinois State Legislature

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.

- Presentations
 - Q & A
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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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7:45 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am **LeAnne Moss**
Executive Director
Women's Funding Alliance

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

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

Paula Castaño, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Columbia University

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?

- Presentations
 - Q & A
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10:30 am – 10:45 am **Morning Break**

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Post-partum Depression and Maternal Health**

Wendy N. Davis, PhD

Program Director

Postpartum Support International

Portland, Oregon

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 in obtaining the support they need.

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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

Senator Karen Morgan

Utah State Legislature

March of Dimes Overview - Prevalence and Health Burden

Topics covered include the definition of prematurity, the incidence of prematurity by state, rate of low birth weight babies, state scorecards, 2010 goals, and racial and ethnic disparities, as well as the challenges inherent in the care of preterm infants in current US hospital settings and follow up in the community.

Vicky Leland

Texas Chapter March of Dimes

Quality Improvement Efforts

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

Pat Heinrich, RN, MSN

NICHQ

Coalition/Advocacy Groups (National and State)

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

Bonnie Bellah

Chair

Oklahoma Infant Alliance

Policy/Legislative Efforts

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

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3:00 pm

Wrap Up & Adjourn

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