



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2015
Crystal Gateway Marriott | Arlington, VA

What are the goals and learning objectives of the Conference?

Goals

The goals of the 2015 Conference are:

- Enhance prematurity prevention efforts in the US through the sharing of information about the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions, programs, policies, and other activities to prevent preterm births.
- Disseminate findings on evidence-based practices, programs, and policies, and share tools and resources that can be used to prevent prematurity.
- Engage stakeholders to participate in the effort to achieve the goal of reducing U.S. preterm births to 5.5% of all live births by 2030.

Learning Objectives

At the completion of the Conference, the participants will be able to:

- Describe the problem of preterm birth and theories of the causes of preterm birth.
- Examine strategies for prevention of prematurity in various settings, including State, Clinical, and Community.
- Describe a number of existing programs addressing the problem of preterm birth and analyzing the strengths and challenges each presents.
- Plan how to implement a prematurity prevention program appropriate to address the needs in one's own community and achieve a reduction in prematurity in this country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who should attend the Conference?

The Conference is designed to bring together a multidisciplinary group of health care practitioners, health insurers, policy makers, health purchasers, regulators and concerned citizens to discuss programs, policies and other activities to prevent prematurity.

Where and when is the Conference?

The Conference will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17 and 18, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA. The hotel is at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway in Crystal City in Arlington, VA 22202. It is only minutes away from Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC.

What is on the conference program? Where is the agenda?

The program for the Conference is posted on the registration page of www.marchofdimes.org/conferences. Check periodically for updates on the program. A copy is also posted on the Prematurity Prevention Network website at www.prematurityprevention.org. Membership is free, but required to access this site.

Will continuing education credits be provided at this conference?

Continuing nursing education (CNE) contact hours will be provided and are included in the registration fee. March of Dimes is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Can you tell me more about submitting an abstract for the Conference Poster Session?

Abstracts for the poster session were due on August 28, 2015. Instructions for submitting an abstract can be found at www.marchofdimes.org/conferences

The Poster Session will be taking place at the end of Day 1 of the Conference, November 17, at 4:30 - 6:00 PM. The Session will occur in conjunction with a Wine and Cheese Reception of the conference and also will be held at the Crystal City Marriott Hotel. The Conference Poster Session seeks to feature programs, collaborations, policies and other activities that promote the prevention of preterm births.

Who is organizing this Conference?

The March of Dimes in collaboration with the Division of Reproductive Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), and National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) planned this Conference.

What if I have other questions about the Conference?

Email any questions or concerns to conferences@marchofdimes.org

REGISTRATION

How do I register for the Conference?

Please register by visiting www.marchofdimes.org/conferences. Space is limited, so registering early is wise. If you do not have access to the Internet or if you prefer, register by mail by sending a completed registration form to March of Dimes Conference, Attn: Meeting Planning; 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains NY 10605. If you cannot get a paper version of the registration form, contact conferences@marchofdimes.org to request one.

Registrations will be accepted until Thursday, November 12, at 5:00 pm EST or until there is no more room for participants – whichever occurs first. After November 12, visit www.marchofdimes.org/conferences to learn whether space is still available to attend the conference.

If space permits, registrations will be accepted at the conference venue. Visit www.marchofdimes.org/conferences or email conferences@marchofdimes.org to confirm that space is still available.

Will I receive confirmation of my registration for the Conference?

You will receive confirmation by e-mail within a few minutes of completing the online registration form. Contact conferences@marchofdimes.org if you do not. Please retain this confirmation for your records.

Though an acknowledgement of your hotel reservation, if one was made, will be on your Conference confirmation email, official hotel confirmations will be sent by email one week before the conference. Please DO NOT contact the hotel directly unless you plan to make reservations separate from the Conference.

How much does it cost to attend the Conference?

The cost of the conference is dependent on when the registration is made. See below for more information. The conference fee includes continental breakfast on both mornings, lunch and a wine and cheese reception on the first day plus Conference handouts.

- “Early Bird” Registration (Until Oct 15): \$225
- Regular Registration (After Oct 15): \$250

How do I pay for the Conference?

You can pay by credit card (Master Card, Visa, or American Express) onsite, but please register ahead of time to ensure your spot. You can register online at www.marchofdimes.org/conferences

Checks can be made payable to the March of Dimes and mailed to: March of Dimes; Attn: Meeting Planning; 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue; White Plains NY 10605. Be sure to indicate the names of the people who are being registered so those people are not invoiced for their registration fees. Or enclose a copy of the registration form(s).

If you want to pay by any other method, please contact: conferences@marchofdimes.org

What if I register and I cannot attend the Conference?

Please notify the March of Dimes at conferences@marchofdimes.org immediately if you are unable to attend the Conference.

If you notify the March of Dimes in writing by October 15, the full registration fee will be refunded. If you notify the March of Dimes in writing after October 15, your registration fee less \$50 for administrative costs will be refunded. The funds will be mailed to you after the Conference.

With notice, your paid registration fee can be transferred to a colleague at any time without an additional charge.

WHERE TO STAY AND HOW TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE

Where can I stay when I attend the Conference?

The Conference will be November 17 and 18 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. The March of Dimes has contracted for a limited number of rooms at a rate of \$169 per night for people who attend the Conference.

To receive this rate, and be part of the March of Dimes list, you must register for the conference and complete the hotel reservation portion. You can sign up for the hotel online when you register to attend the Conference at www.marchofdimes.org/conferences. Though an acknowledgement of your reservation will be on your Conference registration email, official hotel confirmations will be sent by email one week before the conference. Please DO NOT contact the hotel directly unless you plan to make reservations separate from the Conference.

How do I get to the Conference?

The Crystal Gateway Marriott (1700 Jefferson Davis Parkway, Arlington, VA) is conveniently located near the airports and public transportation. Take the Blue or Yellow lines to the Crystal City Metro Stop.

A free shuttle service runs regularly from Reagan National Airport and the hotel daily from 5 am to midnight. You can catch the shuttle at Baggage Claim 5 or 9 and also from Terminal A. Call (703) 920-3230 to arrange pick-up. The distance is 2 miles and the ride is about 10 minutes long.

A map and instructions on how to get to the hotel from local airports or by driving is available at: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasgw-crystal-gateway-marriott/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Visit www.marchofdimes.org/conference for the latest on the Prematurity Prevention Conference
- Email conferences@marchofdimes.org with questions
- For more information about prematurity prevention activities, go to www.prematurityprevention.org
- Information about continuing education credits for physicians and nurses will be available soon.

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