



Goals

The goals of the 2015 Conference are:

1. 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.
2. Disseminate findings on evidence-based practices, programs, and policies, and share tools and resources that can be used to prevent prematurity.
3. Engage stakeholders to participate in the effort to achieve the goal of reducing U.S. preterm births to 5.5 percent of all live births by 2030.

Learning Objectives

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

1. Describe the problem of preterm birth and theories of the causes of preterm birth.
2. Examine strategies for prevention of prematurity in various settings, including State, Clinical, and Community.
3. Describe a number of existing programs addressing the problem of preterm birth and analyze the strengths and challenges each presents.
4. 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.

DAY ONE - NOVEMBER 17

8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Jennifer L Howse, PhD, March of Dimes

9:15 am ***Panel 1: Science of Prematurity: What We Know and What We Need to Do***

Moderator: Edward RB McCabe, MD, PhD, March of Dimes

Fighting for the Next Generation: Addressing the Challenge of Prematurity,
Edward RB McCabe, MD, PhD, March of Dimes

Science of Preterm Birth

Catherine Y Spong, MD, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

In Search of Answers: The Value of Transdisciplinary Research

Deborah A Driscoll, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Pennsylvania

Questions and Answers

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 am **Panel 2: Collaborations to Prevent Prematurity**

Moderator: Wanda D Barfield, MD, MPH, CAPT, USPHS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Perinatal Quality Collaboratives: Lessons from Two Different States

Elliott K Main, MD, California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative
Barbara O'Brien, RN, MS, Perinatal Quality Improvement, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (COLIN) and its Impact on Prematurity

Michael C Lu, MD, MS, MPH, Maternal and Child Health, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait® Community Program

David L Lakey, MD, University of Texas System and University of Texas Health Science Center Tyler

Questions and Answers

12:30 pm ***Lunch Keynote, What We Can Accomplish if We Work Together to Prevent Prematurity***

Regina M Benjamin, MD, MBA, former Surgeon General of the United States, and
Jennifer L Howse, PhD, March of Dimes

1:45 pm **Afternoon Concurrent Sessions**
I: Interventions to Prevent Prematurity

Select one:

1. Group Prenatal Care: Financing a Proven Preterm Birth Prevention

Moderator: Gerard E Carrino, PhD, MPH, March of Dimes
Amy H Picklesimer, MD, MSPH, Greenville Health System
Theodore Prospect, UnitedHealth Group
Siobhan M Dolan, MD, MPH, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx
Erin Patton, MPH, CPH, CHES, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

2. Smoking Cessation: What Works?

Moderator: Calondra Tibbs, MPH, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
Ginger Breedlove, CNM, PhD, American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)
Lucinda England, MD, Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

3. Birth Spacing and Interconception Care

Moderator: Merry-K Moos, BSN, (FNP), MPH, FAAN, March of Dimes
Stephen D. Ratcliffe, MD, MSPH, Lancaster General Family Medicine Residency, Lancaster, PA

Daniel Frayne, MD, MAHEC Family Medicine Residency Program, Asheville, NC and National Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative
Jessica Brubach, IMPLICIT Network (IMPLICIT = Interventions to Minimize Preterm and Low birth weight Infants through Continuous Improvement Techniques) and UPMC McKeesport, Shadyside, & St. Margaret Family Health Centers

3:00 pm **Break**

3:15 pm **II: Interventions to Prevent Prematurity**

Select one:

1. Reducing EEDs: Successful Strategies and Challenges

Moderator: Erin Bonzon, MSW, MSPH, Association of Maternal & Child Health Program (AMCHP)

BZ (Melanie) Giese, BSN, RN, South Carolina Birth Outcomes Initiative

Lisa Waddell, MD, MPH, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

2. Preeclampsia: Low dose aspirin as a prevention

Moderator: Eleni Tsigas, Preeclampsia Foundation

James N. Martin, Jr, MD, past president of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2012-2013

3. Reducing Multiple Births Associated with Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART): Single embryo transfers

Moderator: Kristen Eddy, representative, RESOLVE: National Fertility Association

Josephine Johnston, LLB, MBHL, The Hastings Center

4. Prenatal Risk Reduction Strategies: Screening for short cervixes and access to 17P (17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate)

Moderator: Ellen Pliska, MHS, CPH, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Allison Bryant, MD, MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rita W Driggers, MD, Johns Hopkins Medicine

4:30 pm **Poster Session and Reception**

All Participants are invited

Poster presentations describing other prematurity prevention efforts

Opportunity to network with other conference participants

DAY TWO – NOVEMBER 18

8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am **Panel 3: Roadmap to Reducing Prematurity**

Moderator: Paul Jarris, MD, MBA, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Summary of Day One: Edward RB McCabe, MD, PhD, March of Dimes

Quality Improvement as an Essential Tool to Achieve the 2030 Goal

Erin S Dupree, MD, FACOG, Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare

Commentary about Quality Improvement

Sean C Blackwell, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Questions and Answers

10:10 am **Panel 4: Roadmap to Reducing Prematurity (continuation)**

Moderator: Diane M Ashton, MD, MPH, March of Dimes

Promoting Health Equity and Preventing Prematurity

- Arthur R James, MD, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- Diana E Ramos, MD, MPH, Reproductive Health Los Angeles County Public Health

Global Initiative Addressing Prematurity

Judith Robb-McCord, MAAS, MPH, Every Preemie—SCALE, Project Concern International

Questions and Answers

11:30 am **What Comes Next, How We Continue Our Work and Stay Connected**

Edward RB McCabe, MD, PhD

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

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