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Dear supporter,

It's May and spring has finally sprung. Here's your brief.



Monthly Research Brief

News

Dr. Jose Villar was awarded [the 2024 March of Dimes Agnes Higgins Award in Maternal-Fetal Nutrition](#) earlier this month at the annual Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting in Toronto. His presentation on “Human Growth in Health and Disease” through the lens of nutrition was received by a standing-room only audience. [Learn more about his work.](#)

Grants and awards

On May 13, we opened the call for nominations for the March of Dimes Richard B. Johnston, Jr., MD Prize. The nomination portal will close September 13. [Learn more about the Prize and how to apply.](#)

We're closing the application window for the Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Awards this month. The last day to apply is May 31. [Apply now.](#)

Next month, on June 6, we'll open the portal for our Discovery Research Grants. The deadline is September 6, 2024 to [submit your application.](#)

Blog

A new paper from scientists at the March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center at the University of California, San Francisco, and the KI Research Institute in Israel reports that selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), the most widely used type of antidepressants, do not increase a woman's risk of delivering preterm. The paper also found that preterm birth risk increased for women with a history of depression who didn't take antidepressants. [Learn more about the paper in our latest blog.](#)

Podcast

Dr. Marisa Bartolomei, this year's winner of the March of Dimes Richard B. Johnston, Jr., MD Prize, is MODCAST's latest guest. [Listen to Dr. Bartolomei discuss imprinted genes, epigenetic mutations, and developmental disorders in utero.](#)

Publications

[Predicting Spontaneous Preterm Birth Using the Immunome](#)

[High Rates of Placental Inflammation Among Samples Collected by the MOMI Consortium](#)

[Estimating Gestational Age and Prediction of Preterm Birth Using Metabolomics Biomarkers](#)

[Computational Approaches for Connecting Maternal Stress to Preterm Birth](#)

That's it for now. See you in June.

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