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Media Advisory: NIH Holds a Symposium on Pregnancy-Related Death and Disease

WHAT: The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) will hold the [4th Annual NIH Vivian W. Pinn Symposium](#) to focus on pregnancy-associated death among women, as well as illness across their life course. Every year, a large number of women have lasting medical complications or die as a result of difficulties from pregnancy, and the U.S. maternal morbidity and mortality rate is now the highest among high-income countries. New approaches are needed to improve the health of women before, during, and after pregnancy, as well as throughout the life course. The event speakers will address these critical issues.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 15, 12:00–4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

WHERE: National Institutes of Health (main campus), Bethesda, Maryland; Building 1, Wilson Hall

Symposium participants can attend in person by registering at <https://go.usa.gov/xmQfe> or stream the event live via webcast (<https://go.usa.gov/xmQwD>).

All participants can share thoughts and questions during the event via Twitter: @NIH_ORWH, #NIHPinnSymposium.

WHO: **Janine A. Clayton, M.D.**, Director, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health

Lisa M. Hollier, M.D., President, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) (keynote address)

Stacey D. Stewart, M.B.A., President and CEO, March of Dimes (closing remarks)

Additional speakers include representatives from The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health; the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; the National Birth Equity Collaborative; and the following federal agencies: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and NIH.

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