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Reproductive Health Care for Incarcerated Women: Strategies for Promoting Justice Through Research Within an Overlooked Population

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FEATURING:

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Carolyn Sufrin, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical anthropologist and an obstetrician-gynecologist specializing in family planning at Johns Hopkins University. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the School of Medicine, an assistant professor in the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the associate director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Medical Humanities & Social Medicine. She has worked extensively on reproductive health issues affecting incarcerated women, from providing clinical care in jail to research, policy, and advocacy. Her work is situated at the intersection of reproductive justice, health care, and mass incarceration, which she examines in her book, *Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women behind Bars*. Dr. Sufrin was a Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Scholar, during which time she conducted the first prospective study to collect data on pregnancy outcomes in U.S. prisons.

Dr. Sufrin's presentation will review existing data about reproductive health among incarcerated women and

strategies for conducting research that is attuned to the unique aspects of the carceral setting. There are over 225,000 women in U.S. prisons and jails. Most of them are of reproductive age, and they are disproportionately women of color. Understanding their reproductive health outcomes and health care needs is essential for promoting equity and justice. Yet these issues are overlooked by many, including researchers.

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This presentation is part of a series that will focus on interdisciplinary research studies of the influences of sex and gender in health and disease in understudied, underrepresented, and underreported (U3) populations of women. More information is available at <https://orwh.od.nih.gov/research/interdisciplinary-research/u3>.