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Media Advisory: “Advancing NIH Research on the Health of Women: A 2021 Conference” to Be Held on October 20, 2021

WHAT: In response to a congressional request to address NIH efforts related to women's health research, the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is convening “[Advancing NIH Research on the Health of Women: A 2021 Conference](#)” on behalf of the [NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health \(ACRWH\)](#). The key topics to be discussed, as identified by Congress, are (1) rising maternal morbidity and mortality rates, (2) increasing rates of chronic debilitating conditions in women, and (3) stagnant cervical cancer survival rates. The event will inform the discussion at the 55th meeting of the ACRWH, which will be held the next day.

WHEN & WHERE: Held virtually on October 20, 2021, from 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. EDT.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3og9vht>

WHO: Speakers for the event include:

- Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, Director, ORWH
- Chloe Bird, Ph.D., Senior Sociologist, RAND Corporation
- Molly Carnes, M.D., Virginia Valian Professor and Founder and Director of the Center for Women's Health Research, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- Elizabeth Howell, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
- Marjorie Jenkins, M.D., M.E.H.P., FACP, Dean, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville; Chief Academic Officer, Prisma Health–Upstate
- BJ Rimel, M.D., Vice Chair, Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee, Cedars-Sinai Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute; Associate Director of Clinical Trials for Gynecologic Oncology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Additional experts in women's health, maternal health, chronic debilitating conditions in women, and cervical cancer

For a detailed agenda, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xMsg6>

All participants can share thoughts during the event via Twitter: #HealthOfWomen2021

LEARN MORE: Additional information about the conference can be found on the ORWH website:

<https://go.usa.gov/xMPpv>

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About ORWH: ORWH serves as the focal point for women's health research at NIH. It is the first Public Health Service office dedicated specifically to promoting women's health research within, as well as beyond, the NIH scientific community. The office also fosters the recruitment, retention, reentry, and advancement of women in biomedical careers. For more information about ORWH, visit www.nih.gov/women.

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