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## **Media Advisory: NIH Meeting to Focus on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Careers of Women Scientists**

**WHAT:** The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health will hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Vivian W. Pinn Symposium. In line with ORWH's mission to put science to work for the health of women, this event serves as a critical forum for experts across sectors to communicate and collaborate for the advancement of women's health and the careers of women in science. Key topics addressed in the symposium include:

- The nature and causes of gender inequity in academic medicine, how the pandemic has exacerbated these challenges, and how the pandemic can provide a disruptive opportunity to implement interventions to promote equity in a "new normal."
- Lessons learned in the recent past, such as interventions to cope with increased family caregiving demands.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Held virtually on May 12, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

Access videocast link: <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=45120>

**WHO:** Speakers for the event include:

- Tara Schwetz, Ph.D., Acting Principal Deputy Director, NIH
- Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, Director, ORWH
- Reshma Jagsi, M.D., D.Phil., Newman Family Professor and Deputy Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology; Director, Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine; University of Michigan
- Vivian W. Pinn, M.D., Senior Scientist Emerita, Fogarty International Center, NIH; Founding Director (Retired), ORWH
- Additional speakers—including leaders from NIH and academia

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

Speakers will share thoughts during the event on Twitter: #6thAnnualVPS

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

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

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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](http://www.nih.gov/women).

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