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65th Meeting of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) October 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. ET (VIRTUAL)

Time	Agenda	Presenter
9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Call to Order	Lucia Hindorff, Ph.D., M.P.H. Executive Secretary, ACRWH Senior Advisor for Scientific and Organizational Strategy, Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH
9:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	ORWH Director's Report	Janine A. Clayton, M.D., FARVO Chair, ACRWH Associate Director for Research on Women's Health, NIH Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH
10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Updates from NICHD Leadership	Dorothy Fink, M.D. Deputy Director, <i>Eunice Kennedy Shriver</i> National Institute on Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), NIH
11:00 a.m.– 11:45 a.m.	IC Director's Report	Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D., M.B.A., M.A.C.P. Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH
11:45 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Open Discussion	ACRWH Members
12:10 p.m.–12:15 p.m.	Group Photos	
12:15 p.m.–1:10 p.m.	Lunch	
1:10 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Introductory Remarks	Nicole C. Kleinstreuer, Ph.D. NIH Deputy Director, Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, NIH Director, Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), Office of the Director, NIH
1:15 p.m.–1:40 p.m.	Update on ORIVA	Warren Casey, Ph.D., D.A.B.T. Director, Office of Research Innovation, Validation, and Application (ORIVA), Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Director, NIH



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1:40 p.m.–3:20 p.m.

Scientific Panel: Innovations in Chronic Disease

Moderator: Thelma Mielenz, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology,
Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
ACRWH Member, NIH

Introduction to the Building
Interdisciplinary Research Careers in
Women's Health (BIRCWH) Program

Marquitta J. White, M.S., Ph.D.

Program Director, Office of Research on Women's
Health, NIH

Improving Access to Diabetes
Prevention for Rural Families: Results
from a Telehealth Lifestyle Change
Pilot

Susan Andreae, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
BIRCWH Scholar

Introduction to Chronic Disease and
Chronic Conditions in Women

Geetha Bansal, Ph.D.

Acting Associate Director for Interdisciplinary Research,
Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH

Improving Cardiometabolic Risk in
Women with Polyendocrine Metabolic
Ovarian Syndrome (PMOS)

Anuja Dokras, M.D., MHCI, Ph.D.

Founder's Professor in Women's Health, Penn Medicine
Director, Penn Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian
Syndrome
Executive Director, Women's Health Center for Clinical
Innovation
Chronic Disease and Chronic Conditions in Women
Awardee

Introduction to the Specialized Centers
of Research Excellence (SCORE) on Sex
Differences Program

Rajeev Kumar Agarwal, Ph.D.

Senior Research Program Officer, Office of Research on
Women's Health, NIH

Sex as a Biological Variable in
Autoimmune Diseases

PJ Utz, M.D.

George DeForest Barnett Professor of Medicine,
Stanford
SCORE Awardee

Introduction to the Women's Health
Research in Institutional Development
Award (IDeA) Program

Regine Douthard, M.D., M.P.H.

Senior Medical Officer, Office of Research on Women's
Health, NIH

Three Ways Computational Measures
Can Fail: Evaluating AI Assessment of
Mental Health in Women and Men

Jeffrey M. Girard, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Psychology and Data Science,
Director, Affective Communication and Computing Lab,
University of Kansas
Pilot Awardee; Centers of Biomedical Research
Excellence (COBRE)



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3:20 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.–3:35 p.m.	Public Comments
3:35 p.m.–3:55 p.m.	Open Discussion
3:55 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

ACRWH Members

Janine A. Clayton, M.D., FARVO

Chair, ACRWH

Associate Director for Research on Women's Health,
NIH

Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH

Save the Date:

The next ACRWH meeting will be in-person, held at the NIH
campus in Bethesda, MD, on **April 6, 2027**.

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