



Diverse Voices: Intersectionality and the Health of Women

Utilizing Vaginal Specimens to Identify Cancer

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 3-4 p.m. EDT



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FEATURING:



Deborah Watkins Bruner, R.N., Ph.D., FAAN

Senior Vice President for Research, Emory University

“Associations Among HPV Persistence, the Vaginal Microbiome, and Cervical Cancer Recurrence”

Dr. Bruner is an internationally renowned cancer researcher and clinical trialist with a focus on patient-reported outcomes and symptom management. Her most current research is focused on the role of the human microbiome in carcinogenesis and cancer treatment outcomes for women with gynecologic cancers. She will share her preliminary findings on bacterial species in the vaginal microbiome related to human papillomavirus (HPV) persistence post cervical cancer treatments and recurrence.



Megan Clarke, Ph.D., M.H.S.

Director of Global Epidemiology, AbbVie

“Understanding the Acceptability and Feasibility of Vaginal Tampon Sampling for the Detection of Endometrial and Ovarian Cancers”

Dr. Clarke's research has focused on the etiology, prevention, and early detection of anogenital and endometrial cancers, with a strong emphasis on cancer disparities. Her talk will focus on the Discovery and Evaluation of Tests for Endometrial and ovarian Cancer in Tampons (DETECT) study. DETECT is a case control study, designed by Dr. Clarke and her clinical colleagues in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, to evaluate the performance of biomarkers that are measured from self-collected vaginal tampons for the detection of endometrial and ovarian cancer.

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