

**Committee on the Assessment of
NIH Research on Women's Health**

**Meeting 3
Thursday, March 7, 2024
9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST**

**National Academy of Sciences Building · Room 125
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW · Washington, DC 20418**

***Free registration is required for virtual and in-person attendance.**

Agenda

9:00 am EST

Welcome

Sheila Burke and Alina Salganicoff, Committee Co-Chairs

9:10 – 10:05

Science of Sex Differences & Discussion

Margaret M. McCarthy

James and Carolyn Frenkil Dean's Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmacology, University of Maryland School of Medicine;
Director, University of Maryland – Medicine Institute of Neuroscience Discovery

Karen Reue

Distinguished Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Human Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA;
Associate Director, UCLA/Caltech Medical Scientist Training Program

10:05 – 11:05	Perspectives on Women’s Reproductive and Gynecologic Health Research Needs & Discussion
	<i>American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists</i> Christopher M. Zahn Interim CEO and Chief, Clinical Practice and Health Equity and Quality, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
	<i>Coalition to Expand Contraceptive Access</i> Jamie Hart (<i>virtual</i>) Executive Director, Coalition to Expand Contraceptive Access
	<i>Society of Family Planning</i> Amanda Dennis (<i>virtual</i>) Executive Director, Society of Family Planning
	<i>Black Mamas Matter Alliance</i> Angela Doyinsola Aina (<i>virtual</i>) Co-Founder and Executive Director, Black Mamas Matter Alliance Ayanna Robinson (<i>virtual</i>) Director, Research and Evaluation, Black Mamas Matter Alliance
11:05 – 11:20	Break
11:20 – 12:20 pm	Research on Women’s Mental and Behavioral Health & Discussion
	<i>Tory Eisenlohr-Moul (virtual)</i> Director, CLEAR Lab; Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry; Associate Director, Medical Scientist Training Program, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine
	<i>Kristina M. Deligiannidis (virtual)</i> Director, Women’s Behavioral Health, Zucker Hillside Hospital, Northwell Health; Medical Director, Reproductive Psychiatry, Project TEACH, New York State Office of Mental Health; Professor of Psychiatry, Molecular Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell; Professor, Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, Northwell Health; Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

C. Neill Epperson (virtual)

Robert Freedman Endowed Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry;
Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine

12:20 – 1:20

Lunch Break

Lunch will not be provided. There is a small market in the cafeteria on the lower level and restaurants at Western Market and near the Foggy Bottom-GWU metro stop (~15 minute walk).

1:20 – 2:35

Research on Women's Cancers & Discussion

1:20 – 1:45

Lessons from Breast Cancer Research and Remaining Gaps

Reshma Jagsi (virtual)

Lawrence W. Davis Professor and Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine

1:45 – 2:35

Lessons from Gynecologic Cancer Research and Remaining Gaps

Beth Y. Karlan (virtual)

Nancy Marks Endowed Chair in Women's Health Research;
Vice Chair and Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA;
Director, Cancer Population Genetics, UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Victoria L. Bae-Jump (virtual)

Professor and Associate Division Director of Gynecologic Oncology;
Director, Lineberger Endometrial Cancer Center of Excellence;
Medical Director, Lineberger Clinical Trials Office, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

2:35 – 3:35

Research on Non-Malignant Gynecologic Conditions & Discussion

Erica E. Marsh

Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology;
Chief, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility;
S. Jan Behrman Collegiate Professor of Reproductive Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School;
University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor;
Professor, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan;
Associate Director, Michigan Institute for Clinical Health Research

Steven Young

Professor and Division Chief, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility,
Duke University School of Medicine

Carolyn W. Swenson (virtual)

Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology;
Division Chief, Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery,
University of Utah Health

3:35 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 5:00

Public Comment

Please see note at end of this agenda to with information to sign up.

5:00

Adjourn

Information for Stakeholder Perspectives Session (in-person & virtual)—*Advance Sign-up Required*

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on the Assessment of NIH Research on Women's Health is inviting stakeholders and patients to share their perspectives on gaps in women's health research, particularly across NIH Institutes and Centers. The committee is also interested in hearing about lived experiences in this domain. Specifically, the committee would appreciate input on any of the following, with a focus on how NIH can better meet the needs of women, per the purview of this committee:

- What does “women's health” mean to you? What are important considerations for how to define women's health and women's health research?
- What are the knowledge and research gaps in women's health and women's health research? What are the barriers to filling these gaps?
- What should be the most important considerations NIH should use in prioritizing the research on women's health it supports?
- From an equity perspective, what improvements may be made to NIH processes to advance health and gender equity in its research investments?
- How can NIH training and education systems and programs be improved to build and maintain a robust women's health research workforce? What are the barriers and opportunities within the current programs?
- How do the structure, systems, and review processes of NIH affect the type of and level of investments in women's health research? How could these systems be strengthened and improved to better support advances in women's health?

If you would like to provide oral comments at the meeting, please send an email with your name, affiliation, attendance type (in-person or virtual) to

WomensHealthResearch@nas.edu (each individual will have up to 5 minutes). Space is limited; however, future meetings will include stakeholder sessions as well.

Questions or comments? E-mail WomensHealthResearch@nas.edu

Members of the public may also submit written comments for consideration by the study committee (as individuals or on behalf of an organization) [online here](#) through April 3, 2024.

All materials and comments received will be placed in the committee's Public Access File in compliance with Section 15 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Materials and comments received may also be included in the committee's report.