

A Workshop to Explore Data Needs in the Wake of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES BUILDING (ROOM 125) 2101 CONSTITUTION AVE NW, WASHINGTON DC

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Purpose

- Explore how the landscape of available data, including abortion data, has changed after the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (Dobbs)* decision
- Highlight what national, state, and other data are currently available, from what sources, and on which populations these data focus
- Identify what data are still needed to understand the full scope and impact of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, including on health, the economy, and equity¹
- Discuss considerations for data generation, data integrity, data-sharing, patient privacy, and legal implications that must be taken into account since the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision

9:00-9:05

Welcome

Victor Dzau, President of the National Academy of Medicine

9:05-9:15

Opening Remarks

Lisa Simpson, President and Chief Executive Officer AcademyHealth; Workshop Planning Committee Chair

9:15-10:30

Panel 1: Current Approaches in Data Collection on Abortion: National Efforts

This panel will focus on describing approaches to data collection on abortion at a national level and the research questions these data collections are able to address, as well as describe those gaps in our

¹Health equity is the state in which everyone has the opportunity to attain full health potential and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or any other socially defined circumstance. Promoting health equity means creating the conditions where individuals and communities have what they need to enjoy full, healthy lives (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2017. *Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/24624>.)

knowledge that cannot currently be addressed with these existing data. The session will describe the sources of national data, methods, and the scope of these data collection efforts. The panel will speak to the special populations these data collection efforts focus on and barriers to data collection, both historically and after the Dobbs decision.

Moderator: Yvette Roubideaux, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Systems, Management, and Policy, Colorado School of Public Health

Speakers:

- **Caitlin Myers**, John G. McCullough Professor of Economics, Middlebury College
- **Aletha Y. Akers**, Vice President for Research, Guttmacher Institute
- **Jenny O'Donnell**, Senior Director of Research and Evaluation, Society for Family Planning; Lecturer, Women and Gender Studies Department, Wellesley College
- **Abigail Aiken**, Associate Professor of Public Affairs; Fellow of the Richter Chair in Global Health Policy, University of Texas at Austin

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45–12:00 Panel 2: Current Approaches in Data Collection on Abortion: State Level Efforts

This panel will focus on describing approaches to data collection on abortion in four states—Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Georgia. The session will explore the research questions these data collections are able to support, as well as those that cannot currently be addressed with these data. The session will describe the sources of data, methods, and the scope of these data collection efforts and the special populations these data collection efforts focus on. The speakers will address the barriers to data collection, both before and after the Dobbs decision, from a state level vantage point.

Moderator: Natasha Bagdasarian, Chief Medical Executive for the State of Michigan (virtual)

Speakers:

- **Kari White**, Director of the Texas Policy Evaluation Project at the Tides Center; Faculty Research Associate at the Population Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin
- **Alison Norris**, Professor, College of Public Health, The Ohio State University, and Co-PI of the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network (OPEN)
- **Danielle Bessett**, Professor of Sociology, University of Cincinnati, and Co-PI of the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network (OPEN)
- **Whitney Rice**, Rollins Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral, Social and Health Education Sciences at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH), and Director of the Center for Reproductive Health Research in the Southeast (RISE)
- **Jenny Higgins**, Bissell Professor of Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Director, UW Collaborative for Reproductive Equity (CORE); University of Wisconsin-Madison Director and Research Hub Co-Advisor, Collaborative for

Reproductive Equity - Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

12:00–1:00 Lunch

1:00–2:20 Panel 3: Opportunities for Additional Data Collection and Use

This panel will explore what additional data and data analysis are needed to understand the full scope of the impact of the *Dobbs* Supreme Court Decision, what opportunities exist for closing data collection gaps, and the importance of engaging community voice and leadership in the development of research questions and methodologies.

Moderator: Monica McLemore, Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Professor, Department of Child, Family, and Population Health Nursing; Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Interim Director, Center for Anti-Racism; Adjunct Professor, School of Public Health, University of Washington

Speakers:

- **Marian Jarlenski**, Associate Professor, Health Policy and Management; Associate Director, Center for Innovative Research on Gender Health Equity; Vice Chair for Practice, Health Policy and Management, University of Pittsburgh
- **Renee Bracey Sherman**, Founder and Executive Director, We Testify
- **Julia Adler-Millstein**, Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Division of Clinical Informatics & Digital Transformation, and Director of the Center for Clinical Informatics & Improvement Research, University of California, San Francisco

2:20–2:30 Break

2:30–3:45 Panel 4: Legal and Ethical Issues in Data Collection and Use

This session will describe legal and ethical considerations when collecting data on abortion, including issues related to patient privacy. It will explore how changes in laws after the *Dobbs* decision have impacted availability of data for research.

Moderator: Ellen Wright Clayton, Craig-Weaver Professor of Pediatrics
Professor of Law, Professor of Health Policy, Vanderbilt

Speakers:

- **Peter Embí**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics (DBMI), Professor of Medicine, and Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- **Adrienne Ghorashi**, Lead Law and Policy Analyst, Center for Public Health Law Research, Temple University
- **Michele Goodwin**, Linda D. & Timothy J. O'Neill Professor of Constitutional Law and Global Health Policy, Georgetown Law
- **Leslie Wolf**, Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law, Center for Law, Health & Society, Georgia State University

3:45–4:50 Panel 5: Broader Impacts and Implications

This discussion session will invite speakers to describe what they see as the most critical research questions in need of exploration in the wake of the *Dobbs* decision as well as the implications for health, equity, and society of knowledge gaps that may become further exacerbated. This session will also serve as an opportunity for audience members to provide input on research questions they see as vital and to seek guidance from the speakers on how such questions might be answered given available sources of data and the existing barriers to data collection.

Moderator: Ned Calonge, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Colorado School of Public Health

Speakers:

- **Julie Maslowsky**, Associate Professor, Core Faculty, Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health, Community Health Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago
- **Rachel Hardeman**, Professor and Blue Cross Endowed Professor of Health and Racial Equity, Division of Health Policy & Management, University of Minnesota
- **Jason Lindo**, Professor of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Susan Scrimshaw**, Medical Anthropologist, former President of Russell Sage College

4:50–5:00 Closing Remarks

Claire Brindis, Distinguished Professor, University of California, San Francisco, Chair of the National Academies' Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society

MEETING ADJOURNS
