

Webinar on Family Education for Newborn Screening

SPEAKER BIOSKETCHES

Cheryl Bellamy, DNP, APRN, CNM, CNS-C, C-EFM, is a Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist at Henry Ford Health in Detroit, Michigan. She trained as a certified nurse midwife and has almost three decades of experience in the areas of Labor and Delivery, Postpartum, High Risk Antepartum, Normal Newborn, and Women's Health. As a complement to clinical practice, Cheryl trained as a Healthcare Equity Ambassador through the Henry Ford Health System. Her role focuses on the care of diverse patient populations, multidisciplinary care planning for high-risk obstetric patients, maternal-infant health education, and research focusing on Labor Support and Respectful Care. She is an active member of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) and is the 2024 President, providing oversight for the organization's mission/vision, fiscal functions, programs, services, and legal/moral goals. Cheryl passionately advocates for the equitable care of all women/people and newborns and provides strong leadership in the awareness of health disparities at local, state, and national levels.

Benjamin Hoffman is the 2024 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Hoffman is a general pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Oregon Health and Science University. He majored in Anthropology at UC Berkeley and attended Harvard Medical School. He completed residency training at Seattle Children's Hospital. At Doernbecher, he is Vice-Chair for Community Health and Advocacy, Director of the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs, and Director of the Child Injury Prevention Program.

Marianna Raia is the Associate Director of Programs at Expecting Health and a certified genetic counselor with over 15 years of experience in genetics, healthcare, and biotechnology. She is passionate about increasing awareness of genetic knowledge, advocating for families, and promoting community education. Throughout her career, Marianna has supported numerous federally and non-federally funded newborn screening initiatives. Her extensive portfolio includes engaging educational activities such as online learning modules, digital and media-driven awareness campaigns, and the formalized family leadership initiative known as the "Navigate Newborn Screening Ambassador Program."

As a subject matter expert, Marianna has implemented programs that educate and engage families about genetics and genomics, including expanded carrier screening (ECS), non-invasive prenatal screening (NIPS), newborn screening (NBS), and tele-genetic services. Committed to enhancing access to genetic services, she has innovated and delivered new models of patient care through patient-centered education and telehealth.

Marianna is dedicated to empowering patients, providers, and the public to understand how genetic information can inform health decisions for individuals and families. She earned her Master of Genetic Counseling from the University of Texas at Houston Health Science Center.

Britton Rink is the Director of Medical Genetics in the Mount Carmel Health System, Columbus, Ohio, and practices pediatric clinical genetics at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She is dual board-certified in Maternal Fetal Medicine and Clinic Genetics. Currently, Dr. Rink serves as a Board Member of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) and a member of the SMFM Publications Committee. Dr. Rink is an Associate Editor for Topics in Obstetrics & Gynecology. After serving on the committee for several years, Dr. Rink was the Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee on Genetics. She also served as a Board Member for the Perinatal Quality Foundation. She has interest in prenatal diagnosis and genetic testing, advanced fetal imaging, and recurrent pregnancy loss. Dr. Rink has authored several book chapters and publications on genetic testing/screening in pregnancy and lectures on behalf of ACOG, SMFM, and ISPD.

Trinisha Williams, CM, LM, MPH, is a Certified and Licensed Midwife with a Master of Public Health degree, committed to advancing maternal and child health, particularly among Black women and underserved populations. With clinical expertise and a public health background, her work focuses on addressing health disparities through culturally competent care, advocacy, and research. She is the founder and lead midwife of Midwife in the City and will assume the presidency of the American Association of Birth Centers in November 2024. Trinisha has contributed to clinical trials and community-based participatory research (CBPR) projects aimed at improving maternal health outcomes and reducing structural racism in healthcare. Her work emphasizes the importance of social determinants of health, and she has developed community-driven interventions to address the needs of marginalized populations. She is also involved in policy advocacy, contributing to legislative efforts that expand midwifery practices in New York.