The importance of nutrition in supporting healthy reproduction has been largely neglected among medical professionals over many decades. However, evidence in recent years has shown that the health of a mother and her baby depends on appropriate nutritional intake before and during pregnancy as well as during lactation. This conference is designed to address our current knowledge of nutrition in women during reproductive years and especially during pregnancy. The conference will bring scientists and clinical experts on nutrition and pregnancy together to present state-of-the-art talks on nutrition in pregnancy. The conference will be informative for obstetricians, pediatricians, dieticians, reproductive scientists, epidemiologists, endocrinologists, nutritionists and policy makers.

Two important problems face the medical community regarding nutrition during pregnancy. First, there is an urgent need for consensus on what constitutes a unique and healthy diet for women who are about to become pregnant, who are pregnant or who are nursing a child. Second, we need better information about how diets before and during pregnancy impact the lifelong health of the mother and her offspring. Thus, we are bringing experts together to: a) develop a list of general principles that are foundational to a healthy diet for reproductive women, b) develop recommendations to governmental bodies and professional organizations to ensure access to healthy foods for women before and during pregnancy and during lactation and c) identify crucial areas that need investigation.

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<td>Nutritional requirements for the fetus&lt;br&gt;William W. Hay, Jr., M.D.&lt;br&gt;Professor of Pediatrics (Neonatology) Director of the Perinatal Research Center University of Colorado School of Medicine Director of the Early Life Exposures Program of the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute</td>
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Professor, Pediatrics-Nutrition; Head, Section of Nutrition; Vice Chair, Academic Affairs, Department of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado |
| 11:15 a.m. |                         | Micronutrient Requirements during Gestation                        | Usha Ramakrishnan, M.S., Ph.D.  
Professor & Vice Chair  
Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health  
Director, Doctoral Program in Nutrition and Health Sciences  
Laney Graduate School, Emory University |
| 11:45 a.m. |                         | Physiology of Pregnancy: Metabolic Adjustments                      | Patrick Catalano, M.D.  
Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Vice Chair of Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Mother Infant Research Institute, Tufts University School of Medicine |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch                   |                                                                      |                                                                                                |
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Leanne Redman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology and Women’s Health, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Louisiana State University |
| 2:15 p.m.  | Session 4               | Adolescents & Pregnancy                                            | Jacqueline Wallace, Ph.D., D.Sc.  
Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen |
| 2:15 p.m.  |                         | Animal models of adolescent nutrition during pregnancy              | Jennifer Barber, Ph.D.,  
Research Professor, Population Studies Center; Research Professor, Survey Research Center; Associate Chair, Sociology, University of Michigan |
| 2:45 p.m.  |                         | Puberty and adolescent pregnancy                                    |                                                                                                |
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Professor in Maternal and Infant Health, Centre for Health and Social Care Research, University of Sheffield |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Session 5               | Lactation and Infant Nutrition                                      | Nicole Marshall, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University |
| 4:00 p.m.  |                         | Lactation                                                           | William Hay, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics (Neonatology)  
Director of the Perinatal Research Center  
University of Colorado School of Medicine  
Director of the Early Life Exposures Program of the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute |
| 4:30 p.m.  |                         | Nutrition for preterm Infants based on fetal nutrition              | Daniel Raiten, Ph.D.  
Program Director, Nutrition, Pediatric Growth and Nutrition Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Development |
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Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, March of Dimes |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Nutrition Therapy for Gestational Diabetes and Beyond                   | Teri Hernandez, Ph.D., RN  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes, School of Medicine, University of Colorado |
| 9:30 a.m. | Pregnancy post bariatric surgery                                        | Jonathan Purnell, M.D.  
Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, School of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University |
| 10:00 a.m. | Maternal diet and offspring skeletal development                        | Kartik Shankar, Ph.D., D.A.B.T.  
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UAMS, Director, Metabolic Programming Lab, ACNC |
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| 10:45 a.m. | Double burden of malnutrition in pregnancy and fetal outcomes: A tale of two generations | Chittaranjan Yajnik, M.D., F.R.C.P.  
Professor, Director Diabetes Unit, King Edward Memorial and Research Centre, Pune, India |
| 11:15 a.m. | Nutrition and Preeclampsia                                             | James Roberts, M.D.  
Investigator Magee-Womens Research Institute  
Professor of OB/GYN and Reproductive Sciences, Epidemiology and Clinical and Translational Research  
University of Pittsburgh |
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| 12:45 p.m. | Environmental exposure and diet                                        | Emily Oken, M.D.  
Professor, Department of Nutrition, Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Fad diets during pregnancy                                              | Diane Stadler, Ph.D., R.D.N., L.D.  
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Director, Graduate Programs in Human Nutrition, Director, Dietetic Internship, Graduate Programs in Human Nutrition; Director, Curriculum Development: Laos American Nutrition Institute, OHSU Global Southeast Asia, Oregon Health & Science University |
| 1:45 p.m.  | Maternal Modification of the Microbiome and effect on offspring        | Jacob E. Friedman, Ph.D.  
Chickasaw Nation Chair and Director, Harold Hamm Diabetes Center at the University of Oklahoma; Associate Vice-Provost for Diabetes Programs; Professor of Physiology, Medicine, Biochemistry, Microbiology/Immunology, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| 2:15 p.m.  | American food culture                                                   | Kripa Raghavan, Dr.Ph., M.P.H., MSc.  
USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion |
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| 3:00 p.m.  | **Session 8: The Way Forward**                                         |                                                                                                   |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Programs to improve nutrition                                           | Parul Christian, Dr.P.H.  
Senior Program Officer, Women’s Nutrition at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation |
| 3:30 p.m.  | What should dietary guidelines include?                                | Alison Steiber, Ph.D., R.D.  
Chief Science Officer, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Summary of what we have learned and what we need to study              | Moderator: Andrew Bremer, M.D., Ph.D., M.A.S.,  
Chief, Pediatric Growth & Nutrition Branch, NICHD |