



Putting science to work for the health of women

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As the nation marks [Black Maternal Health Week \(BMHW\)](#), the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is committed to helping reduce pregnancy-related deaths and health disparities within maternal health. To commemorate the observance, the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) released statements from leaders of agencies across HHS](#), including that of ORWH's Director, Dr. Janine Austin Clayton, who makes note of [the NIH Maternity Morbidity and Mortality \(MMM\) Web Portal](#). This centralized portal includes research efforts and credible resources relevant to maternal health across the lifespan for scientists, researchers, consumers, and advocates. The Advancing NIH Research on the Health of Women: A 2021 Conference had a focus areas of MMM. Please see the recently released [Executive Summary](#) of the conference.

In addition, there are several exciting things on ORWH's horizon, and we hope you will support us. I am pleased to share several women's health research-related events, resources, and opportunities to provide your input.

Request for Information: Comments on the Intersection of the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 Pandemic and the Health of Women Due May 6

ORWH, in partnership with the NIH Coordinating Committee on Research on Women's Health, is seeking public comments/input on research gaps, clinical practice needs, and research opportunities to inform research priority setting at the intersection of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or long COVID and the health of women. The deadline is Friday, May 6, 2022. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming and Past Events

ICYMI: The 56th Meeting of ACRWH

The 56th meeting of the NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. The meeting provided a forum for ACRWH members to discuss priority issues affecting women's health and sex differences research. A recording of the meeting is [available online](#).

Save the Date: 6th Annual Vivian W. Pinn Symposium on May 12

Please save the date for the 6th Annual Vivian W. Pinn Symposium, happening Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. Hosted by ORWH each year, this virtual event honors the first full-time Director of ORWH, Dr. Vivian W. Pinn, and is an NIH signature event in observance of National Women's Health Week. This year's event will focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the careers of women scientists. Stay tuned for more information on our [events page](#).

Online Efforts

ORWH Recognizes the 5th Anniversary of the U3 Program During National Minority Health Month

ORWH is excited to raise awareness about health equity. [From 2011 to 2015, rates of maternal deaths](#) were threefold higher for non-Hispanic Black women compared with non-Hispanic White women and more than twofold higher for American Indian/Alaska Native women. Few research studies focus on women of underserved populations to learn the cause of the disparities. ORWH is commemorating National Minority Health Month by launching webpages for our U3 Administrative Supplement Program, which supports projects focused on women of populations in the United States that are often understudied, underrepresented, and underreported (U3) in biomedical research. This year marks the fifth year of this important ORWH program! Check out the collection of online webinars, the interactive map to explore current and past U3 projects, and additional resources about the importance of research on women's health disparities. Learn more [here](#).

New Pearls of Wisdom Online Videos

ORWH released a new set of [Pearls of Wisdom videos](#). This series features women and men in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM) who share their experiences and offer advice to women at the beginning or middle stages of their biomedical careers and to those who support them. As we mark National Minority Health Month, we invite you to watch the new video featuring the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, [Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Stable](#).

We encourage you to share any of the above information with your network (e.g., on social media, in your newsletter, with office staff, and online platforms).

To stay informed about ORWH resources and activities, please [sign up for ORWH communications](#) and see our [upcoming events](#). Plus, read Dr. Clayton's most recent [Director's Message: Recognizing the Women in Science Making History: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow](#).

We appreciate your continued support. Together, we can improve the health of women and elevate women's health research. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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