

**2005-2006
NEW YORK OBESITY RESEARCH CENTER
FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

11:30 am, Sebrell Library, 10th Floor
J. Vasselli, Ph.D., Coordinator
(212) 523-4164

SEP 16, 2005

Steffen Helmling, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist and Project Manager
NOXXON Pharma AG – US Office, Cambridge, MA

“Ghrelin as an anti-obesity target: insights from ghrelin antagonist NOX-B11”

SEP 23, 2005

James Greenberg, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Health and Nutrition Sciences
Brooklyn College of C.U.N.Y., Brooklyn, NY
Earle Chambers, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
New York Obesity Research Center

“Correcting biases in estimating deaths attributable to obesity”

SEP 30, 2005

Natasha Leibel, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Columbia University, New York

“Type 2 Diabetes in children”

OCT 7, 2005

Lisa Marie Ramirez, Ph.D.
Medical Department
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY

“In vivo partial body potassium determination in the human body using gamma-ray spectroscopy”

OCT 14, 2005

**No Conference -
NAASO Annual Meeting**

OCT 21, 2005

Walter C. Willett, M.D., Dr. PH
Recipient, Distinguished Achievement
Award in Nutrition Research
IHN Sponsored Nutrition Award Symposium

“Epidemiology and the study of nutrition”

OCT 28, 2005

Carol-Joan Segal-Isaacson, Ed.D., R.D.
Assistant Professor of Epidemiology & Social Medicine
Division of Health, Behavior and Nutrition
Department of Epidemiology and Population Health
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

*“Results of recent research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and elsewhere
comparing the effects of low fat to low carbohydrate diets”*

NOV 4, 2005

Per M. Hellström, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor of Medicine
Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

“Gastric emptying and hunger/satiety – using ghrelin and GLP-1 as tools”

NOV 11, 2005

Marija Chouinard, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
Russ Berrie Diabetes Research Center
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

“Positional cloning of Type 2 Diabetes modifier genes in obese mice”

NOV 18, 2005

Jan L. Breslow, M.D.
Professor, Rockefeller University
Head, Laboratory of Biochemical Genetics
Rockefeller University Hospital, NYC

“Genetics of atherosclerosis: studies in humans and mice”

NOV 25, 2005

**No Conference -
Thanksgiving Holiday**

DEC 2, 2005

Sue A. Shapses, Ph.D., R.D.
Associate Professor of Nutrition Sciences
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

“Bone mobilization during weight reduction: the mechanisms explain why”

DEC 9, 2005

Jeanine Albu, M.D.
Associate Professor of Medicine
Columbia University and NY Obesity Research Center

“Altered fat distribution and insulin resistance: an update”

DEC 16, 2005

Blandine Laferrere, M.D.
Research Associate, Dept. of Medicine
New York Obesity Research Center

“Diabetes control after bariatric surgery: is it only weight loss?”

DEC 23, 2005

**NO CONFERENCE -
Winter Holidays**

JAN 6, 2006

Russell Rising, Ph.D.
Senior Research Scientist
EMTAC, Inc.
Miami FL

“Recent advances in the study of childhood obesity”

JAN 13, 2006

Yiying Zhang, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology
Columbia College of P & S, New York, NY

“Physiological role of the peripheral leptin receptor and leptin signaling”

JAN 20, 2006

Jennifer Nasser, Ph.D.
Research Associate
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, NY

*"Application of human operant task performance to energy balance questions:
Data update in obese humans who binge eat, and future research plans"*

JAN 27, 2006

Somdat Mahabir, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology
University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

"Is there a relationship between postmenopausal adiposity and folate status?"

FEB 3, 2006

Bret H. Goodpaster, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
Department of Medicine
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

*"Changes in body composition with aging:
The influence of obesity and physical activity"*

FEB 10, 2006

Jeffrey S. Flier, M.D.

George C. Reisman Professor of Medicine
Chief Academic Officer
Harvard Medical School,
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

"Obesity 2006: molecular insights confront an expanding epidemic"

FEB 17, 2006

David G. Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Professor of Gastroenterology
University of Manchester
Head, Clinical Academic Group
Hope Hospital, Salford, UK

"Nutrient regulation of enteroendocrine secretion"

FEB 24, 2006

Börk Balkan, Ph.D.

Director of Biology
The Institute for Diabetes Discovery, Inc.
Branford, CT

"PTP1b inhibition as a treatment for type 2 diabetes mellitus, obesity and the

metabolic syndrome"

MAR 3, 2006

Jose Fernandez, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Nutrition Sciences
Division of Physiology and Metabolism
University of Alabama, Birmingham

"Applications of genetic admixture to the study of racial disparities in obesity"

MAR 10, 2006

Kathleen Keller, Ph.D.
Research Fellow
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, NY

*"Do calcium rich foods protect children from obesity?
A review of recent data and controversies"*

MAR 17, 2006

Kathleen V. Axen, Ph.D.
Professor
Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences
Brooklyn College of CUNY, Brooklyn, NY

*"Effect of very low-carbohydrate diets on metabolic syndrome
in dietary obese rats"*

MAR 24, 2006

Merle Myerson, M.D., Ed.D.
Division of Cardiology
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
Adj. Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Columbia University

*"The effect of weight loss method on body fat distribution and
cardiovascular risk profile"*

MAR 31, 2006

Simon Klebanov, Ph.D.
Research Associate
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, NYC

"Beyond the correlation between obesity and health"

APR 7, 2006

Donald Kotler, M.D.
Professor of Medicine, Columbia College of P&S
Head, Gastroenterology Division
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, NYC

"Body composition and immune effects of AIDS pharmacotherapy "

APR 14, 2006

**NO CONFERENCE -
Spring Holidays**

APR 21, 2006

Daniel J. Hoffman, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Nutritional Sciences
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

*"Growth retardation and adult chronic diseases:
Interaction between substrate oxidation and stress response"*

APR 28, 2006

Todd D. Schraw, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Cell Biology
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

*"New insights into obesity and Type 2 diabetes mellitus through
adiponectin overexpression"*

MAY 5, 2006

Dympna Gallagher, Ed.D.
Asst. Prof. in Nutritional Medicine, Columbia University
Director, Body Composition Unit, Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, NYC

"Body composition assessment in newborns"

MAY 12, 2006

Judith Korner, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Division of Endocrinology
Department of Medicine
Columbia University College of P&S

"Analysis of appetitive hormones and body composition after bariatric surgery"

MAY 19, 2006

Barbara A. Gower, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Nutrition Sciences
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

"Ethnic differences in insulin secretion and action"

MAY 26, 2006

Evan S. Berk, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Candidate
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York City

"Metabolic inflexibility in African American females."

JUN 2, 2006

Christopher N. Ochner, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Candidate
Department of Psychology
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

"The relationship between calcium and body weight: Recent findings from a study of weight loss maintenance"

JUN 9, 2006

NO CONFERENCE –
American Diabetes Assn. Annual Meeting

JUN 16, 2006

Chih-Hsing (Paulo) Wu, M.D.
Visiting Scholar
Obesity Research Center, Body Composition Unit
St Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center
Columbia University Institute of Human Nutrition
New York, USA

"Truncal fat in relation to total body fat: Influences of age, sex, and ethnicity"

JUN 23, 2006

Merle Myerson, M.D., Ed.D.
Division of Cardiology
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
Adj. Associate Professor of Epidemiology
Mailman School of Public Health
Columbia University

"Independent effects of Rimonabant plus diet and exercise on metabolic syndrome vs. diet and exercise alone: A research proposal"

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