

**2006-2007  
NEW YORK OBESITY RESEARCH CENTER  
FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC  
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

11:30 am, Sebrell Library, 10th Floor  
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**SEP 15, 2006**

**Jennifer Nasser, Ph.D.**

Research Associate  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, New York, NY

*"Similarities between fat/sugar combinations and drug" speedballs":  
Are poly-drug combinations useful models for studying food over-consumption?"*

**SEP 22, 2006**

**James Greenberg, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Health and Nutrition Sciences  
Brooklyn College of C.U.N.Y., Brooklyn, NY

*"Putative biases in estimating mortality attributable  
to obesity in the U.S. population"*

**SEP 29, 2006**

**Isabelle Barriere, Ph.D.**

**Garey V. Ellis, M.D.**

Co-Directors  
Yeled v' Ylada Early Childhood Center  
Brooklyn, New York

*"The prevention of the increase of obesity through  
a culturally appropriate preschool intervention"*

**OCT 6, 2006**

**Gabriel Ionescu, M.D.**

Gastroenterology Fellow  
Saint Luke's- Roosevelt Hospital Center  
New York, NY

*"Body composition and metabolism in HIV infection:  
A role for mitochondria in the HAART era"*

**FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****OCT 13, 2006**

**Kuan Zhang, Ph.D.**  
Research Associate  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, NY

*"Comparison of spontaneous physical activity between lean and obese/overweight subjects".*

**OCT 20, 2006**

**NO CONFERENCE**  
NAASO Annual Meeting

**OCT 27, 2006**

**Tiffany Thomas, Ph.D.**  
Postdoctoral Candidate  
Department of Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology  
University of California, Berkeley

*"Application of new stable isotope methods: two interventions in insulin resistant animal models"*

**NOV 3, 2006**

**Randy Hampton, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Biology  
Section of Cell and Developmental Biology  
University of California at San Diego,  
Division of Biological Sciences - La Jolla, CA

*"Metabolite-induced protein misfolding as a strategy of cellular regulation"*

**NOV 10, 2006**

**William Bauman, M.D.**  
Professor of Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY  
Spinal Cord Damage Research Center, VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY

*"Body composition and metabolic changes in persons with spinal cord injury".*

**FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****NOV 17, 2006**

**Yael Latzer, D.Sc.**  
Associate Professor  
Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Studies  
Director, Eating Disorders Clinic, Haifa University, Israel.

*"Psychosocial spotlights on childhood obesity"*

**NOV 24, 2006**

**No Conference -  
Thanksgiving Holiday**

**DEC 1, 2006**

**Blandine Laferrère, M.D.**  
Research Associate  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, NY

*"The use of a ghrelin analog in humans: Can it teach us something about ghrelin physiology?"*

**DEC 8, 2006**

**Kevin Hall, Ph.D.**  
Investigator  
Laboratory of Biological Modeling  
NIDDK/NIH  
BETHESDA, MD

*"Computational modeling of human macronutrient metabolism and the regulation of body composition"*

**DEC 15, 2006**

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

*"Long-term effects of very low-carbohydrate, high-fat diets in dietary obese rats"*

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**DEC 22, 2006**

**Dan Galeriu, Ph.D.**

Life and Environmental Physics Dept.  
Horia Hulubei Nat. Inst. for Physics and Nuclear Engineering  
Bucharest-Magurele POB MG-6  
Romania

*"Body composition, metabolism and  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$  transfer in humans  
and other mammals"*

**DEC 29, 2006**

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**Winter Holidays**

**JAN 5, 2007**

**Stephen D. Wohlgenuth, M.D.**    **David Stefan, M.S.EE**  
Norfolk Surgical Group            Novaptus Systems, Inc.  
Norfolk, VA                            Chesapeake, VA

*"The torso volume/torso surface area ratio:  
A new measure of adiposity"*

**JAN 12, 2007**

**Michael Schwartz, M.D.**  
Professor of Medicine  
University of Washington  
Harborview Medical Center  
Seattle, WA

*"Diabetes, obesity and the brain"*

**JAN 19, 2007**

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

*" Effect of glycemic index of a meal on food reinforcement in humans:  
preliminary results "*

**FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****JAN 26, 2007**

**Sami Hashim, M.D.**  
Professor of Medicine  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital  
New York, NY

*"Ketones for the treatment of disease"*

**FEB 2, 2007**

**Hua Lin, Ph.D.**  
Postdoctoral Research Scientist  
Department of Medicine  
Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center  
Columbia University College of P & S

*"Reconstitution of insulin receptor in InsR knockout mice –  
dissecting tissue-specific insulin action in energy homeostasis"*

**FEB 9, 2007**

**Marie-Pierre St-Onge, Ph.D.**  
Research Associate  
New York Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital  
New York, New York 10025

*"Effect of different beverage types on  
energy expenditure"*

**FEB 16, 2007**

**Cathy Nonas, MS, RD, CDE**  
Director, Diabetes & Obesity Programs  
North General Hospital  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine  
NYC 10035

*"Tackling the Obesity Epidemic in Harlem"*

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**FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****FEB 23, 2007**

**Charles V. Mobbs, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
Neurobiology and Geriatrics  
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine  
New York, NY 10029

*"Glucose-sensing neurons, ketogenic diets, and obesity:  
Mechanisms and significance"*

**MAR 2, 2007**

**Richard W. Foltin, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Neuroscience in Psychiatry  
New York State Psychiatric Institute  
Columbia University P & S  
New York, NY 10032

*"Methods, models, and medications for  
binge eating"*

**MAR 9, 2007**

**Qing He, Ph.D.**  
Associate Research Scientist  
Institute of Human Nutrition  
Department of Pediatrics  
Columbia University  
New York, NY

*"Anthropometric index of central adiposity for children from four ethnic groups –  
a grant proposal"*

**MAR 16, 2007**

**Matthew R. Ricci, Ph.D.**  
Vice-President and Science Director  
RESEARCH DIETS, INC.  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

*"Diet-induced metabolic disease models  
in laboratory animals"*

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**Simon Klebanov, Ph.D.**  
Research Associate  
Department of Medicine  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital  
New York, NY

*"Involvement of adipose tissue in the pathogenesis of obesity-associated diseases"*

**MAR 30, 2007**

**Alain D. Baron, M.D.**  
Senior Vice President, Research  
Amylin Pharmaceuticals  
San Diego, CA

*"Integrated Neurohormonal Therapy for Obesity"*

**APR 11, 2007**

**NO MEETING -- SPRING BREAK**

**APR 13, 2007**

**Zimian Wang, Ph.D.**  
Research Associate  
Department of Medicine  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, NYC

*"Studies on Body Composition Modeling: Summing-up 16 years of the PPG".*

**APR 20, 2007**

**Susan Ettinger, Ph.D.**  
**Jennifer Nasser, Ph.D.**  
Research Associates  
Department of Medicine  
Obesity Research Center  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, NYC  
*"Postdoctoral Training in Medical Nutrition:  
A Grant Proposal (R25-E)"*

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APR 27, 2007

**Kristin Javaras, Ph.D.**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Biostatistics,  
Harvard School of Public Health  
Biological Psychiatry Laboratory,  
**McLean Hospital, Boston, MA**

*"Reexamining psychiatric comorbidity:  
Binge Eating Disorder and its association  
with other psychiatric and medical disorders"*

MAY 4, 2007

**Bülent Yildiz, M.D.**  
Professor of Medicine, Endocrinology  
and Metabolism  
Hacettepe University School of Medicine  
Yucetepe, Ankara, Turkey

*"Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and cardiometabolic risk"*

MAY 11, 2007

**Michel Bernier, Ph.D.**  
Senior Staff Scientist  
Diabetes Section, Lab. Clinical Investigation  
National Institute on Aging, NIH  
Baltimore, MD

*"New insights into  
interleukin-6 signaling in hepatocytes"*

MAY 18, 2007

**John D. Salamone, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Psychology  
Head, Behavioral Neuroscience Division  
University of Connecticut  
Storrs, CT

*"Effects of cannabinoid CB1 inverse agonists  
and antagonists on feeding and food-motivated behaviors"*

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**FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****MAY 25, 2007**

**Sarah L. Weinberger**  
Postdoctoral Candidate  
Department of Psychology, Brooklyn College  
The Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y.  
New York, NY

*"The influence of religious orientation and spiritual well-being on body dissatisfaction and eating disturbances in Jewish women."*

**JUN 1, 2007**

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

*"Do recognizable food packages encourage children to eat more?  
Results of a pilot study"*

**JUNE 8**

**Leonardo Trasande, MD, MPP**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Community and Preventive Medicine  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
Co-Principal Investigator, Queens Vanguard Center  
National Children's Study, Queens, NY

*"The role of the National Children's Study  
in answering pressing scientific questions  
regarding the pathogenesis of childhood obesity"*

**JUN 15, 2007**

**Susan Carnell, Ph.D.**  
Health Behaviour Unit  
Dept. of Epidemiology & Public Health  
University College  
London, UK

*"Appetite and adiposity in children:  
support for an updated behavioural theory  
of obesity?"*

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**JUN 22, 2007**

**NO CONFERENCE –  
American Diabetes Meeting**

**JUN 29, 2007**

**Mousumi Bose, Ph.D.**  
Postdoctoral Candidate  
Graduate Program of Nutritional Sciences  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, NJ

*"The effect of tea polyphenols on chronic disease:  
Obesity, the metabolic syndrome, and colon cancer"*

**JUL 13, 2007**

**Sam Klein, M.D.**  
Professor of Medicine  
Head, Clinical Nutrition Research Unit  
Washington University School of Medicine  
St. Louis, MO

*"Fat metabolism and obesity"*

**END OF 2006-2007 CONFERENCES**