

**2007-2008
NEW YORK OBESITY RESEARCH CENTER
FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

11:30 am, Sebrell Library, 10th Floor
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SEP 7, 2007

Ralph DeFronzo, M.D., M.S.
Chief, Diabetes Division,
UTHSC at San Antonio
Director, Diabetes Research Unit, GCRC
UTHSC at San Antonio, TX

"Preservation of Beta Cell Function: Can It Be Achieved?"

SEP 14, 2007

Kathleen Keller, Ph.D.
Research Associate
Hope Cassano, M.S.
Master's Candidate
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

*"Bitter taste genetics: A model to explore
the interface between genes and eating behavior"*

SEP 21, 2007

Susan Ettinger, Ph.D., R.D.
Research Associate
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

"Adipose tissue and the dark side of folate"

SEP 28, 2007

Anthony Sclafani, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor of Psychology
Brooklyn College of CUNY
Brooklyn, NY

*"Mouth and Gut Taste Receptors Determining
Food Preferences"*

OCT 5, 2007

Mardi S. Byerly
Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Program
University of Maryland
College Park, MD

*"Identification of novel mechanisms in the
hypothalamus linked to adiposity"*

OCT 12, 2007

Myron Winnick, M.D.
R.R. Williams Professor of Nutrition (Emeritus)
Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons
Columbia University, NYC

*"Final Stamp: The Jewish Doctors
in the Warsaw Ghetto - A Study of Starvation"*

OCT 19, 2007

CONFERENCE POSTPONED

OCT 26, 2007

Marie-Pierre St-Onge, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor,
Columbia University
Research Associate
New York Obesity Research Center

*"Medium chain triglyceride oil for weight loss:
Are women different than men?"*

NOV 2, 2007

Michael I. Goran, Ph.D.
Professor of Preventive Medicine

Associate Director,
Inst. for Prevention Research
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA

*"Obesity, Insulin Resistance and Disease Risk
in Children and Youth"*

NOV 9, 2007

Barry E. Levin, M.D.

Professor, Department of Neurosciences
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Assistant Chief, Neurology Service,
VA Medical Center, East Orange, NJ

"Obesity: It's all in your brain"

NOV 16, 2007

Carla Wolper, Ed.D., R.D.

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

"Physical Function in Obese Women"

NOV 23, 2007

**No Conference -
Thanksgiving Holiday**

NOV 30, 2007

Richard N. Pierson Jr., M.D.

Karen Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D.

Body Composition Unit
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center

Suzie Jean Louis, M.D., M.P.H.

Englewood Health Department
Englewood, NJ

*"Pediatric Obesity Project: Making a difference in the community.
The Englewood Project, where research, teaching,
and community benefit come together."*

DEC 7, 2007

Naji Torbay, M.D.

Professor of Physiology and Medicine

Dean of the Medical School (ret.)
Univ. Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado, Venezuela
Clinical Associate
Division of Endocrinology
American Univ. of Beirut Medical Center,
Lebanon

"The Hyperinsulinemic Obese"

DEC 14, 2007

Margriet S. Westerterp-Plantenga, Ph.D.
Professor of Food Intake Regulation in Humans
Department of Human Biology, Nutrim, TIFN
Faculty of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences
Maastricht University
Maastricht, The Netherlands

*"Effects on satiety and body weight management
of high protein meals and diets"*

DEC 21, 2007

Gerard Karsenty, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Genetics and Development
Columbia University
College of Physicians and Surgeons
New York, NY

"Reciprocal Regulation of Bone and Energy Metabolisms"

DEC 28, 2007

**No Conference -
Winter Holiday**

JAN 4, 2008

Jennifer Nasser, Ph.D., R.D.
Asst. Professor of Nutrition
Dept. of Bioscience and Biotechnology,
Drexel University, Philadelphia PA

*"Effect of the glycemic index of a preload on
food reinforcement in lean and obese humans"*

JAN 11, 2008

Dympna Gallagher, Ed.D.
Assoc. Professor Nutritional Medicine
Director, Body Composition Unit

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

*"Validation of Echo QMR for Fat and Water
Measures"*

JAN 18, 2008

Cathy Nonas, M.S., R.D., C.D.E.
Director, Physical Activity & Nutrition (PAN)
NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Assistant Clinical Professor
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NYC

*"New York City's Actions to Reduce the Growing
Problem of Obesity"*

JAN 25

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

*"Leucine supplementation: metabolic benefits
and the potential mechanisms"*

FEB 1, 2008

Klaas R. Westerterp, Ph.D.
Professor of Human Energetics
Faculty of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences
Maastricht University
Maastricht, The Netherlands

"Comparing isotopic approaches to other measurements of energy expenditure"

FEB 8, 2008

Sarah F. Leibowitz, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
The Rockefeller University
New York, NY

*"Early phenotypic predictors of diet-induced
obesity"*

FEB 15, 2008

Jeanine Albu, M.D.
Department of Medicine
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

New York, NY

"Does obesity correlate with atherothrombotic risk factors in patients with established Type 2 diabetes and coronary artery disease? Baseline results from the BARI-2D Trial"

FEB 22, 2008

Gene-Jack Wang, M.D., M.H.S.
Senior Medical Scientist
Clinical Head, PET Imaging Group
Medical Department
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, L.I., NY

"Functional Neuroimaging of Eating Behavior"

FEB 29, 2008

Blandine Laferrère, M.D.
Research Associate
Obesity Research Center
Department of Medicine
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York City

"Resolution of diabetes after gastric bypass surgery: is it weight loss?"

MAR 7, 2008

Clinton T. Rubin, Ph.D.
SUNY Distinguished Professor and Chair
Department of Biomedical Engineering
Director, Center for Biotechnology
State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY

"Stemming both osteoporosis and obesity by low magnitude mechanical signals, independent of osteoblasts and adipocytes... My transition from bone-head to fat-head"

MAR 14, 2008

Timothy J. Bartness, Ph.D.
Regents' Professor
Department of Biology
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

"Sympathetic and sensory innervation of adipose tissue: Clinical implications"

MAR 21, 2008

**No Conference
Religious Holiday**

MAR 28, 2008

Allan Geliebter, Ph.D.
Senior Research Scientist
Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University
Professor of Psychology
Touro Graduate School, NYC

"Basic SPSS: an Introduction to the SPSS Statistical Package"

APR 4, 2008

Christopher N. Ochner, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
Maria Bernales, M.A.
Doctoral Student
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, NYC

"Environmental intervention for overweight individuals via price reduction of healthy foods in a community supermarket"

APR 11, 2008

Richard J. Deckelbaum, M.D.
R.R. Williams Professor of Nutrition
Director, Institute of Human Nutrition
Professor of Epidemiology
Mailman School of Public Health
Columbia University, NYC

"Early Determinants of Cardiovascular Disease in Childhood: the RISK 4 Country Study"

APR 18, 2008

Dr. Dympna Gallagher
Assoc. Prof. Nutritional Medicine, Columbia University
Director, Body Composition Unit
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, NYC

"Effects of a weight loss intervention on adipose tissue depots measured by whole-body MRI in adults with type 2 diabetes"

APR 25, 2008

Jennifer Nasser, Ph.D., R.D.
Sami A Hashim, M.D.
Asst. Professor of Nutrition,
Dept. of Bioscience and Biotechnology,
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Professor of Medicine

Columbia University P & S, New York, NY

"Are your eyes bigger than your stomach? Non-invasive estimation of central dopamine response to food in humans by ERG"

MAY 2, 2008

Marie-Pierre St-Onge, Ph.D.

Asst. Professor, Columbia University
Research Associate
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital, NYC

*"Association between sleep duration and obesity:
In search of the driving forces"*

MAY 9, 2008

Eiji Sugaru, Ph.D.

Postdoctoral Fellow
Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center
Columbia University College of P&S, NYC

"Inflammatory pathways that regulate feeding behavior"

MAY 16, 2008

Steven V. Edelman, M.D.

Professor of Medicine
VA San Diego Healthcare Center
University of California, San Diego, CA

"Clinical insights into the use of incretin-based drugs - pramlintide and exenatide"

MAY 23, 2008

Harry R. Kissileff, Ph.D.

Assoc. Professor of Psychiatry
Research Associate, Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, NYC

"To Eat or Not to Eat? What is the question (to ask)?"

MAY 30, 2008

George Stratigopoulos, Ph.D.

Department of Pediatrics
Division of Molecular Genetics
Russ Berrie Medical Science Pavilion
Columbia University Medical Center, NY

"Regulation of Fto/Ftm gene expression in mice and humans"

JUN 6, 2008

No Conference
Am. Diabetes Assn. Annual Meeting

Jun 13, 2008

Kelly Sink, Ph.D.
Neurosciences Program
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

*"Cannabinoid CB1 inverse agonists and antagonists as obesity treatments:
food intake and anxiety"*

JUN 20, 2008

Kathleen Axen, Ph.D.
Kenneth Axen, Ph.D.
Dept. of Health and Nutrition Sciences
Brooklyn College of C.U.N.Y.
Brooklyn, NY

*"Long-term effects of very low carbohydrate
weight reduction diets"*

JUN 27, 2008

Chunhua Weng, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Biomedical Informatics
Columbia University P & S
New York, NY

*"Understanding the connections among obesity researchers at Columbia University
via Social Network Analysis"*

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