

**2008-2009
NEW YORK OBESITY RESEARCH CENTER
FRIDAY MORNING ENDOCRINE-METABOLIC
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

11:30 am, Sebrell Library, 10th Floor
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SEP 5, 2008

Joanna Hlebowicz, M.D., Ph.D.
Dept. of Medicine
Malmo University Hospital
Malmo Sweden

"Glycaemic response in relation to gastric emptying and satiety"

SEP 12, 2008

Ann Veneman
Executive Director
UNICEF, New York City, NY

"Reformulating food aid for improved nutrition"

SEP 19, 2008

Susan Carnell, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

"Genetic influence on appetite and body weight in children"

SEP 26, 2008

Gabriel Ionescu, M.D.
Department of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

*"Effects of tenofovir and zidovudine on mitochondrial function
in HIV-infected subjects"*

OCT 3, 2009

**No Conference
The Obesity Society Annual Meeting**

OCT 10, 2008

Jeffrey Pessin, Ph.D.
Professor of Medicine
Director, Diabetes Center
Depts. of Endocrinology and Molecular Pharmacology
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

"Regulation of insulin sensitivity and fatty acid metabolism by the non-receptor tyrosine kinase Fyn"

OCT 17, 2008

Stuart Weisberg, M.D., Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Microbiology and Pediatrics
Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

"Tumeric tales: Curcumin alleviates type 2 diabetes in mice by decreasing insulin resistance and preserving beta cell function"

OCT 24, 2008

David Russell, Ph.D.
Eugene McDermott Distinguished Professor
of Molecular Genetics
Department of Molecular Genetics
UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

"Cholesterol turnover in the brain"

OCT 31, 2008

Holly R. Hull, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
Body Composition Laboratory
Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, NY

"Preliminary results of the Healthy Newborn Study: Body Composition Analysis"

NOV 7, 2008

Barry Levin, M.D.
Department of Neurology
New Jersey School of Medicine and Dentistry
Newark, NJ

"Glucose sensing and food intake... Was Mayer right?"

NOV 14, 2008

Vidhu Bansal-Dev, Pharm. D.
Head of Medical Affairs, North America

GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Health Care
GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.
Parsippany, NJ

"The science behind alli (orlistat 60mg)"

NOV 21, 2008

James Greenberg, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Health and Nutrition
Brooklyn College of C.U.N.Y
Brooklyn, NY

*"Coffee, hunger, PYY and diabetes risk -
a small randomized clinical trial"*

NOV 28, 2008

**No Conference
Thanksgiving Holiday**

DEC 5, 2008

Dr. E. Leigh Gibson
Reader in Biopsychology
Clinical and Health Psychology Research Centre
School of Human and Life Sciences
Roehampton University, Whitelands College, London, UK

"Stress-diet interactions: the processes involved and their implications"

DEC 12, 2008

Rudolph Leibel, M.D.
Professor of Pediatrics
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
New York, NY

*The future of obesity research: why haven't we translated
basic discoveries into effective treatments?*

DEC 19, 2008

Conference Postponed

DEC 26, 2008 – JAN 2, 2009

Winter Holidays

JAN 9, 2009

Beverly J. Tepper, Ph.D.

Professor of Sensory Science/Nutrition
Department of Food Science
School of Environmental & Biological Sciences
Rutgers University,
New Brunswick, NJ

*"Sweet taste and endocrine parameters in
gestational diabetes mellitus"*

JAN 16, 2009

Devin L. Horton, M.S.
ORC Postdoctoral Candidate
Department of Pathology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

"Regulation of chemokines during the progression of acute inflammation"

JAN 23, 2009

Somdat Mahabir, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Professor
Department of Epidemiology
Univ. of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Div. of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences
Houston, TX

*"Obesity and folate metabolism in pre- and
post-menopausal women"*

JAN 30, 2009

Mousumi Bose, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

*"Monounsaturated vs. saturated fats:
Effects on gut hormones and food intake"*

FEB 6, 2009

Niyati Parekh, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Nutrition,

Food Studies and Public Health
New York University
New York, NY

*"Insulin resistance and cancer mortality:
Results from the longitudinal NHANES III mortality study"*

FEB 13, 2009

Jeanine Albu M.D.
Director, St. Luke's Site
CTSA - PCIR (Clinical Research Center)
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

*"Utilization of the Clinical Research Center for metabolic research
at St. Luke's Hospital"*

FEB 20, 2009

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

*"Can the Cycle of Adipocyte Death, Inflammation and
Depot Expansion be Modified?"*

FEB 27, 2009

Conference Postponed

MAR 6, 2009

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

*Chocolate - A Model Food for Characterizing
"Dietary Speedballs"*

MAR 13, 2009

Michael J. Lewis, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Psychology
Hunter College of CUNY

Psychobiology and Behavioral Neuroscience
Doctoral Program, CUNY
New York, NY

*"Alcohol Dependence:
reinforcement, feeding, and nutrition"*

MAR 20, 2009

Jeanine Albu, M.D.
Research Associate
Director, Clinical Research Center
Department of Medicine
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

*"Fuel utilization, diet composition, and exercise
in African American women"*

MAR 27, 2009

Steven D. Clarke, Ph.D.
Visiting Professor
Dept. of Health and Nutrition Sciences
Brooklyn College of CUNY
Brooklyn, NY

*"A Molecular Mechanism to Explain the
Hypotriglyceridemic Action of Omega-3 Fatty Acids"*

APR 3, 2009

James Greenberg, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Dept. of Health and Nutrition Sciences
Brooklyn College of C.U.N.Y
Brooklyn, NY

*"Obesity, Early Death and Secular Mortality
Trends in the U.S."*

APR 10, 2009

**NO CONFERENCE –
RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY**

APR 17, 2009

F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D.

Director
Professor of Medicine
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

2009 Annual Staff Meeting

APR 24, 2009

Elizabeth Watson, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
New York Obesity Research Center
Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital
New York, NY

*"Lisch-like ILDR2 (immunoglobulin-like domain containing receptor 2),
a candidate modifier of susceptibility to Type II Diabetes in Mice"*

MAY 1, 2009

Jeanine Albu M.D.
Director, St. Luke's Site
CTSA - PCIR (Clinical Research Center)
New York Obesity Research Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
New York, NY

*"Clinical Research Center Programs for Metabolic Research
at St. Luke's Hospital"*

MAY 8, 2009

Thomas Buchanan, M.D.
Professor of Medicine
and Physiology and Biophysics
Keck School of Medicine
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA

*"Clinical Update: Recent Findings
Related to TZD Therapy"*

MAY 15, 2009

Yiying Zhang, Ph.D.
Research Scientist
Division of Molecular Genetics
Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center
Columbia University, NY

*"Regulation of ectodomain shedding of the
leptin receptor"*

MAY 22, 2009

Wendy Chung, Ph.D., M.D.
Herbert Irving Assistant Professor
of Pediatrics in Medicine
Columbia University Medical Center
New York, NY

"Monogenic forms of diabetes"