

FROM DISCOVERY TO IMPACT

Accelerating
Women's Health Research
Through Science, Policy, and Investment

Women's
Health
Research
at Yale



2026 AGENDA

8:00 AM	Registration Opens & Connection Start with Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks , Michael Crair, PhD, Vice Provost for Research, Yale University
9:10 AM	Setting the Stage & Ignite Introduction , Basmah Safdar, MD, MSc, Director, Women's Health Research at Yale
9:20 AM	Ignite Keynote: Inside the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
9:40 AM	Morning Greeting , Kathryn Schubert, MPP, CAE, President and CEO, Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)
9:50 AM	Morning Scientific Spotlights Introduction , Georges El Fakhri, PhD, Yale School of Medicine Scientific Spotlights , featuring 14 Members of the Women's Health Research at Yale Collaborative
10:55 AM	Connection Break
11:15 AM	Funding Episteme Introduction , James Dziura, MPH, PhD, Yale School of Medicine & Yale School of Public Health Translating Discovery to Impact , featuring Morag Grassie, PhD, Yale Ventures and additional funding leaders, moderated by Jessica Federer, MPH, Women's Health Fund
11:50 AM	The Power of Women's Health Research at Yale Pilot Project Program & 2026 Grant Announcements , Carolyn Fredericks, MD, and Basmah Safdar, MD, MSc
12:10 PM	Keynote Introduction , Yale School of Medicine Dean Nancy J. Brown, MD Lunch Keynote: Financing the Future of Women's Health in Connecticut , State Comptroller Sean Scanlon
12:35 PM	Connection Break & Lunch Service
1:15 PM	Ignite Introduction , Kathryn Schubert, MPP, CAE, President and CEO, SWHR Ignite Keynote: Economics of Women's Health Research , Lucy Pérez, PhD, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company
1:35 PM	Federal Fireside, Power of Research Lightning Insights & Policymaker Call to Action featuring U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3)
2:10 PM	Connection Break
2:20 PM	Afternoon Scientific Spotlights Introduction , Rajita Sinah, PhD, Yale School of Medicine Scientific Spotlights , featuring 10 Members of the Women's Health Research at Yale Collaborative
3:10 PM	Session Introduction , Lubna Pal, MD, MSc, Yale School of Medicine Publishing Science to Change Systems , Miriam Sabin, PhD, North American Senior Executive Editor, <i>The Lancet</i>
3:20 PM	Collective Insight Introduction , Tracy Battaglia, MD, MPH, Yale School of Medicine & Yale Cancer Center Scaling Science Through Story , featuring Elizabeth Cooney, <i>STAT</i> , Betsy McKay, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> , Ebong Udoma, <i>WSHU</i> , moderated by Sara Luciano, Women's Health Research at Yale
3:55 PM	The Road Ahead , Basmah Safdar, MD, MSc and Kathryn Schubert, MPP, CAE
	Formal Program Concludes; Networking to Follow, Event Concludes at 5 p.m.

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MORNING SCIENTIFIC SPOTLIGHTS

	Eugenia Chock, MD, MPH <i>Medicine - Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology</i>	Prediction of Systemic Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases in Women
	Marc Schneeberger Pané, PhD <i>Cellular & Molecular Physiology</i>	How Diet & Obesity Impact Vision
	Amy Arnsten, PhD <i>Neuroscience</i>	Sex Differences in Stress Response: Depression, PTSD, and Alzheimer's Disease
	Kieran O'Donnell, PhD <i>Child Study Center</i>	Pregnancy & Biological Aging
	Shaoning Jiang, PhD <i>Pathology</i>	Impacts of Pregnancy & Lactation on Metabolic Health
	Jeffrey Bender, MD <i>Medicine - Cardiovascular</i>	Cardiovascular Risk in Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)
	Alicia Little, MD <i>Dermatology</i>	Immunology of Vulvar Disorders
	Jason Cai, PhD <i>Radiology & Biomedical Imaging</i>	New Imaging Markers for Cancer
	Caroline Johnson, PhD <i>Yale School of Public Health</i>	Sex Differences in Cancer Metabolism
	Lori Bastian, MD, MPH <i>General Medicine and VA Connecticut</i>	Sexual Trauma & Cancer Risk
	George Goshua, MD <i>Medicine - Hematology</i>	Sex Differences in Iron Deficiency Anemia
	Krysten Bold, PhD <i>Psychiatry</i>	Wearables & Substance Use Disorder Cessation Interventions
	Aaron Lazorwitz, MD, PhD <i>Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences</i>	Building A Better Non-Hormonal Intrauterine Device
	Lubna Pal, MD, MSc <i>Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences</i>	Novel Non-Hormonal Treatments for Menopausal Symptoms

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LIGHTNING INSIGHTS



Jeff Gehlhausen, MD, PhD
Dermatology



Aeka Guru, BS
*Women's Health Research
at Yale Undergraduate Fellow*



Shantana Hazel
Health Advocate



Jennifer Kwan, MD, PhD
Medicine - Cardiovascular



Rachel Perry, PhD
*Cellular & Molecular
Physiology*



Lisa Sanders, MD
General Medicine



David Stitelman, MD
Surgery

AFTERNOON SCIENTIFIC SPOTLIGHTS



Garrett Ash, PhD
*Biomedical Informatics and Data
Science*

**Hormone-Informed Digital Phenotyping of
Exercise Response**



Jordan Galbraith, BA
Neurology

**Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (FSH),
Brain Circuitry & Alzheimer's Disease**



Shannon Whirledge, PhD, MSc
*Obstetrics, Gynecology &
Reproductive Sciences*

**Identifying Environmental Drivers of
Uterine Fibroids**



Jessica Magid-Bernstein, MD, PhD
Neurology

The Role Sex Plays in Stroke Outcomes



Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH
Medicine - Oncology

Menopause Care for Patients with Cancer



Mary Jane Minkin, MD
*Obstetrics, Gynecology &
Reproductive Sciences*

**Menopause & Hormone Replacement Therapy
(HRT) Treatment Algorithms**



Aolan Li, PhD
Yale School of Nursing

Sex Differences in Pain, Stress & Omics



Samah Fodeh-Jarad, PhD, MSc
Emergency Medicine

**Investigating Patient-Provider Communications
Using Artificial Intelligence**



Ellie Prousaloglou, MD
Surgery

**Protecting Women with Breast Cancer
from Financial Toxicity**



Tami Sullivan, PhD
Psychiatry

**Intimate Partner Violence & Interventions
that Promote Resilience and Hope**