

**MATERNAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS DAY 2024**

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**Join us in person or  
online for a half-day of  
seminars and  
discussion related to  
vital and pressing  
maternal health issues!**

**Friday, Jan. 26, 2024  
7:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

Clinical Academic Building, Room 1302  
125 Paterson Street  
New Brunswick



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In conjunction with Maternal Health Awareness Day in New Jersey -- the first state to formally recognize maternal health, safety and mortality issues with an annual event -- we are hosting an interprofessional education series for all individuals involved in women's health and maternity care.

## AGENDA:

**7:30 – 7:45 A.M.**

Breakfast and Networking

**7:45 – 8 A.M.**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

**Amy P. Murtha, MD**

Dean, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**Gloria A. Bachmann, MD, MS**

Associate Dean for Women's Health, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**8 – 9 A.M.**

Keynote Speaker

*How Public Health Initiatives Can Support the Health Care Team in Providing Optimal Maternal Health Care for All*

**Lisa Asare, BA, MPH**

N.J. Deputy Commissioner of Health Services

**9 – 9:35 A.M.**

*The Addiction Crisis: Its Impact on Maternal & Infant Well-Being*

**Damali M. Campbell Oparaji, MD**

Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Health  
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

**9:35 – 10 A.M.**

Recognition of MHAD Pioneers

**10 – 10:15 A.M.**

BREAK

**10:15 – 11:30 A.M.**

*Panel Discussion: Contributors to Optimizing Maternal and Infant Health*

**Julie Blumenfeld, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN (Moderator)**

Program Director, Nurse Midwifery & the Dual Women's Health/Nurse Midwifery Program, Rutgers School of Nursing

**Suzanne Spernal, APN-BC, DNP, MSN, RNC-OB, CBC**

Senior Vice President, Women's Services, RWJBarnabas Health

**Alopi Patel, MD**

Associate Professor (Pain Medicine), Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**Elizabeth A. Suarez, PhD, MPH**

Pharmacoepidemiologist, Rutgers Center for Pharmacoepidemiology and Treatment Science

**Robyn D'Oria, MA, RNC, APN**

Chief Executive Officer, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium

**Ruchira Sharma, MD**

Assistant Professor (MFM), Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**Kathleen Francois, MBA, LCSW, LCADC**

Social Worker, Eric B. Chandler Health Center

**Glenmarie Matthews, MD, MBA, MS**

Assistant Professor & Family Planning Specialist (OB/GYN), Rutgers

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**Shilpa Pai, MD**

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**11:30 – 11:40 A.M.**

Abstract winners announced

**11:40 A.M. – Noon**

Closing Remarks

**Noon – 1 p.m.**

Video Presentation: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists



This **HYBRID** event (in person and virtual) will include seminars, panel discussions and, for the first time, abstract poster presentations on women's health issues.

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