

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to participate in an outstanding conference on the pathophysiology, epidemiology, and management of GDM on April 8-10, 2010, in Pasadena, California. The meeting is presented by the diabetes and pregnancy study groups of Australia (ADIPS), Canada (CanDIPS), Eastern U.S. (DPSG-NA), and Western U.S. (DPSG-W). State of the science 20-minute oral presentations will be followed by open panel discussions with the speakers. There will be interactive Q & A via audience response keypads. An emerging theme of the conference is early life influences on later health, and what we can do about it. The provisional schedule for the 3 full days is attached.

Ten posters on the topic of the day will be displayed in the conference room. Thus up to 30 posters will be accepted. This will be an opportunity for younger investigators to show their recent or unfinished work to leaders in the field of diabetes and pregnancy. One-page abstracts for consideration for poster display should be submitted by Feb 21 to <pcatalano@metrohealth.org> on basic science only; to <assiamira.ferrara@nsmt.kp.org> on epidemiology and case series only; and to <odlanger@chp.net.org> on management only.

Those of you who have volunteered as speakers will receive a separate Email about conference arrangements.

There will be a welcoming reception with music Wednesday night, 6-9 pm, April 7, 2010. The venue will be the lovely Westin Pasadena, 191 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101. (626) 792-2727. The discounted group room rate of \$179 will be available until March 2, 2011, but you are urged to make reservations soon because we believe this will be a popular conference and attendance is limited to 200. Make hotel reservations at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/GDMPasadena>. The surrounding neighborhood and city center is delightful, and the restaurants and shops of Old Pasadena are a short stroll away. The light rail Metro Gold Line provides easy access to Union Station (\$1.25 one way), downtown L.A., the Disney Concert Hall by Frank Gehry, and El Pueblo De Los Angeles ("La Placita Olvera").

Conference early registration fees of \$395 for MDs and \$365 for other health professionals will be handled by <[www.sweetsuccessexpress.com](http://www.sweetsuccessexpress.com)> and click on Conferences. Pre-payment by U.S. or international credit card is necessary. Registration and payment online will be available by December 20, 2009. A light breakfast, breaks, and lunch will be provided during the meeting hours. CMEs (20) and CEs (25) will be provided by PACLAC. If you would like to receive a flyer that provides further information and transportation options, please let me know.

Pasadena is a historic small city nestled against the San Gabriel Mountains, adjoining a gargantuopolis. Famous for domestic architecture, gardens and rose parades, Pasadena also has world-class art museums (Norton Simon, Huntington, Pacific Asia), historical exhibition libraries (Huntington), the California State Theatre (Pasadena Playhouse), a beautiful 'art nouveau' Civic Auditorium, and the Pasadena Jazz Institute. Pasadena also has a strong background in science, being the home of California Institute of Technology (university; site of the first discussion of the expanding universe by Einstein and Hubble) and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Pasadena has nurtured the nearby USC and LA County Medical Centers for decades. More information is available at [VisitPasadena.com](http://VisitPasadena.com)

We are looking forward to seeing you April 7!

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