Childhood Obesity and Public Health: A Lifespan Approach to Prevention

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- Release of a Report Card on the Health of Louisiana’s Children and Youth
- State of the Nationwide Childhood Obesity Epidemic
- Early-life Events and Risk of Obesity and Its Complications
- Promising Programs to Target Childhhood Obesity
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Agenda:

9:00 am Welcome Claude Bouchard, PhD
Executive Director, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA

9:10 am A National Perspective on Childhood Obesity: How Bad is It? William H. Dietz, MD, PhD
Director of the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

9:55 am Obesity and Physical Activity in Louisiana’s Youth: A State Report Card Peter T. Katzmarzyk, PhD
Associate Executive Director for Population Science, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA

10:15 am Break

10:30 am LA Health: Setting the Stage for School-based Obesity Prevention in Louisiana Donald Williamson, PhD
John S. McChenny Endowed Professor and Chief of Health Psychology, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA

11:15 am Diet and Physical Activity in Adolescents: The Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health (CATCH) Cohort Larry Wehler, PhD
Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Tulane University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

12:00 noon Lunch: Panel Discussion - Policy & Legislative Issues Related to Childhood Obesity

1:30 pm Maternal and Social Environmental Effects on Childhood Obesity and Future Health David J. Barker, MD, PhD
Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Developmental Origins of Health and Disease, School of Medicine, University of Southampton, UK

2:15 pm Birth Weight and Insulin Sensitivity in Children Melinda S. Sothorn, PhD
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3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Physical Activity in Childhood and Adolescence and Adult Health Outcomes Robert M. Malina, PhD
Professor Emeritus, Department of Kinesiology, University of Texas at Austin, Research Professor, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX

4:00 pm Obesity in Childhood and Adult Health Outcomes: Lessons Learned from Bogalusa David Harsha, PhD
Associate Professor and Director, Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Health Delivery, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA

4:45 pm Summary and Concluding Remarks - Discussant Gerald Berenson, MD
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5:15 pm Adjournment

Registration for this event is free and will be available on our website at www.pbrc.edu beginning in May 2008. Please call (225) 763-2936 for more information.