

International Medical Experts Share Research and Findings at Human Teratology Conference at UC San Diego, Oct. 27 and 28

Two-Day Conference in La Jolla Explores New and Emerging Causes of Birth Defects

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The UC San Diego Department of Pediatrics will present a timely conference on the environmental causes of birth defects on October 27-28. Located at the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy, the two-day conference will delve into key topics such as anticonvulsant medications, maternal diabetes, isotretinoin and vitamin A, asthma and allergy medications, and gene environment interaction, among others. Presenters hail from eight of the world's premier medical institutions representing both the U.S. and Australia.

"This conference represents a rare opportunity to quickly absorb the most recent research and findings related to human teratology across multiple medical disciplines," says Dr. Gabriel Haddad, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at UC San Diego and Physician-in-Chief at Children's Hospital in San Diego. "Attendees will immediately benefit from critical knowledge and valuable expertise that can be immediately applied in everyday practice."

Speakers for the conference include world recognized reproductive and pediatric experts such as William Webster, PhD, University of Sydney; Anthony Scialli, M.D., Bethesda Maryland; John Graham, M.D., Cedars Sinai Medical Center; Edward Lammer, M.D., Oakland Children's Hospital; Michael Schatz, M.D. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center; and Jane Adams, PhD, University of Massachusetts.

The two-day conference begins with a workshop on human embryology on Friday, October 27 from 5-8:30 pm. The second day begins at 8am and concludes at 6pm with an extensive array of presentations on the teratology topic. The combined registration fee for both days is \$225. A student discount is available. Space is limited. Complete registration information is available at extension.ucsd.edu/teratology or by calling (800) 711-5030.

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