

Racial Equity Statement

The Reproductive Health Program, as part of the Adolescent, Genetics, and Reproductive Health (AGRH) Section is committed to working towards racial equity by addressing racism, acknowledging implicit bias, and shifting how we do what we do.

We acknowledge the past and present role of government in creating inequities and doing harm to communities of color, and tribal and indigenous communities in Oregon, leading to historical and ongoing trauma. We envision an Oregon where all community members thrive, and racial inequities and disparities are eliminated.

Starting with our Racial Equity Values and Principles (located on our [website](#) [↗]), we commit to creating policies and procedures to address systemic, structural and institutional racism, and create a culture in which we hold ourselves and each other accountable. We accept that our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) means a commitment to constant learning – we will make mistakes, but we are determined to learn from them and to improve.

Liletta Approved for Six Years

On October 25, 2019 the FDA approved Liletta to prevent pregnancy for up to six years. This approval was based on a review of additional efficacy and safety data from the largest ongoing Phase 3 clinical trial. The study population in the study included women of various ages, races and body mass index.



RHC Materials Available Online

Slides and resources shared at the RHC Meeting are now available on our Provider Trainings page. Take a [look](#) [↗].

Guttmacher Institute Honors Dr. Maria Rodriguez, Oregon Reproductive Health Program Medical Director

We are excited to share the news that the RH Program's Medical Director and Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at OHSU, Dr. Maria Rodriguez, was named the 2019 recipient of the Guttmacher Institute's Darroch Award for Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research. The Darroch Award was established in 2005 to recognize excellence among sexual and reproductive health researchers who are in the early or middle years of their careers. Dr. Rodriguez was nominated for the award because of her rigorous research methods and her ability to connect with health care providers, administrators, and policy makers, as well as her role as a supportive mentor to medical students and junior colleagues. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Rodriguez! To read more about Dr. Rodriguez's extensive achievements, click [here](#) [?].

New Opportunity for Liz Gharst!

Liz Gharst, our Reproductive Health Multimedia Specialist, has accepted a job rotation to serve as the Cross-Sector and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator in the Director's Office of the Public Health Division from November through April. The position will continue the development of the 2020-24 Oregon State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) by overseeing five concurrent external workgroups that are tied to each of the new priorities of the SHIP, consisting of more than 60 organizations. She is very grateful to her colleagues who will help cover different aspects of her work while on rotation. For those who have been reaching out to her for materials, please reach out to Malika Edden Hill at malika.p.eddenhill@dhsosha.state.or.us if you need more. Join us in congratulating Liz on this opportunity!



Trainings & Education

Public Charge Rule Webinar (November 14)

The OHA Community Partner Outreach Program, in partnership with the Oregon Law Center, Causa Oregon and the Oregon Latino Health Coalition, is hosting a webinar on Nov. 14, 2019 to provide updates on the new federal Public Charge Rule, which has been temporarily blocked across the entire country. There will be an English session from 9-10am and a Spanish session from 11am-12pm. Both sessions will be recorded.

- Register for the English session [here](#) [↗]
- Register for the Spanish session [here](#) [↗]

Webinar: Talking about HPV Vaccine (Friday, November 22nd 9:00-10:00)

November's PE 46 webinar features guest speaker Dr. Stewart Decker, physician HPV champion and trainer for Klamath County Health Department.

[Register for the webinar](#) [↗] After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Resources

Women's Foundation of Oregon Grant Opportunity

Women's Foundation of Oregon just announced their Immediate Impact grant opportunities. Immediate Impact grant recipients will receive up to \$5,000 to cover an urgent and unexpected need within six months. To learn more and apply see their [website](#) [↗].

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