

Critical Issues in Biomonitoring - a Community Forum

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Purpose

“Critical Issues in Biomonitoring”, a Bay Area community forum, will bring together environmental health and breast cancer advocates, academic and community-based researchers, public health professionals, public policy leaders, health educators, ethicists and community members to facilitate a dialogue on important issues relevant to biomonitoring.

This Biomonitoring Community Forum will present an arena to discuss both the opportunities and the concerns associated with biomonitoring. It will present up-to-date information about the art and science of biomonitoring and provide a forum for participants from a variety of perspectives and with varying expertise to discuss the scientific, ethical, and public policy issues related to biomonitoring.

Forum Goals

The goals of this Forum are:

1. To inform and educate participants from a variety of perspectives on the risks and benefits of biomonitoring
2. To facilitate an interactive exchange of information and concerns related to biomonitoring among participants.
3. To identify opportunities for participants to engage in future decision making activities related to biomonitoring.
4. To identify partnerships interested in collaborating in future community based, participatory research studies using biomonitoring.
5. To develop recommendations and next steps on identified areas of interest and concern related to biomonitoring.

Who should attend?

Community members, community based and advocacy organizations, health care providers, academicians, researchers, industry representatives, state

and local government officials and others interested in learning more about biomonitoring, and engaging in stimulating dialogue about the risks and benefits of biomonitoring and the attendant ethical and policy concerns.

Conference Program

Through plenary sessions, panel presentations, question and answer periods and small group discussions, this community forum will provide opportunities among both speakers and participants for dialogue, problem solving and future planning in regard to biomonitoring, community-based, participatory research and environmental health.

Location

UCSF Genentech Hall
600 16th St., San Francisco, CA 94107

Transportation and Parking

You are encouraged to carpool or take public transportation. Parking is available at the site for a fee. For directions and public transportation information, go to pub.ucsf.edu/missionbay/directions/

Registration

Space at the forum is limited, with attendance restricted to 175 participants; therefore early registration is encouraged. The \$35 registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and reception. A reduced fee is available for community members. Forms postmarked or e-mailed after October 1, 2004, will not be processed. For additional information and to download registration forms, visit:
www.breastcancerwatch.org.

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Program

- 8:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15 **Welcome:** *Janice Barlow*, Executive Director, Marin Breast Cancer Watch; *Honorable Lynn Woolsey*, United States Representative
- 8:30 **Opening Plenary: "Biomonitoring"**
Richard Jackson, MD, MPH
- 9:10 **"Scientific and Laboratory Issues"**
Larry Needham, Ph.D
Open Microphone/Questions & Answers
- 9:45 **Panel: "Methods, Benefits and Challenges of Biomonitoring in Public Health and in Research"**
Panel will provide an overview of the complexities of using biomonitoring in public health surveillance and in research studies.
Panelists: *Peggy Reynolds, Ph.D.*; *Paul English, Ph.D., MPH*; *Patrice Sutton, MPH*; *Mary Wolff, Ph.D.*
Questions & Answers
- 11:10 **Break**
- 11:30 **Panel: "Engaging Communities in Biomonitoring Research and Advocacy Efforts"**
Panel will highlight specific approaches aimed at incorporating community participation into biomonitoring research and public policy advocacy.
Panelists: *Sharyl Patton, BA*; *Cliff Johnson, MSPH*; *Fern Orenstein, M.ED*; *Romel Pascual, MA*; *Alicia Salvatore, MPH*
- 1:00 **Lunch/Keynote Presentation**
Assemblymember Wilma Chan
- 2:00 **Plenary: "Community Research Ethics in Environmental Public Health"**
Dianne Quigley, MA and *Lori Copan, RPh, MPH*
Questions & Answers

- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:20 **Small Group Discussions** focused on deepening participants understanding of the issues and developing follow up activities
- 4:45 **Evaluation and Closing**
- 5:00 **Reception**

Speakers

- Assemblymember Wilma Chan** (D-Oakland)
- Lori Copan RPh, MPH, AE-C**, former Project Manager, California Biomonitoring Planning Project, Environmental Health Laboratory, California Department of Health Services; Program Director, Asthma Education Center
- Paul English, Ph.D, MPH**, Program Director, California Environmental Health Tracking Program, Environmental Health Investigations branch, California Department of Health Services
- Richard Jackson, MD, MPH**, Public Health Officer, California Department of Health Services
- Cliff Johnson, MSPH**, Community NHANES, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Larry Needham, Ph.D**, National Center of Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Fern Orenstein M.ED**, Breast Cancer Survivor, Marin Breast Cancer Watch Board of Directors, BABCERC Community Co-investigator
- Romel Pascual, MA**, Program Manager, Environmental Justice Program, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
- Sharyl Patton BA**, Director of Health and Environment Program, Co-Director of Collaborative on Health and the Environment, Commonwealth
- Dianne Quigley, MA**, Collaborative Initiative for Research Ethics in Environmental Health, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- Peggy Reynolds, Ph.D**, Chief, Environmental Epidemiology Section, Environmental Health

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Mary Wolff, Ph.D, Professor of Community Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York

Honorable Lynn Woolsey, United States Representative, 6th Congressional District, California

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