

29TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE ON

HIGH RISK OBSTETRICS

*Including topics on: Gestational Diabetes, Substance Abuse,
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss, Domestic Violence, Preterm Labor,
and much more...*

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CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Our **29th Annual Fall Conference on High Risk Obstetrics** is designed for physicians, certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who face challenges in the care of the high risk pregnant patient. The goal of this conference is to increase knowledge and enhance the competence of attendees. Emphasis will be placed on practical application of the evidence-based topics presented.

Topics for this year's conference have been selected based on the educational needs determined from the identified professional practice gaps. The gaps were derived from a variety of sources including evaluations and outcomes data from past participants; clinical expert input; Symposia Medicus' online survey; and other medical and nursing data.

Conference format will include didactic lectures, case studies, and question and answer sessions.

An outstanding faculty has been assembled for this conference. Each member was selected based on their individual area of expertise and ability to communicate current, evidence-based, and practical information to participants.

You are sure to enjoy our **29th Annual Fall Conference on High Risk Obstetrics** while sharing ideas and experiences with colleagues from across the country in exciting New Orleans.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

As a result of participating in this conference, you should have increased knowledge and enhanced competence to...

- Manage the adverse consequences of gestational diabetes in pregnancy
- Assess risks and management strategies associated with the short cervix
- Develop a plan for antepartum management of the multifetal pregnancy
- Establish an environment of patient safety in labor and delivery
- Manage the use of anti-depressants in pregnant patients
- Efficiently and effectively screen for intimate partner violence

ACCREDITATION

This educational activity was planned and produced in accordance with the **ACCME** and **ANCC** Essentials and Standards relating to continuing medical and nursing education.

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Certificates of credit will be given to participants on-site at the conclusion of the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Physicians

Symposia Medicus designates this live activity for a maximum of **19 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ACOG

Application has been made with the **American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG)** for cognates, Formal Learning.

Certified Nurse Midwives

The **American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)** accepts Category 1 CME approval from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

Physician Assistants

AAPA accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from organizations accredited by ACCME or a recognized state medical society. Physician assistants may receive a maximum of 19 hours of Category 1 credit for completing this program.

Nurse Practitioners/Nurses

The **ANCC** contact hours awarded for completion of this conference are 19.

Provider is also approved by the **California Board of Registered Nursing**, Provider #CEP2335, for 22.8 contact hours.

Pharmacology Credit for Prescriptive Authority

A maximum of 2.25 hours in pharmacology credit for prescriptive authority may be earned by attending this educational conference. Sessions awarding pharmacology credit for prescriptive authority are denoted with an Rx in the schedule.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Each registrant will receive an extensive conference syllabus that includes materials on each topic presented. **The full color digital syllabus will be available for download approximately two weeks prior to the conference (you'll receive an email with instructions).** If you wish to receive a paper syllabus (black and white), please check the box on the registration form in this brochure.

If you bring your tablet/laptop to the conference, be aware that there are no electrical outlets at the conference tables. **Make sure your tablet/laptop is fully charged each day.**

If you are unable to attend this conference, extra copies of this syllabus (either paper or digital copy) will be available one week after the conference. The cost is \$60 for a paper syllabus and \$25 for the digital copy. To place your order, please email publications@symposiamedicus.org.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Additional information regarding activities, hotel, location, and ground transportation will be sent to registrants.

CONFERENCE FACULTY

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 1

- 7:00am Conference Registration/Check-in
During Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 **Welcome & Introduction**
Connie Graves, MD
- 8:15 **An Update on Gestational Diabetes**
(Rx = 20 minutes)
Donna Dizon-Townson, MD
- 9:00 **The Short Cervix: The Myth & the Evidence**
Connie Graves, MD
- 9:45 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Use of Anti-Depressants in Pregnancy**
(Rx = 30 minutes)
Mark G. Newman, MD
- 11:15 **Substance Abuse: The Changing Landscape**
(Rx = 15 minutes)
Connie Graves, MD
- Noon **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 12:30pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:45 **Preterm Labor: Are We Ready for
Progesterone?** (Rx = 15 minutes)
Donna Dizon-Townson, MD
- 2:30 **"Why Doesn't Somebody Do Something?":
Intimate Partner Violence & the Practitioner**
James E. (Jef) Ferguson II, MD, MBA
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 **Creating & Implementing a Comprehensive
OB/GYN Quality & Patient Safety Program**
Frances Kelly, PhD(c), MSN, RNC-OB,
NEA-BC, CPHQ
- 4:15 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 5:00 Adjourn for the Day

Friday, October 2

- 7:30am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 **Lessons Learned from Managing the
Multifetal Gestation**
Roger B. Newman, MD
- 8:45 **Expectant Versus Active Management of the
Third Stage of Labor** (Rx = 15 minutes)
Frances Kelly, PhD(c), MSN, RNC-OB,
NEA-BC, CPHQ
- 9:30 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience

- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Acute Respiratory Emergencies During
Pregnancy** (Rx = 15 minutes)
Connie Graves, MD
- 11:00 **Obstetrical Triage: It's Not 'First-Come,
First-Served' Anymore**
Frances Kelly, PhD(c), MSN, RNC-OB,
NEA-BC, CPHQ
- 11:45 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 12:15pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:30 **Operative Vaginal Delivery** (Rx = 15 minutes)
Roger B. Newman, MD
- 2:15 **Management of Thrombophilias: Preventing
an Acute Emergency Event** (Rx = 10 minutes)
Connie Graves, MD
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 **Indications for Cervical Cerclage:
Consideration of a Revised Surgical Technique**
Roger B. Newman, MD
- 4:00 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 4:45 Adjourn for the Day

Saturday, October 3

- 7:30am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 **Accreta Placental Abnormalities**
James E. (Jef) Ferguson II, MD, MBA
- 8:45 **Perinatal Complications of Bariatric Surgery**
Mark G. Newman, MD
- 9:30 **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 10:00 Break (Hotel check-out, if applicable)
- 10:30 **Management of Fetal Growth Restriction**
James E. (Jef) Ferguson II, MD, MBA
- 11:15 **Recurrent Pregnancy Loss:
Understanding the Issues**
Donna Dizon-Townson, MD
- Noon **Hemoglobinopathies in Pregnancy:
Screening & Management**
Mark G. Newman, MD
- 12:45pm **Questions & Answers
Group Discussion**
Faculty Panel & Audience
- 1:30 *Conference Adjourns*

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will be granted for these sessions*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, LODGING, & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Enrollment for this conference is limited in order to provide the best possible learning environment. **Early registration is advised.**

You can register and receive conference lodging group rates by reserving the following ways:

- On-line at our website, www.symposiamedicus.org; OR
- Call Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm (Pacific Time), (925) 969-1789 or (800) 327-3161 with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover; OR
- By mail, make check payable to Symposia Medicus and send with registration form to 399 Taylor Blvd., Suite 201, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-2287.

For additional conference or lodging information, call Symposia Medicus at (800) 327-3161 or (925) 969-1789, or visit our website at www.symposiamedicus.org.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TUITION:	EARLY <i>If postmarked by July 23, 2015</i>	REGULAR <i>If postmarked after July 23, 2015</i>
Physicians	\$640	\$740
Residents, Nurses, PAs, & All Others	\$540	\$640

- Discounts are available for retired healthcare providers, active U.S. military, and groups of three or more. For more information, please contact Symposia Medicus prior to registering.
- Tuition includes continuing education certification, extensive conference syllabus, continental breakfast for conference registrants, and break refreshments.
- Conference registration will be confirmed via email and **more information on travel, hotel, and activities will be emailed and also available on our website**
- This conference meets the requirements for CE tax deductibility; however, we suggest you consult your financial authority for more information

AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

You will fly into Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY), which is approximately 30 minutes from **Harrah's New Orleans**. Information on ground transportation will be sent to registrants and available online at our website.

Symposia Medicus has arranged for discount fares with **Alaska, Delta and United airlines** for this conference. Reservations can be made either through your travel agency or through the airlines at the website or Convention Desk numbers listed below.

In order to receive the discounted rate, you or your travel agent must refer to the Symposia Medicus Group ID number listed here.

Alaska Airlines	For discounts on Alaska Airlines flights, please book online at www.alaskaair.com and click on the link "Advanced Search", located at the bottom of the "Book Flights" box. Once you click on this link, another page will appear. On this page, you will need to insert ECMV881 in the "Discount Code" box, located at the right hand side of the page.
Delta Airlines	For discounts on Delta Airlines, please visit www.delta.com and click on the link "Advanced Search", located at the bottom of the "Book a Trip" box. Once you click on this link, another page will appear. On this page, you will need to insert NMJHN in the "Meeting Event Code" box, located at the right hand side of the page. For questions, please call the Delta Airlines Convention Desk at (800) 328-1111.
United Airlines	For discounts on United Airlines flights, please book online at www.ual.com and insert ZSN7150020 into the e-certificate code box. For questions, please call the United Airlines Convention Desk at (800) 426-1122.

CAR RENTAL DISCOUNT

For conference discounts, Symposia Medicus has made arrangements with **AVIS and Budget Car Rentals**. Reservations can be made by phone; please refer to the conference code and the conference/airport location when making your reservations. Please see below:

AVIS	800-331-1600	AWD #B766625
Budget	800-772-3773	BCD #U076767

CONFERENCE LODGING INFORMATION

Symposia Medicus has **conference group rates** at **Harrah's New Orleans**.

These special rates will only be available until **September 10, 2015** and will only be available after that date on a space and rate available basis. We recommend you reserve your lodging **as soon as possible, as rooms at the conference group rates are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Rooms may sell out and/or room rates may increase prior to the release date, stated above.**

Harrah's New Orleans
228 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Direct: (504) 533-6000

These group rates will be available three days before and three days after the conference (based on availability) if you wish to extend your stay in New Orleans.

To make your reservation, please call (877) 466-7847 YOU MUST REFER TO THE HIGH RISK OBSTETRICS CONFERENCE OR SYMPOSIA MEDICUS GROUP TO RECEIVE CONFERENCE GROUP RATES

Room Type	Group Rates (Single/Double Occupancy)	Description
Luxury Room	\$180/night	430 sq. ft. room features king or two beds, elegant appointments, and original artwork. It also includes an exclusive-to-Harrah's pillow-top Simmons Beautyrest mattress, work desk with data ports, entertainment center, double vanity, separate bathtub and shower, and casual seating area.
Premium Room	\$210/night	430 sq. ft. room features king or two beds, the same appointments as the Luxury room, plus a spa-style waffle weave robe. All Premium rooms are non-smoking and located on upper floors, with amazing views of the Mississippi River and/or New Orleans Skyline.

By booking your lodging using the Symposia Medicus group rates, a 50% discount off of the daily standard in-room wireless internet connection charge (normally \$12.95/daily) will be honored for the dates of September 28-October 4, 2015.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Hotel Policies

- A deposit equal to one night's room & tax is due to the hotel with a major credit card upon making your reservation. Each guestroom must have at least one registered guest 21 years of age or older.
- Above group rates **do not** include the following (subject to change):
 - 13% Room Tax
 - 1.75% City Assessment
 - \$2.00 Occupancy Tax, per room, per night
- Maximum guestroom occupancy is four regardless of age
- Children 17 years & under are complimentary (not to exceed maximum occupancy)
- Additional persons 18 years and older are an additional \$30 per person, per night (not to exceed maximum occupancy)
- **Rollaways & Cribs:** Rollaway beds and cribs are complimentary (subject to availability and change); however, only one per room is allowed due to fire codes
- Check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out time is 11:00am. Any departures after 11:00am are subject to a full day charge.
- A 30-minute break has been allotted in our conference schedule on the last day for those of you who need to check-out
- **Credit/Debit Card Policy:** The hotel accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and Diners Club. The hotel requires a major credit card at check-in to place a hold for the estimated room charges, as well as \$50.00 per day for incidental charges.
- **Parking:** Valet parking is \$38/night and self-parking is \$30/night. Self-parking charge can be waived daily if you have a Total Rewards Card (obtained on property) and play at least 30 minutes of slot play per day. See hotel's front desk for more information.
- **Hotel cancellations** must be made directly with the hotel at least 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival (check-in) date, or you will be charged a cancellation fee equal to your one night's deposit and tax

Cancellation Policies

- Conference cancellations must be made **in writing to Symposia Medicus** and a 10% of paid tuition processing fee will be assessed. No refunds will be made if cancellation is postmarked after **August 27, 2015**; however, tuition, less 10% processing fee, may be applied to a future Symposia Medicus conference.
- **All cancellations must be e-mailed to registrar@symposiamedicus.org OR mailed to Symposia Medicus. If mailed, it must be postmarked by the dates stated above.**
- In the unlikely event of conference cancellation by Symposia Medicus, full tuition refunds will be made. Symposia Medicus will not be responsible for refunding travel or any other expenses.



CONFERENCE LOCATION

Nestled on the banks of the majestic Mississippi River, New Orleans is one of the United States most mesmerizing cities. Its Old World European charm, rich cultural fabric, and intriguing history have made it one of the world's top travel destinations. Visit this amazing city and experience world-class cuisine, inspired jazz, and boutique shopping in a place that is steeped in history. Whether it's music, food, or the arts you love (or all of the above), you'll want to join in as New Orleans lets its hair down and declares, "*laissez les bons temps rouler*" (let the good times roll)!

The AAA Four Diamond Award-winning **Harrah's New Orleans** hotel is located in the heart of the world's most exhilarating city. This 26-story marvel, with 450 oversized rooms and suites, provides an unparalleled escape. Spend some time at the fun, friendly casino or dine at one of their eight restaurants, including a local favorite, the Acme Oyster House. With spectacular views of the Mississippi River and New Orleans skyline, just **steps from the French Quarter** and Convention Center, and a few blocks from the Superdome, there is no better place to stay in New Orleans than Harrah's.

Enjoy the atmosphere of Bourbon Street, walk the historic French Quarter, or shop till you drop on Royal Street. Whatever your pleasure, you'll be sure to find it in New Orleans, at our **29th Annual Fall Conference on High Risk Obstetrics**.

For our complete calendar of conferences, please visit www.symposiamedicus.org. Brochures are available 6-8 months prior to the conference.

2015 CALENDAR OF FUTURE CONFERENCES

1323	22nd Annual Conference on Office GYN & Women's Health for the Primary Care Provider	Aruba, Dutch Caribbean	Jan 21-24
1324	19th Annual Winter Conference on Clinical Issues in OB/GYN	Atlantis, Bahamas	Feb 11-14
1328	22nd Annual Spring Conference on Women's Health	Big Island, Hawaii	Mar 4-7
1329	22nd Annual Spring Conference on High Risk Obstetrics	Aruba, Dutch Caribbean	Mar 11-14
1333	16th Annual National Conference on Fetal Monitoring	Las Vegas, Nevada	Apr 16-18
1335	20th Annual Conference on High Risk & Critical Care Obstetrics	San Francisco, California	May 28-30
1339	22nd Annual Summer Conference on Obstetrics and Gynecology	Napa, California	Jul 8-11
1342	Current Issues in Women's Health Care	Alaska Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Solstice</i>)	Jul 17-24
1344	16th Annual Summer Conference on Women's Health	Atlantis, Bahamas	Jul 29-Aug 1
1343	11th Annual Summer Conference on Emergency Medicine	Alaska Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Solstice</i>)	Jul 31-Aug 7
1345	16th Annual Fall Conference on Integrative Medicine in Women's Health	Napa, California	Sep 9-12
1347	26th Annual National Conference on Women's Health Care	Las Vegas, Nevada	Sep 17-19
1350	Current Issues in OB/GYN	Mediterranean Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Reflection</i>)	Sep 21-Oct 2
1351	33rd Annual Fall Conference on Obstetrics	Maui, Hawaii	Oct 21-24
1353	23rd Annual Fall Conference on Issues in Women's Health	St. Maarten, Caribbean	Oct 21-24
1356	Emergencies & Challenges in Pediatrics	Eastern Caribbean Cruise (<i>Celebrity Cruises - Reflection</i>)	Nov 14-21
1359	22nd Annual Fall Conference on Challenges in Taking Care of the High Risk Pregnancy	Hilton Head, South Carolina	Nov 18-21
1360	21st Annual Conference on Women's Health: Care of Women Over 50	Guanacaste, Costa Rica	Nov 18-21

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