

# REGISTER NOW! From Hantavirus to Salmonella: Counseling Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women About Animal-Associated Infections

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Recent headlines about Hantavirus have raised new questions about animal-associated infections and their potential impact during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Join the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS), the experts behind the MotherToBaby service, on **June 30, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. ET** for a free healthcare provider webinar featuring maternal-fetal medicine specialist Dr. Sarah Dotters-Katz. This timely presentation will explore Hantavirus alongside other important animal-associated infections, including lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV), rabies, and Salmonella exposures linked to poultry and reptiles.

Designed for healthcare professionals who counsel pregnant and breastfeeding women, this webinar will review what is currently known about maternal illness, pregnancy outcomes, breastfeeding considerations, prevention strategies, and patient counseling recommendations. Whether you're a physician, nurse, pharmacist, genetic counselor, teratogen information specialist, or other healthcare provider, you'll gain practical insights to help answer patient questions and navigate real-world exposure scenarios. Register now!

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Presented by  
**Sarah Dotters-Katz, MD**  
Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist at Duke Health

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Questions about COVID-19 and GLP-1 medications are common in the pregnant/postpartum population. Newborn care specialists, who provide in-home infant care and parent education during the postpartum period, can assist families in navigating these topics.

Designed specifically for newborn care specialists, this webinar will help identify some commonly asked questions about COVID-19 and GLP-1 medications, apply communication strategies that support families and their questions while staying within professional scope, and recognize when family questions require referral to healthcare providers.

Chris Stallman, MLS, MS is a certified genetic counselor, Program Director of the University of Arizona Genetic Counseling Graduate Program, and Director of MotherToBaby Arizona. As a teratogen information specialist with MotherToBaby, Chris supports patients, families, and healthcare providers in navigating questions about medications and other exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding and promotes evidence-based, accessible health information.



**Staying in Scope:**  
Understanding COVID-19 and GLP-1 Medication  
Exposures in Pregnancy



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Dr. Miguel del Campo Casanelles is a pediatric clinical geneticist and Head of Medical Genetics at Vall d'Hebron University Hospital in Barcelona. This webinar reviews what we've learned since the height of the Zika epidemic, current research, and how to guide patients in a changing risk landscape.

Dr. del Campo is a Board-certified in Clinical Genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics, he trained in pediatrics and neonatology and completed advanced fellowship training in clinical genetics and dysmorphology at the University of California, San Diego. He brings extensive international experience in congenital malformations, prenatal diagnosis, and multidisciplinary genetic care.

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## Zika in 2026:

Lessons from the Past and the Current State of  
Research and Risk

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Presented by  
**Miguel del Campo Casanelles, MD, PhD**  
Medical Geneticist and Professor  
Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain

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This free webinar features Mark Allen Turrentine, MD, FACOG, a nationally recognized OB-GYN from Texas Children's Hospital and the Baylor College of Medicine, who also serves as Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee on Practice Bulletins. Dr. Turrentine has authored numerous clinical guidelines, including **COVID-19 Vaccination Considerations for Obstetric-Gynecologic Care**, and is widely respected for his leadership in advancing evidence-based care for pregnant individuals.

In this provider-focused session, Dr. Turrentine offers clear, practical guidance on how to counsel patients about travel during pregnancy. He reviews current evidence on maternal and fetal health considerations, risks associated with air and long-distance travel, and key factors clinicians should weigh when advising patients. The discussion also highlights special concerns, such as travel during later stages of pregnancy, access to medical care while away from home, and how underlying health conditions may influence recommendations.

Designed specifically for obstetric and gynecologic providers, this webinar equips participants with research-based insights and real-world strategies to support informed decision-making. Attendees will gain confidence in guiding patients through complex travel-related questions, ensuring advice is consistent, up-to-date, and tailored to each individual's circumstances.

The graphic features a blue and teal color scheme with a background of clouds. In the top left, the OTIS logo (Organization of Teratology Information Specialists) is displayed. The title 'Travel during Pregnancy' is in a teal banner. Below it, a 'WEBINAR' icon with a headset and a photo of a red and white airplane are shown. A blue box at the bottom left identifies the presenter as Mark Allen Turrentine, MD, FACOG, from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). On the right, a portrait of Mark Allen Turrentine, MD, is shown.

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In today's fast-paced digital environment, misinformation can spread quickly and influence critical health decisions. This free webinar features Dr. Elisabeth Marnik (@sciencewhizliz), a respected scientist and popular science communicator, who has built a strong online presence translating complex medical research into accessible, trustworthy information. Drawing on her expertise as both a researcher and social media influencer, Dr. Marnik provides healthcare professionals with tools to address misinformation and support evidence-based conversations with patients and the public.

During this session, Dr. Marnik explores the unique challenges of communicating about birth defects prevention in an age where social media platforms and online communities often amplify inaccurate or misleading claims. She shares strategies for identifying common myths, framing responses in a way that resonates with patients, and using digital platforms to effectively promote accurate, research-backed guidance.

Designed specifically for healthcare providers, this webinar highlights both the science of communication and the practical steps clinicians can take to strengthen trust with patients. Attendees will come away with actionable approaches to help families navigate online information, foster informed decision-making, and contribute to the broader effort of preventing birth defects through education and advocacy.



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## Navigating the Noise: Combating Misinformation for Birth Defect Prevention in the Digital Age

**WEBINAR**

Presented by  
**Elisabeth Marnik, PhD**  
Scientist, Educator, Digital Health Communicator  
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