

# 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S HEALTH MEETING

MARCH 4—6, 2009

## *“Many Voices Into One Song”*

Join the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, in cooperation with the Indian Health Service and the First Nations Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada, for the 1st International Meeting on Indigenous Women's Health.

Women's health providers and researchers dedicated to working with American Indian, Alaska Native, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children and families are encouraged to attend. Participants will have the opportunity to share model programs and research, and develop practical skills that can be utilized in community and health care settings.



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“Those Mystical Northern Ones”

Sam English

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## “Many Voices Into One Song”

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Women's Health will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 4-6, 2009. The meeting provides an opportunity for Ob/Gyns, Midwives, Family Physicians, Nurses, Advanced Practice Nurses, Community Providers, and others who work with Indigenous women to come together to share, support, network, and build partnerships to improve indigenous women's health.

The purpose of this international, collaborative conference will be to focus on innovative clinical care models and community-based public health approaches for women and families in First Nations, Inuit, Métis, American Indian and Alaska Native Communities.

## Objectives:

- Increase awareness of the changing health needs and unique solutions of women in Indigenous populations.
- Improve the health status of Indigenous women and their families through improved systems of culturally competent care.
- Improve the skills of health care providers who serve Indigenous women in the areas of maternity care and women's health care.
- Increase collaboration and information exchange between those working in Indigenous women's health and child health in both rural and urban settings internationally.
- Increase awareness of the importance of capacity building and advocacy in efforts to improve the health of Indigenous women and their families.

## March 4<sup>th</sup>, Women's Health Meeting

- Comprehensive update on the status of Indigenous Women's Health in Canada and the United States
- Contraception for women of older reproductive age and serious medical conditions
- The role of VBAC in modern Obstetrics; a panel discussion
- Traditional Birth Practices/Indigenous Midwifery Panel
- Breakout Sessions and Roundtable Discussions addressing many topics in maternity care, gynecology, cancer prevention, behavioral health, women's health, and care of women across the lifespan.
- A poster session highlighting successful programs and many opportunities to socialize and network.

## March 5<sup>th</sup>, Women's Health Meeting

- Resiliency and Care for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors (Keynote and Panel)
- Unique Aspects of Gynecologic Care for Women with Disabilities
- Models for Excellence in Maternity Care
- Heart Disease and Diabetes Prevention and Care for Indigenous Women
- Additional Breakout Sessions and more...

## March 6<sup>th</sup>, Joint Session with the “Third International Conference on Indigenous Child Health”

- Keynote Address (speaker TBA)
- Mini-Plenary Sessions including Traditional Medicine, Adolescent Contraception, and “The OB/PEDS Interface”
- A Town Hall Meeting with past IHS Directors
- Additional Breakout Sessions
- Closing Plenary - Indigenous Women's Health Care; A Global Perspective
- Social Gathering

## Conference Site:

The Hotel Albuquerque  
Albuquerque, NM

## Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

The Hotel Albuquerque  
1-866-505-7829  
<http://hhandr.com/albuquerque.php>

The Best Western Rio Grande Inn  
1-800-959-4726  
<http://www.riograndeinn.com>

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## Registration and CME

Registration will be available December 1<sup>st</sup> through the University of New Mexico Office of Continuing Education.

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