



Message from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey's Women's Health Summit! I am proud to be part of another program devoted to creating greater awareness of the issues affecting women's health.

During my service in Congress, I have made health care a top priority. I am particularly focused on ways in which the federal government can help advance preventative measures as well as medical research and discoveries. Additionally, we continue to support access to critical health care services, especially for women and children.

I am pleased to welcome here today Dr. Patrice Desvigne-Nickens from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Desvigne-Nickens is a cardiologist in the Heart Failure and Arrhythmias Branch, Division of Cardiovascular Disease. She is an expert on women's heart disease and is here to talk about ongoing research and clinical trials at the NIH regarding heart disease in women.

Congress fulfilled its promise to advance science by increasing the federal budget for the NIH, providing \$41 billion, an \$11 billion increase from last year, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009. Today you will learn about how we are putting some of those resources to work to improve health and well-being.

We are also joined today by representatives from four of our state's finest hospitals, Morristown Memorial, Somerset Medical Center, St. Clare's Health System and St. Barnabas. You will hear from their physicians on how you can take important steps to prevent heart disease and the best options for treatment if you already have it.

I want to thank Bob Franks and the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey for sponsoring this important event. We are very fortunate that our great state is home to so many of the world's leading pharmaceutical and medical technology companies which work hard each day to discover new treatments and cures for diseases that have devastated the lives of many of our loved ones.

Thank you for attending!

Sincerely,

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Member of Congress

Program

Monday, April 27, 2009

8:30 AM **Registration, Light Breakfast and Health Fair**

9:30 AM **Welcoming Remarks**

Deborah Farrar-Starker, Vice President of Programs
Morris Museum

Hon. Bob Franks, President
HealthCare Institute of NJ

Featured Guest

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen

10:00 AM **Key Note Address**

Dr. Patrice Desvigne-Nickens, Program Director
Heart Failure and Arrhythmias Branch
Division of Cardiovascular Diseases
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Creating Wellness Programs in Schools

Bonnie Arkus, Executive Director & Founder
Women's Heart Foundation

10:20 AM **Q & A**

10:30 AM **10 Minute Break**

10:40 AM **Women and Heart Disease Panel
Research, Detection, and Treatment in New Jersey**

Moderator

Dr. Marjorie Gatlin, Vice President
Cardiovascular and Metabolism Medical Franchise
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

Panelists

Jacqueline Hollywood, MD, FACC,
Advanced Cardiology Institute, Fort Lee, NJ
Spokeswoman, American Heart Association Go Red for Women
Grant V.S. Parr, MD, Physician in Chief
Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute
Jordon Safirstein, MD
Saint Claire's Hospital
Jacqueline M. Schwanwede, MD
Saint Barnabas Medical Center
Ranjita Sengupta, MD, FACC
Cardiology Associates of Somerset County

11:20 AM **Q & A**

11:30 AM **Adjournment to Health Fair**