Birth Defects Research

Our Mission
- to promote research...
- to communicate...
- to educate and train...
- on the causes, mechanisms, treatment, and prevention of birth defects and developmental disorders.

Annual Meeting
Our Annual Meeting advances our shared vision and scientific identity as researchers focused on the causes, manifestations, intervention, and prevention of birth defects, both structural and functional. It also expresses our diversity as a Society of clinicians, scientists, and science policy regulators from academic, industrial, and government sectors. Attendees network over the latest research and advocacy. The Annual Meeting is held in late June each year.

Excellence in Publishing
Birth Defects Research, the Society’s official journal, publishes original laboratory and clinical research and reviews in the etiology of adverse developmental and reproductive outcomes. Members publish seminal work on broad topics ranging from prenatal effects of recreational and therapeutic drugs such as alcohol, cannabis and antidepressants, to maternal conditions such as diabetes, obesity, infections, and microbiota. The journal is published in twenty issues per year.

Cutting-Edge Science Making Headlines

"Is it Safe To Take That Medication While Breastfeeding?"
- NYTimes.com

"Pregnant During the Pandemic: How Does COVID-19 Affect Expecting Women and Their Babies?"
- cdc.gov

"Marijuana in Pregnancy May Be Just as Damaging as Alcohol!"
- DailyMail.co.uk

"Long Overlooked by Science, Pregnancy Is Finally Getting Attention It Deserves"
- WashingtonPost.com

Who We Are
The Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention was established as a multidisciplinary scientific society in 1960 as the Teratology Society. Today, this international nonprofit consists of approximately 700 members specializing in a variety of laboratory and clinical disciplines, including developmental and reproductive biology and toxicology, epidemiology, cell and molecular biology, nutrition, genetics, maternal-fetal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, medical genetics, and pregnancy risk counseling. In addition, we publish the scientific journal, Birth Defects Research.

"Our 62nd Annual Meeting will take place June 25–29, 2022, in Vancouver, British Columbia and will include a curated virtual experience to make remote participation possible in the event a registrant cannot attend in person. The theme for this year’s meeting is ‘From Bench to Bedside and Back Again,’ and the Program Committee, chaired by Bruce Beyer, has put together an outstanding program. Join us and see the breadth of the science that is happening worldwide. Our annual meeting is ‘From Bench to Bedside worldwide, our members conduct leading-edge research on birth defects and developmental disorders and promote effective education and prevention strategies.

For more information about the Society, for Birth Defects Research and Prevention, including how to join, visit

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