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**Who We Are**

The Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention (BDRP) was established as a multidisciplinary scientific society in 1960 as the Teratology Society. Today, BDRP is a multidisciplinary group of scientists from a variety of disciplines including researchers, clinicians, epidemiologists, and public health professionals from academia, government, and industry who study birth defects, reproduction, and disorders of developmental origin.

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**Healthy Pregnancies. Healthy Babies. Better Lives.**

**Join Us at Our Annual Meeting**

BDRP hosts an outstanding educational and scientific event that provides researchers who span the breadth of academia, industry, regulatory agencies, contract research organizations, consulting companies, and clinical specialties with a forum to exchange knowledge and ideas that promote and expand the value of birth defects research and prevention.

**Travel Awards, Career Development, & More!**

“The opportunities for networking, learning, and presenting your hard work are limitless! Trainee members enjoy travel awards, career development workshops, mentorship, and leadership and service opportunities that make a difference.”

— Madeline Vera-Calón, MS

**Teratology Primer**

Written by experts, the Teratology Primer is a freely available, downloadable resource and introduction to the field. Chapter topics include:

- The timeline of events during pregnancy that may be disrupted by a teratogenic exposure
- How birth defects are diagnosed
- The impact of genes or environmental exposures
- Ethical considerations
- The use of systems biology and computational approaches to predict teratogenic risk
- and much more.

**Birth Defects Research Journal**

Original research and reviews, case reports, and more, that contribute to the understanding of prenatal development and the causes and mechanisms leading to adverse pregnancy outcomes including pregnancy loss, structural and functional birth defects, and effects on maternal and children’s health, and to the identification of biological mechanisms and interventions that reduce these risks. Recent special issues have focused on:

- Epigenetics in Birth Defects
- Emerging Understanding of the Effects of Cannabis Use During Pregnancy
- Stem Cell Models
- Development of the Autonomic Nervous System
- Addressing Health Disparities through Environmental Justice and Community Engagement

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**Program Chair:**

Philip Lupo, PhD, MPH

**Early Bird Registration:**

March 31, 2024

**Late-Breaking Abstract Submission:**

May 31, 2024

**Addressing Disparities in Birth Defects Research and Prevention**

64th Annual Meeting

Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown

Pittsburgh, PA


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**Share ideas that make an impact!**

Collaborate across scientific disciplines to advance the science to eliminate or ameliorate birth defects.

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Engage in leadership and public-facing communication activities that highlight your expertise.

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