

WCC Symposium:
Health Across a Lifetime

Access, Affordability & Innovation in Women's Health

9:00 AM	**Check-In, Breakfast & Networking** Freshly baked breakfast featuring bagels, pastries, fruit, and beverages ***Event MC**: Zehra Ansari, Senior Project Manager, Innovation Industries, New York City Economic Development Corporation*
9:30 AM	**Opening Remarks** • *Sharon Sewell-Fairman, President & CEO, Women Creating Change* • *Diana Franco, Vice President of Innovation Industries, Women.NYC* • *Mary Rocco, MUP, PhD, Director of Engaged Scholarship & Community Engagement, Barnard College*
9:50 AM	**Live Testimony** **Speakers:** • *Mahabuba Masud, Barnard Student and Health Advocate* • *Jacqueline Cecil, Barnard Student and Health Advocate*
10:00 AM	**Expanding Access & Advancing Women's Health Equity (Panel / Q&A)** This discussion explores how to design a healthcare system that better serves women and underserved communities—expanding access, improving equity in research and funding, and leveraging policy and innovation to deliver more inclusive, high-quality care. It highlights forward-looking solutions to strengthen access and ensure care systems meet the needs of all New Yorkers. **Moderator:** *Penny Cagan, Senior Risk Advisor and Educator, WCC Board Member* **Panelists:** • *Yomaha Gordon, Director of Women's Health, Caribbean Women's Health Association* • *Dr. Dana R. Gossett, MD MSCI, Director of Sexual Medicine and Menopause, Northwestern Medicine* • *Chanel L. Porchia-Albert, Founder and Executive Director of Ancient Song Doula Services, Commissioner, NYC Commission on Gender Equity* • *Dr. Komal Bajaj, M.D., MS-HPEd, Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Chief Medical Officer, Biote*

10:45 AM	**Women's Health Innovation in New York City (Research Keynote)** This keynote highlights The New York Economic Development Corporation research on the growth of New York City's women's health innovation ecosystem and the role of research, investment, and collaboration in driving new solutions. It also connects innovation to broader impact—showing how expanding women's health research and access strengthens workforce participation, economic stability, and community well-being. **Speaker:** *Monica Malowney, M.P.H., Vice President, Life Sciences and Healthcare, New York City Economic Development Corporation*
11:05 AM	**The Women's Health Frontier (Panel / Q&A)** Women's health is entering a new era—driven by research breakthroughs and innovation. This panel brings together leaders in science, medicine, and technology to explore advances in diagnostics, treatments, and care models across the lifespan. The conversation will focus on how to move innovation from lab to real-world impact—and how policy, funding, and collaboration can ensure these advances reach the communities that need them most. **Moderator:** • *Misti Ushio, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Digitalis Ventures* **Panelists:** • *Dr. Noemi Elhadad, Chair and Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University VP&S (Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons), Director of Medical Information Services at NewYork-Presbyterian* • *Liz Powell, Founder, Women's Health Advocates* • *Dayna Sessa, CEO and Founder, Datanomy* • *Dr. Glennis Mehra, Director of the Entrepreneurship Initiative, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*
11:55 AM	**Closing Remarks**