

## **When the Law Meets OB GYN: The Intersection of Jurisprudence and Medical Ethics in Women's Health**

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**10:30 am – 4:00 pm**

American University Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC

We will explore various women's health law issues along with their societal, economical, and general legal implications. Specifically, Panel 1 will look to the HPV vaccine, exploring medical reasons behind the vaccine and the effects of the vaccine being mandated by some states. Panel 2 will discuss contraceptives, looking to pharmacist refusal and health insurance policies regarding contraceptives. Finally, the third panel will address the American College of Gynecologists' new rule regarding prenatal down-syndrome screening and how this rule intersects with the law and social policy, particularly women's experiences with Gynecologists in general.

10:00 **Registration**

10:30 **Panel 1: HPV Vaccine: Social and Medical Implications**

**Moderator:** *Professor Pamela Bridgewater*, American University Washington College of Law

**Panelists:** *Professor Gail Javitt*, Law and Policy Director at the Genetics and Public Policy Center, and a research scientist at the Berman Bioethics Institute of Johns Hopkins University; *Judy Norsigian*, Executive Director of Our Bodies Ourselves, co-author of "Our Bodies, Ourselves;" *Alicia Bell*, M.S., *Project* Manager and Research Assistant in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Panel 2: Contraceptives: Women's Accessibility**

**Moderator:** *Professor Ann Shalleck*, American University Washington College of Law

**Panelists:** *Professor Susan Wood, PhD*, George Washington University, School of Public Health and Health Services; *Carolyn J. Jacobson*, Director of the Contraceptive Equity Project, Coalition of Labor Union Women; *Grace B. Pazdan*, Esquire.

2:30 **Panel 3: American College of Gynecologists: Prenatal Screening**

**Moderator:** *Professor Daniela Kraiem*, American University Washington College of Law

**Panelists:** *Professor Robert Dinerstein*, Director of the Disability Rights Law Clinic at American University Washington College of Law; *Professor Deleso Alford Washington*, Barry University School of Law; *Patricia Bauer*, Journalist, Former Senior Editor of the Los Angeles Times Sunday Magazine, and Reporter and Bureau Chief at the Washington Post.

4:00 **Reception**

*General Registration – no charge*

*CLE Accreditation (4. credits) will be applied for – CLE Registration - \$50*

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