

NIEHS will host IOM workshop on exposures and obesity March 2-3

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will hold its next workshop, The Interplay Between Environmental Exposures and Obesity, March 2-3 at NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The event will be webcast for those unable to attend in person.



Scientific presentations will explore the role of chemical exposures in the development of obesity, through sessions focused on a life span view, possible biologic pathways and environmental influences, and effects of food additives and antibiotics. Research based on clinical studies as well as *in vitro*, animal models, and epidemiological approaches will be featured.

Speakers will discuss links between exposure to environmental chemicals and increased incidence of weight gain, glucose tolerance and insulin sensitivity, inflammation, and aspects of metabolic syndrome. Closing panel discussions will focus on opportunities for new research and possible policy actions.

The workshop is expected to have broad appeal, featuring presentations by scientists from NIEHS and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, current and former National Institutes of Health grantees, and international researchers.

To attend, either in person or via webcast, please [register](http://www.iom.edu/Activities/Environment/EnvironmentalHealthRT/2015-MAR-02.aspx)

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