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Dr. Frankie Bodie is presenting "Perimenopause: Managing the Big Change" on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Hearin-Chandler Family YMCA at 951 Downtowner Blvd. in Mobile. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the presentation begins at noon.

In a lecture geared for patients, Dr. Bodie will outline the symptoms of perimenopause and treatments available to women who are going through perimenopause.

The talk and lunch are provided free of charge, but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call Kim Barnes at (251) 460-7770 or e-mail kebarnes@usouthal.edu.

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The annual Oncology Outlook conference on April 23-24, 2010 in Point Clear, Ala. For detailed information about the program, follow this link - <http://cmetracker.net/USAL/Files/Brochures/9835.pdf>.

10th annual Regional Sickle Cell Conference - Practical Issues X: Casting the Net on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the USA Student Center in the Ballroom in Mobile, Ala. CME's and CEU's are available. Register online at <http://www.usa-cme.com/>. For additional information contact: Marilyn at mchancel@usouthal.edu or (251) 470-5893.

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International Diabetes Researcher To Speak



The next Distinguished Scientist Seminar will be presented by Gerald Shulman, M.D., Ph.D. on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 4 p.m. in the Medical Sciences Building (MSB) auditorium. His seminar is titled, "Unraveling the Cellular Mechanism of Insulin Resistance: Implications for Obesity, Type 2 Diabetes and Lipodystrophy."

Currently, Dr. Shulman is professor of medicine and cellular & molecular physiology at Yale University and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. Dr. Shulman completed his B.S. at the University of Michigan, and his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees at Wayne State University.

Dr. Shulman's research is to elucidate the molecular mechanism(s) behind the insulin resistance which occurs in patients with type 2 diabetes in the hope that this will enable the rational development of new therapeutic agents to reverse this pathologic condition as well assist with identification of candidate genes which make individuals prone to the disease.

For additional information, please contact Natalie Kent at 461-1548 or visit: <http://www.southalabama.edu/com/dss.shtml> .

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Thursday, April 8, 2010

USA Birth Defects Research Published In AAP Journal



A new study, compiled by Dr. Wladimir Wertelecki at the University of South Alabama, found that rates of certain birth defects appear higher than normal in one of the Ukraine regions affected by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

At this time, no other data on population-based birth defects in Ukraine are known.

This research suggests that population-based rates may reflect impacts of low-dose radiation.

In the study, Dr. Wertelecki focused on the Ukraine province of Rivne, located about 155 miles from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

Dr. Wertelecki found that some serious anomalies were higher than Europe's average. In Rivne, 22 of every 10,000 babies were born with a neural tube defect, compared with nine of every 10,000 babies in Europe.

The findings were reported in the current issue of Pediatrics, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To view the full article (using USA Library online access) , visit <http://www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/125/4/e836> .

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