



1st Annual Buck Reproductive Aging Summit

Sponsored by the Buck Institute Center for Healthy Aging in Women

Friday, August 21, 2026
Buck Institute for Research on Aging

8:30 am – **Breakfast and registration**

9:00 am – **Welcome** – Eric Verdin, MD (Buck Institute)

Session I: Ovarian inflammaging (moderator: Francesca Duncan, PhD)

9:10 am – Berenice Benayoun, PhD (University of Southern California)

9:30 am – Michael Stout, PhD (Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation)

9:50 am – TBD from abstracts

10:00 am – Group Q&A

10:20 am - **Break and poster set up**

Session II: Endocrine actions (moderator: Bikiem Soygur, PhD)

10:45 am – Pankaj Kapahi, PhD (Buck Institute)

11:05 am – David Pepin, PhD (Harvard Medical School/MGH)

11:25 am – TBD from abstracts

11:35 pm – Group Q&A

11:55 pm – **Lunch and poster preview**

Session III: Intracellular and extracellular mechanisms (moderator: Mark Watson, PhD)

1:00 pm - Birgit Schilling, PhD (Buck Institute)

1:20 pm – Neil Hunter, PhD (UC Davis)

1:40 pm – TBD from abstracts

1:50 pm – Group Q&A

Session IV: Ovarian cellular dynamics (moderator: Malene Hansen, PhD)

2:10 pm - Diana Laird, PhD (University of California San Francisco)

2:30 pm – Bikiem Soygur, PhD (Buck Institute)

2:50 pm – TBD from abstracts

3:00 pm – Group Q&A

3:20 pm - **Coffee break**

3:50 pm – **Women’s Healthy Aging in Practice – Community Perspective Panel (moderator: Francesca Duncan, PhD)**

Lizellen LaFollette, MD (La Follette Ob-Gyn & Aesthetics)

Jill Kinney (Active Wellness)

Marcelle Cedars, MD (University of California San Francisco, Center for Reproductive Health)

Afaf Meleis, PhD, FAAN, LL (University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing)

4:30 –6:00pm – **Reception with Poster Session**