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**24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CONFERENCE**  
*Taking care of Hawaii's women*

HONOLULU — The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Reproductive Health Conference: Taking Care of Hawaii's Women will be held February 17-18, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Sponsored by the Hawaii State Department of Health's Family Planning Program and the Center for Health Training, the conference will provide up-to-date information and best practices in the area of obstetrics, women's health, reproductive health, and primary care.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Hatcher, Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University of Medicine and one of the authors of *Contraceptive Technology*, will speak about contraceptive use and menstrual patterns. A number of local physicians and speakers will address other reproductive health and primary care issues, including: Dr. Willie Parker, lesbian health; Dr. Bruce Kessel, female sexual dysfunction; Dr. Chris Derauf, "ice" use during the perinatal period; Dr. Neal Palafox, cultural values and their relationship with health care among pacific islanders; Greigh Hirata, thyroid diseases during the perinatal period; and Edith Ramsdell will present on obesity in women.

The conference also provides educational credits for nursing and pharmacology to enable advance practice nurses and nurse midwives to maintain licensure. In addition, CMEs will

be offered. Exhibitors will provide information about new products and medications. The gathering will also provide a forum to discuss challenging cases.

For registration information, contact the Department of Health's Family Planning Program at (808) 733-9097 or email [kit.uyeda@fhsd.health.state.hi.us](mailto:kit.uyeda@fhsd.health.state.hi.us).

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