

Celebrating 10 Years: APrON Achievements and Evolution

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Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes and Nutrition (APrON) Study



- Pregnancy cohort launched in 2009 (N ~ 5,000) (Kaplan et al, 2014)
 - Mothers, partners and children
 - Recruited from Calgary and Edmonton, AB
- Interdisciplinary study, including nutrition, mental health, child development, genetics, neurotoxin, inflammatory markers and cortisol, parent-child relationship quality, and the microbiome
- APrON has been active for ~10 years (APrON children ~10-12 yo)
 - What will we do over the next 10 years?
 - Transition to intergenerational cohort

"Celebrating 10 Years" Meeting

- Scheduled for March 2020
- 336 attendees:
 - 59 APrON participants, 31 APrON Team members, 246 regular attendees
- Day 1: APrON accomplishments and contributions
 - Comment from the APrON families
 - Keynote speakers: CHILD (Canada), ALSPAC (Britain), ATP Gen3 (Australia)











"Celebrating 10 Years" Meeting

- Scheduled for March 2020 held online Oct 29-30, 2020
- 336 attendees:
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- Day 2: Planning future directions
 - Transition to an intergenerational cohort







Next steps

MACHINE LEARNING

- Future directions:
 - Epigenetic and genetic information
 - Machine learning and adolescent mental health
- Partnerships and collaborations:
 - CHILD, ALSPAC, Gen3, BIS
- Developing the next generation of researchers:
 - AVA Training Platform







Thank you! Questions?



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