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AMWA launching the Task Force on Women in conjunction with STOP Obesity Alliance

In concurrence with National Women's Health Week, AMWA has joined forces with the STOP Obesity Alliance in launching the Task Force on Women – a collaboration of organizations joined together to take a closer look at the disproportionate grip obesity and chronic disease has on women in the United States. The 20+ consumer, provider, government, labor, business, insurance and quality-of-care organizations that make up the Task Force will work to elevate obesity and chronic disease issues among women on the national policy agenda. At the group's initial meeting on May 11, the Task Force discussed topics including Cervical Cancer Screening, Obesity, Diabetes and Nutrition. As a follow-up to the initial meeting, AMWA will work with the STOP Obesity Alliance and the rest of the Task Force to develop recommended action steps for public and private sector decision makers who help shape the environments in which we live and work. Heading up the task force for AMWA is Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD (trohrkir@iupui.edu) and Ashley Styczynski (Ashley.styczynski@gmail.com). To read the press release, click on: <http://www.stopobesityalliance.org/newsroom/press-releases/women%E2%80%99s-expanding-societal-roles-%E2%80%93-and-waistlines-%E2%80%93-prompt-high-level-groups-to-take-action-against-obesity-during-national-women%E2%80%99s-health-week>