

# Preventing Late Preterm Birth Progress and Persistent Challenges

Late preterm births are the primary contributor to the rising preterm birth rate. Nationally, they account for approximately 70% of all premature births. Join the Kansas Prematurity Coalition for a presentation on contributing issues and a review of evidence that “every week counts” for every pregnancy.

## Featuring:

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**Thursday, October 7**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Registration & complimentary lunch at 12:30 —seating limited to 40

**Saint Luke’s Hospital**

**Muriel I. Kauffman Women’s Heart Center  
4401 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64111**

## **About the Kansas Prematurity Coalition**

The Kansas Prematurity Health Coalition was conceived in 2009 with the purpose of creating a strong, unified voice to help reduce the rate of premature births and improve outcomes for children born prematurely and their families. The March of Dimes is spearheading development of this collaborative effort serving as convener and one of many key stakeholders working to address maternal and infant health care issues in Kansas. The Coalition will provide a sustainable setting to network, share best practice and other information, address policy, resource and systems change and help keep decision makers and the general public educated and knowledgeable about prematurity.

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