

## Small Group Topic Tables

Small Group Topic Tables provide an opportunity for informal and interactive conversation on a specific topic. Each table is hosted and facilitated by an expert(s) on the subject. 20 max per table, by availability. **You must select 1 topic table AND 1 breakout session when you register.**

### Reproductive Health

Increasingly, we see politicians at every level of government interfering in our exam rooms, restricting access to needed care. Learn how to make YOUR voice count. Share your experiences and hear tips about new ways to engage with your Section, lend power to testimony through patient stories, and collaborate with your counterparts across medical specialties.

### Midwives

Do midwife issues keep you up at night? Tired of playing defense? Have a new strategy to share? Let's talk! Get practical advice on advancing ACOG's midwifery goals.

### Global Health

Advocacy matters everywhere: in your office, in your statehouse, on Capitol Hill, and around the globe. This Topic Table will focus on meaningful outreach opportunities, including international medical missions. Come learn more about ways to care for women worldwide. Is global advocacy in your future?

### Social Media - Level 1

Have you ever thought of joining Twitter, but didn't know where to begin? Social media is a fun and powerful way to amp up a message and get your lawmakers' attention – but you've got to do it right! Here's your chance to get started, in a small group setting with help from the pros!

### Social Media - Level 2

Already on Twitter and Facebook, but looking to expand your advocacy impact? Join this Topic Table discussion of the best ways to make your social media presence count!

### Environmental Health

Science is exploding with new (and often alarming) evidence of environmental hazards that jeopardize our patients. Join us to discuss ob-gyns' unique and important voice in protecting our patients from environmental hazards.

### ASK 1 – Take a deeper dive into maternal mortality reviews.

The goal of every ob-gyn is to keep their patients safe and healthy. However, in the United States, the maternal mortality rate has risen despite an overwhelming global trend in the other direction. In addition, the racial disparities in U.S. maternal death rates are staggering – African-American women are three to four times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related complication than white women in our country. Join this topic table to discuss what can be done to reverse this trend and strengthen care for our patients.

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## **ASK 2 – Get the inside scoop on our women’s health pledge.**

As the moderate, science-driven voice of women’s health, ACOG has an important role to play in ensuring that our patients remain protected no matter who holds public office. To help hold Members of Congress accountable, ACOG has created a pledge detailing some of our top priorities for women’s health. This topic table will discuss the ins and outs of our pledge, and help you hone your talking points before heading to Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

### **Prevention**

ACOG Immediate Past President Dr. Mark DeFrancesco dedicated his presidential term to the importance of comprehensive care, specifically focusing on the prevention of obesity and smoking as a key part of the ob-gyn’s role in providing quality maternal health care. Join this topic table for a discussion on women’s preventive services and ACOG’s next steps.

### **Media**

Reporters: Friend or foe? We need them to help spread our message, but what if it goes wrong? Learn to tame the media beast and maximize YOUR advocacy success. Make the media work for you.

### **Opioids**

The opioid abuse epidemic has become a major focus of the nation’s healthcare community, and legislators are paying close attention. ACOG has increased treatment training, and we’ve successfully defeated proposals to criminalize pregnant women or interfere with medical treatment protocols. But the crisis continues, and our work can’t stop now. This topic table will focus on what we do next.

### **Zika**

It’s been over a year since ACOG and March of Dimes first demanded action on Zika, but the virus continues to spread. Find out the latest about the epidemic, what ACOG is doing about it, and how you can help.

### **We Did It! PPD: 2017 CLC Ask Signed Into Law!**

Postpartum Depression was one of our legislative asks at last year’s CLC, and our efforts paid off! Come learn about the path to victory and discuss where we go from here to continue our work on this critical issue.

### **Hot Topic**

This topic table will be dedicated to a late-breaking “hot topic” in women’s health and legislation!