



## Medical Student Mentoring Program

### 1) Determining Appropriate Candidates for Medical Student Mentors:

- Positive outlook on how we, as ob/gyns, can make a difference
- Faculty/staff at a medical school or community physicians in practice
- Someone who loves being an ob/gyn and can pass along that enthusiasm to students
- Weekly or daily contact with medical students in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years preferred or those willing to have frequent contact with medical students
- Be available to students for possible shadowing opportunities
- Active ACOG or APGO member preferred
- Energetic and responsible individual with good communication skills

### 2) Mentor Guide:

#### a) Student/Mentor Interactions

- Expectation management – don't lie but don't stress the negatives
- Mention surgical specialty prestige
- Faculty and staff development if necessary – the ob/gyn dept. should present itself in the most positive light
- Show how clerkships are windows of opportunity for students
- Growth of group practice (with growth will come a change of lifestyle, easier call schedule, prof. liability paid by employer in some cases)
- Professional liability caps – already in place in some states, ACOG is working on legislative reform to make this nationwide
- It's a specialty for female **and** male physicians-males to the specialty are wanted and needed also
- Identify elements contributing to problem – be prepared for questions and common concerns

## b) Diversity of Specialty

- Primary care –a part of caring for women
- Sub specialization – four possible fellowships: Gyn-Oncology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Repro. Endo. and Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
- Focused practice in reproductive health, genetics, advanced laparoscopy training or office-only practice
- Surgical
- Gynecology

**Length of Service:** Up to the individual but would prefer a minimum of one year. Notify ACOG staff if you are unable to carry out your duties or have left your position or are no longer available to medical students.

**Hours per Week:** Set by the individual.

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