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## Update your knowledge

**I**t is my distinct pleasure to invite you to attend our 59th ACM at the Washington Convention Center, Saturday, April 30–Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Spring is the perfect time of year to visit our nation's capital, and this year's program offers an exciting array of educational, networking, and social opportunities featuring prominent scientists and clinicians. If you haven't yet made your plans to join us, please visit [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm) to view the preliminary program and register for your courses, sessions, and events. In some cases, space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

Our Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Raul Artal, MD, has developed an innovative program to give you take-home information for your daily practice. This year's ACM includes 12 symposium sessions, dozens of hands-on and other postgraduate courses, a range of state-of-the-art clinical seminars, three current issue update sessions, plus scores of expert luncheons, brown bag seminars, and special events. Following the weekend PG courses, festivities will begin Sunday evening, May 1, with a special welcome reception at 7 pm at the Renaissance Washington Hotel.

During the President's Program, starting at 8:45 on Monday morning, Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, director of the National Institutes of Health, NIH, will present the Samuel A. Cosgrove Memorial Lecture, focusing on future



Richard N. Waldman, MD,  
President

directions of genomics and its impact on the practice of ob-gyn. Roberto J. Romero, MD, will give the Anna Marie D'Amico lecture, presenting the latest on nanotechnology, and discussing subclinical intrauterine infection/inflammation, preterm labor, and neonatal encephalopathy. And, David A. Grimes, MD, will take us on a trip to explore the magnitude of misogyny around the world. I expect his presentation will cement

our shared commitment to women's health as we consider the role of ob-gyns in working to eradicate this serious and sweeping problem. See page 4 for details on this session.

I would like to personally invite you to join Elaine and me for the President's Dinner Party on Tuesday, May 3, from 6–11 pm when we will celebrate and honor the achievements of retiring Executive Vice President Ralph W. Hale, MD, and his wife, Jane.

This year's ACM promises new insights and countless updates on key topics. Learn more and register online at [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm). Washington, DC is a destination where you and your family can enjoy historic sites, exquisite arts, and great entertainment. I look forward to seeing you April 30–May 4.

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## James N. Martin Jr, MD, to be inaugurated as new ACOG president

**JAMES N. MARTIN JR, MD**, will be sworn in as the 62nd president of The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on Wednesday, May 4, at 9 am at the Washington Convention Center. After the induction of new Fellows, Dr. Martin will deliver his inaugural address. Professional attendee registrants and their spouses or guests are invited to attend.

## An outstanding ACM

**A**s you can see, this special issue of *ACOG Today* is devoted to our 2011 ACM, April 30–May 4. I hope to see all of you in Washington, DC, for this exceptional opportunity to explore the latest advances in our field while experiencing the beauty and exhilaration of our nation's capital in the spring.

Scientific Program Committee Chair Raul Artal, MD, and his team have developed an outstanding scientific program. Since joining the Scientific Program Committee as a member in 1986, and as the College's executive vice president since 1993, I have enjoyed many excellent ACMs. But it is clear that Dr. Artal and his committee have worked hard to make this year's ACM the best in our history.

You won't want to miss our President's Program speaker Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, director of NIH, known for his unforgettable presentations. But the President's Program and symposia lectures are just one part of the extensive offerings, including clinical seminars, issue updates, courses, and events. Register early to secure your place in your top choices.



Ralph W. Hale, MD,  
Executive Vice President

### Maternal mortality

The Howard Taylor International Symposium on Tuesday will feature a distinguished panel discussion on how to decrease maternal mortality. The panel will include: Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, president-elect of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Professor Gwyneth Lewis, UK national clinical director for maternal health;

Matthews Mathai, MD, PhD, World Health Organization expert on managing pregnancy and childbirth complications; Kyriakos S. Markides, PhD, University of Texas Galveston professor; and Jeffrey C. King, MD, professor and director of maternal-fetal medicine at the University of Louisville, and chair of ACOG's Maternal-Mortality Special Interest Group.

### Controversial topics

Jonathan S. Berek, MD, has been invited to give the John I. Brewer Lecture on Monday afternoon on prophylactic bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy to reduce the risk of ovarian cancer. Controversies surrounding VBAC will be the topic of the March of Dimes



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Lecture to be delivered by F. Gary Cunningham, MD, also on Monday.

The role of traditional gynecologic surgery in the era of minimally invasive surgery will be debated Tuesday afternoon by Barbara S. Levy, MD, Arnold P. Advincula, MD, and Javier F. Magrina, MD. James R. Scott, MD, will moderate this controversial exchange.

In my final year serving as your executive vice president, it will be my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2011 ACM.

*Ralph W. Hale MD*

## Only in our nation's capital

**THERE ARE DOZENS OF UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES** that you can only have in Washington, DC. The city offers great entertainment and restaurants, plus museums, galleries, historic attractions, and famous sites, including the Lincoln Memorial, Roosevelt Memorial, Holocaust Museum, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and World War II Memorial. Enjoy the National Zoo featuring the Giant Pandas, see the Hope Diamond and other gems at the Smithsonian, or experience the flight simulator ride at the National Air and Space Museum. The Spy Museum and the Pulitzer-Prize-winning photographic gallery at the Newseum excite young people and adults alike. Getting around town is simple and fast on Metrorail. Visit [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm) or call 800.686.7295 to register for the 2011 ACM.



## PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

# NIH director sees genome sequencing as future routine care

Three prominent leaders in science and women's health headline the ACM's kickoff symposium session, the President's Program, on Monday, May 2, beginning at 8:45 am following the opening ceremonies.



### Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD,

the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will deliver the Samuel A. Cosgrove Memorial Lecture on "Exceptional Opportunities in Biomedical Research."

Having served as NIH director since 2009, Dr. Collins is a physician-geneticist noted for his landmark discoveries of disease genes and his leadership of the Human Genome Project. "Personalized medicine has yet to touch the lives of most Americans," said Dr. Collins, "but that will probably start to change over the next five to 10 years. I see a day, in the not too distant future, when every person will have his or her genome sequenced as a routine part of medical care. This information will then be used throughout a person's life to develop individualized strategies for diagnosing, treating, and preventing disease."

To prepare for this new era, Dr. Collins said all physicians, including ob-gyns, need to, "gain a better understanding of how genomic and non-genomic factors interact to result in health and disease. Already, increasing numbers of clinical guidelines suggest that routine care begin to incorporate genomic tests or therapies based on genomic discoveries."

Dr. Collins said that NIH is seeking to establish a new National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences. "The key to our success will be the involvement and support of the clinical community, including obstetricians and gynecologists." Dr. Collins is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2007 and the National Medal of Science in 2009.

### Silent infection before birth

Professor **Roberto J. Romero, MD**, chief of the Perinatology Research Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH in Bethesda, MD, and professor of Molecular Obstetrics and Genetics at Wayne State

University, will deliver the Anna Marie D'Amico Lecture on "Subclinical Intrauterine Infection/Inflammation as a Cause of Preterm Labor and Cerebral Palsy."

Dr. Romero is widely recognized as an intellectual leader and has made major contributions to the understanding of the role of infection as a cause of preterm labor. His team discovered that one of every three preterm neonates is born to a mother who has subclinical infection, and characterized the mechanism responsible for the onset of premature labor in the context of infection. He described a new entity, the Fetal Inflammatory Response Syndrome (FIRS), which occurs when the fetus is attacked by bacteria from the amniotic cavity.

"I plan to describe the evidence that subclinical infection can cause cerebral palsy and the methods for the early detection of such infections. We will discuss . . . the use of anti-inflammatory agents to improve and potentially reverse cerebral palsy," Dr. Romero said. "We will also examine the role of placental examination in determining whether a newborn has been exposed to subclinical infection before birth."

Author of the book *Preterm Labor*, Dr. Romero has published more than 750 peer-reviewed publications, and is an associate editor of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* and *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology*. He is a recipient of the Ian Donald Gold Medal and several honorary doctorate degrees from universities worldwide.

### Hidden misogyny epidemic kills

**David A. Grimes, MD**, clinical professor of ob-gyn at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill and a distinguished scientist at Family Health International, will present the first James and Midge Breeden Lecture, "Misogyny and Women's Health," detailing the shocking facts of misogyny, including the annual number of maternal



Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD



Roberto J. Romero, MD



David A. Grimes, MD

deaths worldwide, the two regions of the world where most deaths occur, and how misogyny kills women in two different ways.

"Maltreatment of women manifests itself in many ways: domestic violence, rape as an instrument of warfare, sexual harassment, child marriage, and 'honor killings,'" said Dr. Grimes. He will share alarming figures from the World Health Organization, including the rates of forced first coitus, abuse during pregnancy, and sexual abuse of children. "Misogyny kills women in two ways: directly through violence, and indirectly through apathy. Worldwide, about 343,000 women die each year from pregnancy and childbirth, an average of one death every other minute." Half of these deaths occur in just six countries, and nearly all of these deaths are preventable, reports Dr. Grimes.

"Many patients in the US also suffer directly or indirectly from misogyny, ranging from lack of equal pay for equal work to emotional and physical abuse," he said. "When Richard F. Jones III, MD, became ACOG's president in 1992, he highlighted the hidden epidemic of violence against women. His message remains timely today. The epidemic continues."



# PROGRAM *at a Glance*

## SYMPOSIA



MONDAY, MAY 2

8:15–8:45 am

### Opening Ceremonies

**Richard N. Waldman, MD**, presiding

### Welcome Remarks

**John W. Larson, MD**, host

**Raul Artal, MD**, chair, Committee on Scientific Program

## PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

8:45–9:30 am **SY01A**

The Samuel A. Cosgrove Memorial Lecture *Exceptional Opportunities in Biomedical Research*

**Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD** National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD

9:30–10 am **SY01B**

The Anna Marie D'Amico Lecture *Subclinical Intrauterine Infection/Inflammation as a Cause of Preterm Labor and Cerebral Palsy*

**Roberto J. Romero, MD**

Perinatology Research Branch, NICHD, NIH, DHHS, Detroit, MI, and Bethesda, MD

10–10:30 am **SY01C**

The James and Midge Breeden Lecture *Misogyny and Women's Health*

**David A. Grimes, MD**

University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC

1:15–2:45 pm **SY02**

The John I. Brewer Memorial Lecture *Prophylactic Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy: Recommendations Based on Risk of Ovarian Cancer*

**Jonathan S. Berek, MD**

Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

2:45–3:45 pm **SY03**

The Edith Louise Potter Memorial Lecture *Indicated Late Preterm Birth: It's About Time(ing)*

**Catherine Y. Spong, MD**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Bethesda, MD

3:45–4:45 pm **SY04**

The March of Dimes Lecture *VBAC or ERCD? Risks vs. Benefits to Mother and Infant*

**F. Gary Cunningham, MD**

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

TUESDAY, MAY 3

8–9:15 am **SY05**

The Irvin M. Cushner Memorial Lecture *Contraception for Women with Medical Problems*

**Daniel R. Mishell, JR, MD**

University of Southern California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

9:30–11 am **SY06**

The Gerald and Barbara Holzman *Stump the Professors*

Fascinating clinical cases submitted by Junior Fellows are presented to stump a panel of professors.

### Moderator:

**Paul G. Tomich, MD**

University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

### Professors:

**Eve Espey, MD**

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM

**Kevin C. Kiley, MD**

Albany Medical College, Albany, NY

**J. Martin Tucker, MD**

University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Jackson, MS

**Amy E. Young, MD**

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

11:15 am–12:30 pm **SY07**

The Donald F. Richardson Lecture *Moving Forward: Pregnancy in Women with Physical Disabilities*

**Caroline C. Signore, MD**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Bethesda, MD

1:30–3:30 pm **SY08**

The Howard Taylor International Symposium *Maternal Mortality*

### Moderator:

**Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran**

President Elect of FIGO, St George's Hospital Medical School, University of London, London, UK

### Speakers:

**Jeffrey C. King, MD**

University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY

**Professor Gwyneth Lewis**

Department of Health, and the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford, London, UK

**Kyriakos S. Markides, PhD**

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

**Matthews Mathai, MD, PhD**

World Health Organization, Family and Community Health Cluster, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, Geneva, Switzerland

3:45–4:45 pm **SY09**

The Morton and Diane Stenchever Lecture *New Insights into Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and Guidelines for Treatment*

**Rogério A. Lobo, MD**

Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

11 am–noon **SY10**

The Benson and Pamela Harer Seminar *Women and Children First: The Relevance of the History of Obstetrical Ethics to Practice of Obstetrics Today*

**Frank A. Chervenak, MD**

New York Presbyterian, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, NY

Noon–1 pm **SY11**

The John and Marney Mathers Lecture *Fertility Preservation Before Chemotherapy*

**Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD**

Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Noon–1 pm **SY12**

### General Session

*Collaborative Practice*

**Holly Powell Kennedy, PhD, CNM**

American College of Nurse-Midwives, Yale University, New Haven, CT



# Look who's talking

## JEFFREY C. KING, MD

### Maternal mortality



“**M**aternal mortality has risen over the past few years. While many of the same conditions contribute to maternal mortality, I want the audience to recognize their role in improving patient safety, and thereby helping to address the issue of rising maternal mortality numbers in the US.” Jeffrey C. King, MD, University of Louisville School of Medicine, KY, will be one of five speakers during Tuesday’s symposium on maternal mortality from 1:30–3:30 pm.

## JONATHAN S. BEREK, MD



“**T**here are pros and cons of performing prophylactic bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy (BSO) in women undergoing hysterectomy for benign disease, depending on their risk for ovarian cancer—we’ll look at the role of prophylactic BSO and risk-reducing (RR) BSO in women who are at average risk for ovarian cancer and in those at higher risk. Also I’ll discuss how RRBSO significantly reduces mortality from ovarian cancer in women with strong family histories of ovarian and breast cancer, and those who carry BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations.” Jonathan S. Berek, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, will discuss prophylactic bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy on Monday, May 2, from 1:15–2:45 pm.

## HOLLY POWELL KENNEDY, PhD, CNM



“**T**he Oxford English Dictionary’s definition of ‘collaborate’ is ‘to work in conjunction with others.’ I challenge ACOG and ACNM to think about how we define collaboration between our two organizations and among our members. My talk will explore how we can best work together to provide high quality, seamless care to women and infants.” Holly Powell Kennedy, PhD, CNM, president, American College of Nurse-Midwives, Yale School of Nursing, and Susan Kendig, JD, MSN, University of Missouri, will cover collaborative practice on Wednesday, May 4, from noon–1 pm.

## ROGERIO A. LOBO, MD



“**T**he diagnosis of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome has been broadened considerably, with many women who menstruate regularly being diagnosed with the disorder.” Rogerio A. Lobo, MD, Columbia University Medical Center, NY, will address treatment guidelines for polycystic ovary syndrome in the symposia session on Tuesday, May 3, from 3:45–4:45 pm.

## DANIEL R. MISHELL, Jr, MD



“**W**e’ll examine which effective contraceptive methods should be used in women with various medical problems. These problems include diabetes, hypertension, migraine headaches, obesity, epilepsy, and inherited thrombophilic mutations. The relation between obesity and venous thromboembolism will also be discussed.” Daniel R. Mishell, Jr, MD, University of Southern California Los Angeles, will discuss contraception for women with medical problems on Tuesday, May 3 from 8–9:15 am.

## CAROLINE C. SIGNORE, MD

### Pregnancy in women with disabilities



“**I** sustained a cervical spinal cord injury in 1996, months after completing my residency in ob-gyn. So I’ve experienced both sides of the challenges that patients with disabilities and their physicians face. Women with disabilities are interested in pregnancy and parenting. Evidence so far indicates that most will have healthy pregnancies, but certain risks may be increased, such as urinary tract infection, cesarean delivery, and low birth weight infants.” Caroline C. Signore, MD, of the NIH Institute of Child Health and Human Development, will discuss pregnancy in women with disabilities on Tuesday from 11:15 am–12:30 pm.

## Spouse and guest adventures

Spouses and guests are invited to choose from a selection of unique experiences in the nation's capital. See Georgetown through the eyes of the Kennedy family. Tour Mount Vernon or the world's most visited museums, including the National Air and Space Museum and the Museum of Natural History. Take the presidential avenue tour, and marvel at the National Cathedral and Embassy Row. Tour the US capitol and visitors' center. Absorb the acclaimed News-  
museum, featuring six levels of displays. Savor the monuments in the moonlight. Unlock mysteries of notorious spies at the Spy Museum, or head to Nationals' Stadium for a ball game. View the full program of activities, and reserve your tour at [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm).



## Stump the professors

The popular Gerald and Barbara Holzman Stump the Professors symposia session will be held Tuesday, May 3, from 9:30–11 am. Junior Fellows will present perplexing and real clinical cases as they attempt to stump a panel of professors.

Audience and Junior Fellows, beware. "It's not nice to fool mother nature, and it is clearly not nice to 'Stump the Professors,'" warned **Kevin C. Kiley, MD**, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, who will serve on the panel.

Other professors this year will be: **Eve Espey, MD**, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque; **J. Martin Tucker, MD**, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Jackson, MS; and **Amy E. Young, MD**, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. **Paul G. Tomich, MD**, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, will moderate the session.

## Spectacular fun for children and youth

The Air and Space Museum, National Zoo, National Aquarium, Six Flags America, and the monuments are among the destinations for youth ages six and older opting for some excitement in the nation's capital. Choose from a selection of special trips and tours. Spaces sell out quickly, so register in advance.

In addition, Camp ACOG welcomes infants and children, ages six months through 15 years, at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel. Open daily at 7:30 am.



## Special events

SUNDAY, MAY 1

### Collaborative action for safe mothers' day—A look at maternal mortality

10 am–3 pm at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

During his term as ACOG president, Richard N. Waldman, MD, launched a presidential project to identify and disseminate strategies to reduce the occurrence of maternal death and severe maternal morbidity and improve patient safety. Join us to hear an update on this.

### Welcome reception

7–9 pm at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

Come renew old friendships, make new contacts, and enjoy a fantastic party. The Welcome Reception is the perfect time to relax and reconnect.

MONDAY, MAY 2

### Talking to your children about sexuality

10 am–noon at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

Nearly half of all high school students report having had sexual intercourse, and more than one-third are currently engaging in sexual activity. Join our two-hour seminar and hear Barbara Huberman, director of education and outreach for Advocates for Youth, discuss ways to talk with teens about sexuality. Early registration is encouraged.

### Junior fellow course with lunch: preparing for life after residency

Noon–5 pm at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

Examine your options for life after residency, including opportunities to work abroad. Explore liability issues and work-life balance, plus hear tips to get published. A reception will follow.

### McCain Fellows luncheon

12:30–1:45 pm at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

Join ACOG's distinguished McCain Fellows for an engaging discussion of real-life legislative battles, lessons learned, and keys to success.

### Medical students and Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council reception

5:30–7 pm at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

Gather to promote women's health at the reception for medical students and Junior Fellow officers. All ACOG and College officers are invited.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

### Young physicians breakfast

7–8:30 am at the Renaissance Washington Downtown Hotel

Network with other young physicians and learn how to become actively involved in ACOG policy.



DON'T MISS OUT!

This year, the ACM offers attendees a wide range of rich and varied educational programs. You will find everything you need to gain credits, further your practice, and ignite your passion. Each Fellow will earn up to 18 credits toward the Program for Continuing Professional Development by attending all three days of the meeting, including clinical seminars, luncheon conferences, interactive sessions, and all symposia sessions. Plus each **120 Postgraduate Course** is worth 12 additional credits, each **060 Course, including Hands-On Courses**, is valued at six credits, and each **030 Course** is worth three credits. Note the series **120** and **060** weekend courses, and some half-day courses, are offered Saturday and Sunday before the general meeting begins on Monday.



### **TWO-DAY COURSES (120 SERIES WORTH 12 CREDITS)**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,  
APRIL 30 AND MAY 1, 8:15 AM–5 PM**

- SS01 Colposcopy Update: Evaluation and Management of Lower Genital Tract Disease 2011
- SS02 Advanced Surgery for Pelvic Floor Dysfunction
- SS03 Mastering the Tools of Evidence for Practice \*

### **ONE-DAY COURSES (060 SERIES WORTH SIX CREDITS)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 8:15 AM–5 PM**

- SA601 Coding and Documentation for the Obstetrician and Gynecologist (*Saturday or Sunday*)
- SA602 Current Topics in Reproductive Endocrinology for the Clinician
- SA603 Prevention, Recognition, and Management of Complications from Gynecologic Surgery
- SA604 Controversies in Perinatal Medicine: The Great Debates \*
- SA605 Best Practices in High-Risk Pregnancy
- SA606 Making Laparoscopic Hysterectomy Part of Your Practice: An Introduction, Review of the Evidence, and Video Tutorial to Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy and Laparoscopic Supracervical Hysterectomy
- SA607 Update in Gynecologic Oncology and the Impact for the Practicing Gynecologist
- SA608 Advancements in Vulvar and Vaginal Diseases

### **SUNDAY, MAY 1, 8:15 AM–5 PM**

- SU601 Coding and Documentation for the Obstetrician and Gynecologist (*Saturday or Sunday*)
- SU602 Current Topics in Reproductive Endocrinology for the Clinician
- SU603 Practical Approaches to Common Obstetrical Dilemmas: Art and Evidence \*
- SU604 Keeping Out of Trouble in Obstetrics: Risk Reduction and Patient Safety \*
- SU605 Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology: Case-Based Learning
- SU606 Medical Disorders During Pregnancy: Update 2011
- SU607 Menopause and Hormone Therapy: Reevaluating the Evidence and Looking Toward the Future
- SU608 Solutions for Challenging and Common Problems in Gynecology Practice
- SU609 Family Planning 2011: Contraceptive Challenges, Controversies, and Evidence
- SU610 Pearls and Pitfalls for Minimally Invasive Hysterectomy

### **HANDS-ON COURSES (060 SERIES)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 8:15 AM–5 PM**

- HO01 Basic Obstetric Ultrasound – A Hands-On Experience
- HO02 Obstetric Emergencies – A Hands-on Simulation Course
- HO03 Hands-On Anal Sphincter Repair
- HO04D Advanced Surgical Tutorial

### **SUNDAY, MAY 1, 8:15 AM–5 PM**

- HO04 Hands-On Laparoscopy (A or P)
- HO05 Hands-On Hysteroscopy: Diagnostic and Operative Techniques for the Generalist

- HO06 Operative Vaginal Delivery: The Value of Simulation Training

### **HALF-DAY COURSES (030 SERIES WORTH THREE CREDITS)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 8:15–11:45 AM**

- SA301 Evaluation and Management of Recurrent First Trimester Pregnancy Loss
- SA302 Medical and Surgical Management of Common Fertility Issues
- SA303 Preconception Health and Health Care
- SA304 The Obstetrician-Gynecologist in the Electronic Age \*

### **SUNDAY, MAY 1, 8:15–11:45 AM**

- SU301 Vaccines in Women: It's Time to Step up to the Plate
- SU302 PCOS—Comprehensive Work-Up and Management
- SU303 Global Women's Health: Preparing to Work Abroad \*
- SU304 Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring: The Evolution of Consensus

### **MONDAY, MAY 2, 2–5 PM**

- MN301 Hot Topics in Patient Safety \*
- MN302 Female Sexuality and Psychological Well-Being

### **TUESDAY, MAY 3, 8:45 AM–NOON**

- TU301 Menopause – Truth and Fallacy
- TU302 New Ways to Prevent Preterm Birth
- TU303 Patient Safety: What Can I Do on Monday? \*

\* Denotes added value (course may be useful in complying with credentialing and licensure requirements. See page 12 of preliminary program at [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm)).



# CURRENT ISSUES UPDATES

MONDAY, MAY 2

2–3 pm

*Highlights from the 2011 Annual Meeting of The Society for Gynecologic Investigation*

**J.E.A. Tyson, MD**

The Society for Gynecologic Investigation, Annapolis, MD

**Stephen Lye, PhD**

Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Leslie Myatt, PhD**

University of Texas HSC at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

TUESDAY, MAY 3

1:45–3:15 pm

*Role of Traditional Gynecologic Surgery in the Era of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery*

**James R. Scott, MD**

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

**Arnold P. Advincula, MD**

University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Kissimmee, FL

**Barbara S. Levy, MD**

Franciscan Health System Tacoma, WA

**Javier F. Magrina, MD**

Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:30–8:30 am

*Quality Measures of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

**Peter H. Cherouny, MD**

University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, VT

# LIVE TELESURGERY SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 3

8–11 am

*Practice Pelvic Anatomy*

**Andrew C. Steele, MD**

**Fah Che Leong, MD**

**Susan Alison Barr, MD**

**C. William Helm, MD**

**Mary Holloran Schwartz, MD**

**Gregory Smith, PhD**

All presenters from: Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO



## Submit your nomination for national office

All Fellows of ACOG who are eligible to hold office will receive a letter in February from Dr. Ralph Hale outlining the process for nominating national officers of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Individuals serving as national officers of the Congress will serve in the same capacity for the same term in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Participation in national, district, or section activities is an important prerequisite to serving as a national officer.

### April 1 deadline

Individuals nominate themselves. The national offices to be filled for May 2012–May 2013 are president elect, treasurer (three-year term), assistant secretary (two-year term), one Fellow-at-large (two-year term), and two young physicians-at-large (one for a three-year term and one for a two-year term). Materials are due April 1. Nominations must include: a letter stating the office(s) of interest, a one-page CV, a complete CV, and a signed candidate agreement (available at [www.acog.org](http://www.acog.org)). Candidates must make a presentation at the National Officer Candidates Forum on May 4 during the ACM.

For officer position descriptions, contact Elsa Brown at 800-673-8444, ext. 2517, or [ebrown@acog.org](mailto:ebrown@acog.org), or download descriptions from [www.acog.org](http://www.acog.org).

## Timetable for election of 2012–2013 national officers

2011

**February**

ACOG letter to Fellows outlines process

**March**

Candidates announced on national and district websites

**April 1**

Nominations deadline

**May 4**

Committee on Nominations interviews candidates at the ACM in Washington, DC

**July**

Bios of candidates are released

**Fall**

Candidates are discussed at Annual District Meetings

**November**

Committee on Nominations selects slate of candidates

2012

**February**

Executive Board receives and accepts final slate

**March**

Slate and proxy ballots are available electronically

**May 9**

Slate voted on at Annual Business Meeting at the 2012 ACM in San Diego



# Clinical seminars and issues update highlights



## PATRICE M. WEISS, MD

**“Patients want to know their provider has empathy and is truly sorry for what the patient and family have experienced. Saying ‘I’m sorry’ is key. Also patients want to know that things are being put into place so others do not also experience this outcome.”** Dr. Weiss, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, VA, will discuss handling unanticipated outcomes in her seminar on Monday from 10:45–noon.



## VICTORIA L. GREEN, MD, JD, MBA

**“We live in a very litigious environment in which most ob-gyns and almost half of residents may be sued at some point in their careers. We should be cognizant of this fact and ensure our documentation is clear, concise, and clinically relevant. However, we should not let legal concerns change our goal to provide quality patient-centered care.”** Dr. Green, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, joined by **Donna K. Socol, JD**, Hughes, Socol, Piers and Resnick, Chicago, will share “Tales from the Witness Chair” on Monday, May 2, from 2:30–4 PM.



## BERNARD N. GONIK, MD

**“STDs are as old as time, but the approach to management and treatment is forever changing. Participants will be updated on the recently revised CDC recommendations for these conditions as they pertain to the care of women and their partners.”** Dr. Gonik, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, along with **Linda O. Eckert, MD**, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA, will co-lead the seminar on new STD recommendations on Monday, May 2, from 10:45–noon.



## J. E. A. TYSON, MD

**“More than ever, many contributions in research of young scientist members of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation (SGI) assist in shaping numerous aspects of clinical care provided by ACOG members to women worldwide.”** During a Current Issues Update session on Monday, May 2, from 2–3 pm, Dr. Tyson of SGI, Annapolis, MD, will moderate a discussion of intriguing abstracts presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the SGI. **Stephen Lye, PhD**, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, and **Leslie Myatt, PhD**, University of Texas HSC at San Antonio, will take part.



## RITA W. DRIGGERS, MD

**“While we have improved our ability to detect patients at high risk for preterm delivery, the jury is still out as to whether we have improved our treatments to prevent it. Most of the interventions – such as bed rest, hydration, tocolytics, and antibiotics – are ineffective and, in fact, may be harmful.”** Dr. Driggers, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC, and **Uma M. Reddy, MD**, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda, MD, will discuss preterm birth and best practices in a clinical seminar on Monday from 10:45 am–noon.

For a complete listing of clinical seminars and current issues updates, view the ACM preliminary program at [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm).



## President’s dinner party to honor Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hale

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 6–11 PM AT THE RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON DOWNTOWN HOTEL

**J**oin President Richard N. Waldman, MD, and his wife, Elaine, along with the Executive Board to celebrate the career of retiring Executive Vice President Ralph W. Hale, MD, and his wife, Jane. Come pay tribute to Dr. Hale’s many national and international accomplishments. This special event will offer a fitting opportunity to say farewell to Dr. Hale, mix with old and new friends, and dance the night away. Child care will be provided.



## Induction of new Fellows

**N**ew Fellows will be inducted during the Annual Presidential Inauguration and Convocation program on Wednesday, May 4, at 9 am. Fellows from the classes of 2009, 2010, and January 2011 are invited to participate. All will receive invitation letters from ACOG. Professional attendee registrants, spouses, or guests are invited.

A SAMPLING FROM SCORES OF SPEAKERS...

# INTERACTIVE SESSIONS BROWN BAG SEMINARS

## lunches with experts



### CHARLES J. LOCKWOOD, MD



**“This course will update Fellows on why there are very limited applications for thrombophilia work-ups and very broad indications**

**for thromboembolic prophylaxis.”**

Charles J. Lockwood, MD, and Michael J. Paidas, MD, both of Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, will address thrombophilias in an interactive session on Monday from 2:30–4 pm.

### SARAH L. BERGA, MD



**“Hormones matter to mental health at midlife and beyond! Without a doubt, estradiol and progesterone regulate the brain centers mediating mood, mind, and memory. We have new neuroimaging techniques that confirm the underlying biology. Women experiencing hormonal transitions such as menopause have complaints including brain fog, irritability, or altered sense of self. Having**

**a biological explanation provides us with justification for using exogenous hormones.”** Sarah L. Berga, MD, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, will address therapies for midlife mood and memory at a brown bag seminar on Monday, May 2, from 12:15–1:30 pm.

### TONY OGBURN, MD



**“Half of the pregnancies in the US are unplanned, in large part due to the contraceptive methods we prescribe. As women’s health providers, we must do better. At our session, we will discuss a variety of evidence-based strategies to help our patients avoid unplanned pregnancy, including increased use of LARCs, unbundling of contraception from other services, and**

**newer sterilization methods.”** Tony Ogburn, MD, and Eve Espey, MD, both of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, will discuss contraception updates for 2011 in an interactive session on Tuesday, May 3, from 11 am–12:30 pm.

### HOPE K. HAEFNER, MD



**“Vulvovaginal conditions can be complex and frustrating for both patients and health care providers. We will be sharing tips and tricks to care for these perplexing diseases.”** Hope K. Haefner, MD, University of Michigan Center for Vulvar Diseases, and Lynette J. Margesson, MD, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH, will lead the interactive session on vulvar diseases on Monday, May 2, from 11am–12:30 pm.

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See a full listing of all sessions, seminars, and lunches at [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm).

## ACOG’s exhibit booth and computer lab

**V**isit the ACOG exhibit booth and computer lab. Review ACOG’s CD-ROMs, including *Contemporary Perspectives on Breast Health*; *Urogynecology: An Evidence-Based Approach*; and *From Exam Room to Courtroom*.

On Wednesday, May 4 at 12:30 pm, the booth will present the second Annual Historical Film Festival. View Dr. Joseph B. DeLee’s 1920s films on eclampsia. Ronald Cyr, MD, the 2003 ACOG History Fellow, will provide background commentary.

On Monday and Tuesday, ACOG Fellows Edward Zabrek, MD, medical editor of *iPhone Life Magazine*, and Brian A. Levine, MD, MS, District II JFCAC member, will demonstrate the latest medical computing technology using handheld mobile devices and computers.

Staff will also be on hand to provide members with information about practice, professional liability, patient education, women’s health issues, publications, patient education, coding, membership, district and section activities, our resource center, ACOG’s history library, and much more.



## ACM bookstore

Stop by the ACM bookstore and browse through our full assortment of bestselling and new resources including: the new Spanish version of *Your Pregnancy and Childbirth, Month to Month*, along with the latest resources from *PROLOG*, *Precis*, *Coding (ICD-9 & CPT)*, *Clinical Updates in Women’s Health Care*, *Compendium* CD-ROM, and many College surgical DVDs and CD-ROMs. Located next to the registration booth, the bookstore is open daily during registration hours.





## .....Registration.....

Register today for the 2011 Annual Clinical Meeting in Washington, DC, April 30–May 4. Advance registration saves time and money, and guarantees you the largest selection of postgraduate courses, clinical seminars, lunches with experts, brown bag seminars, interactive sessions, and special activities. Visit [www.acog.org/acm](http://www.acog.org/acm) to register online and make hotel reservations, or call 1.800.686.7295.

### Sound off WHY ATTEND?

“The session for our Junior Fellows, ‘Preparing for Life after Residency – Transitions from Training,’ is not to be missed. Come to network and renew friendships. See you there!” – *Cynthia A. Brincat, MD, PhD, chair of ACOG’s Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council*

“This year is exceptional. We will welcome many prominent experts, and we are especially honored to have among our distinguished speakers Dr. Francis Collins, NIH director, and Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, FIGO president.” – *Raul Artal, MD, chair, ACOG’s Committee on Scientific Program*

“Given the rapidity of transportation of people between countries, our scope of practice is much more global now. I think in our field we have a service to do, and not just for women in our country, but also worldwide. The international sessions at the ACM have great value.” – *Docile Donna Saguan, MD, Atlanta, GA*

“I always enjoy the president’s inauguration. There’s a new focus for the new year. There’s a lot of excitement.” – *Kimberly Mays de Perez, MD, Dover Foxcroft, ME*

“Gain new insight on how to implement patient safety strategies.” – *Kerry M. Lewis, MD, Washington, DC*

