

New president to focus on postpartum depression

IN AN IDEAL WORLD, A MOTHER WILL DELIVER A healthy, beautiful child at the peak of her reproductive health, thrilled with her new bundle of joy. But this is not always the case, said ACOG President Gerald F. Joseph Jr, MD, in his presidential inauguration speech at the Annual Clinical Meeting in Chicago in May. Even in the most supportive and healthy environments, a mother may suddenly experience an overwhelming sense of insecurity, dread, or sadness.

▲ Louisiana ob-gyn Dr. Gerald F. Joseph Jr becomes ACOG's 60th president.

These feelings are often “totally unexpected on the part of the new mother [and] may manifest in crying, fatigue, and heightened anxiety,” said Dr. Joseph, ACOG’s 60th president and a senior consultant in gynecology at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in Covington, LA, and a clinical assistant professor at Louisiana State University and Tulane University.

When these “baby blues” don’t resolve a few weeks after delivery, patients find themselves suffering from postpartum depression—although they may not be able to put a name to their feelings.

“Studies show this is a most vulnerable time for our patients, especially those prone to depression or those with a history of depression,” Dr. Joseph said. “What complicates matters even more is that the new mother often can’t bring herself to admit any problems

or negative emotions due to societal pressures. Instead of asking for help, she may feel guilty for not being ‘grateful’ or a ‘good mother.’ As a result, she doesn’t get the support she needs when she most needs it.”

Dr. Joseph aims to change that. The issue of postpartum depression will be his presidential initiative over the next year. He is calling on ACOG to evaluate various screening tools and examine postpartum depression data, providing Fellows with evidence-based guidelines to help their patients.

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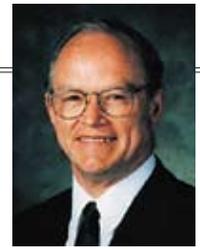
“Given the challenges of our times, might we not expect even a greater incidence in the near future?” he asked.

Dr. Joseph admits that he initially thought

did you know?



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EXECUTIVE DESK

A look back, a look forward

OUR ANNUAL CLINICAL MEETING in Chicago in May was a very successful meeting. The attendance, even in these tough economic times, was one of the largest we have ever had at an ACM. The Scientific Program, arranged by Dr. Manju Monga, was superb. Dr. Monga and her committee of “Green Coats” worked exceedingly hard in developing the Scientific Program. From the comments and evaluations, everyone who attended gained new and valuable information to help them in their practice.

Although there were fewer exhibitors than at previous ACMs, they still covered the breadth of industry. It was noticeable that the pharmaceutical industry’s new marketing and advertising constraints as well as potential legislative requirements resulted in fewer giveaways and tokens at the booths. We will continue to see these changes in the future as well. With Chicago now behind us, we are beginning to plan for the 2010 ACM in San Francisco, which is a few weeks later than usual. Please mark the dates May 15–19, 2010, on your calendars.

On Monday, May 4, the College held its Annual Business Meeting. Although it was immediately following the President’s Program and the Exhibit Hall had opened, attendance filled the room—there were even some attendees standing in the back of the room. A key event, other than the election of new officers, was approval of the revision of the College bylaws. This single event has changed the future for all our

members and our patients. The bylaw changes have authorized the final formation of the companion organization, The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The Congress will become fully functional in January 2010. Until that time, we will remain The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The new organization will allow your officers and staff to work harder in many more directions to support your practice and your economics and to benefit your patients. At the same time, those activities that have always been the core, such as educational opportunities and the development of Practice Bulletins and Committee Opinions, will remain in the College.

As we move toward a two-organization effort, it will be confusing to some. But we will continue to keep you informed about the creation of the Congress and what it means for you.

As with all new and major directional changes, the first year will reveal many areas in which the road is bumpy, but your officers and Executive Board will continue to revise and improve these changes so that you, the member, will have the best of both organizations. ♀

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focusing on and increasing awareness of postpartum depression would be not only a worthwhile objective but also one that would be relatively easy to attain.

"I envisioned all I would need to do would be to promote already existing ACOG resources. Instead, this is what I have come to realize. First, the prevalence and incidence of true postpartum depression is uncertain. This is because definitions have varied in different studies. You will see estimates that range from 5% to 25%, depending on these changing definitions and the diversity of the population studied," Dr. Joseph said. "Second, screening tools to assist potentially at-risk pregnant women are often imprecise and leave much to be desired. Finally, we have not provided our Fellows with evidence-based guidelines.

"On a more positive note, there are some useful resources created by ACOG and others, including ACOG sections and District II. In my presidential year, I will challenge the ACOG Division of Practice to study the subject and see what evidence there is to make recommendations to assist our members."

Dr. Joseph also intends to survey practicing Fellows about how they handle postpartum

depression in their practices.

"How do they screen and identify the problem? When do they counsel? How do they treat? Do they refer? How do they cope in the face of adversity? What kinds of local programs for education and support are out there? We need to identify success stories and share them with our members," he said.

Meaningful health care reform

Dr. Joseph also addressed the pressing need for health care reform in the US.

"Any medical student can cite the benefits of a regular Pap test as a screening tool. Yet, we know that a woman without health insurance is less likely to get screened compared with a woman who is insured," Dr. Joseph said. "We end up caring for sicker patients and paying for the much more expensive acute care, rather than the less expensive preventive care.

"But it is the patient who suffers most. ACOG is among those sounding the battle cry for preventive care for all. Effective, affordable health care needs to start on the front end with prevention of disease, rather than what many of our citizens receive today, acute care on the back end." ♀



Outgoing ACOG President Douglas H. Kirkpatrick, MD, presents a medallion to new ACOG President Gerald F. Joseph Jr, MD, after Dr. Joseph takes the oath of office.

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HIGHLIGHTS



The July issue of the Green Journal includes the following ACOG documents:

Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring: Nomenclature, Interpretation, and General Management Principles

(Obstetric Practice Bulletin #106, revised)

Community Involvement and Volunteerism

(Underserved Women Committee Opinion #437, new)

The June issue of the Green Journal included the following ACOG documents:

Bariatric Surgery and Pregnancy

(Obstetric Practice Bulletin #105, new)

Induced Abortion and Breast Cancer Risk

(Gynecologic Committee Opinion #434, revised)

Postpartum Screening for Abnormal Glucose Tolerance in Women Who Had Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

(Obstetric Committee Opinion #435, new)

Evaluation and Management of Abnormal Cervical Cytology and Histology in Adolescents

(Adolescent Committee Opinion #436, revised)

Each issue of the Green Journal lists the latest ACOG documents (and their website address) that have been reaffirmed by their respective committees. Documents are reviewed by ACOG on a routine basis and are either revised, withdrawn, or reaffirmed as is.

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New chair announces JFCAC projects

By Taraneh Shirazian, MD

HELLO JUNIOR FELLOWS! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Tara Shirazian, and I'm a Junior Fellow in Practice at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, NY. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Junior Fellow College Advisory Council chair this year.

As Junior Fellows, we are interested in developing our careers as women's health leaders and in combining a healthy lifestyle with opportunities to practice obstetrics, gynecologic surgery, office-based practice, and a variety of subspecialties and to create careers that evolve as we become women's health professionals.

The JFCAC is responsible for creating opportunities for Junior Fellows. Our role is to represent your voice. So, I wanted to take this opportunity to mention some of our focus projects for the upcoming year:

Program development: This year we will feature a "project-in-a-box" competition. The goal is to share effective community service, fundraising, and educational projects among districts so that Junior Fellows can easily access and share ideas and implement programs. These projects will be featured on the ACOG website and will hopefully be an effective tool in promoting program development. The best project in a box will be featured at next year's Annual Clinical Meeting.

Global health: We are expanding the range of opportunities available to Junior Fellows and recognize the importance of creating exposure to international women's health care issues. As such, some Annual District Meetings will include educational seminars for Junior Fellows on global women's health issues.

Leadership building: We will continue

to encourage and facilitate Junior Fellow participation at our national leadership conferences and on all ACOG committees.

Junior Fellows in Practice: Stay tuned for new courses for Junior Fellows at the 2010 ACM. ACOG has developed a new mentorship award in which Junior Fellows in Practice nominate Fellow mentors who helped shape their careers in the first few years of practice. Visit www.acog.org for award details.

Communication: ACOG is restructuring its website to improve navigation and ease of communication. The JFCAC is also looking into online social networking tools that could expand communication.

This is definitely not an exhaustive list. I encourage you to visit our website and to connect with your district officers and get involved. ACOG needs to hear your voice. ♀

District V chair elected JFCAC vice chair at ACM

DISTRICT V JUNIOR FELLOW Chair Cynthia A. Brincat, MD, PhD, was elected vice chair of the Junior Fellow College Advisory Council at the Annual Clinical Meeting in May. Dr. Brincat is a fellow in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery at the University of Michigan.

"As vice chair, I would strive to build upon the current momentum, continuing the programs with proven outcomes and success with an intent to serve the membership through three major themes: continuity, sustainability, and community," Dr. Brincat said.

Dr. Brincat plans to continue several JFCAC projects, including the new Junior Fellow section officer training program, international outreach, and the "project-in-a-box" initiative, which will allow districts and sections to share successful projects with each other online.



Under the theme of "community," Dr. Brincat said she wants to continue JFCAC efforts to develop greater opportunities for Junior Fellow participation in ACOG post-residency.

Junior Fellows involved in the College often get involved during residency, but as they complete their training and transition to practice, their involvement sometimes tapers off. Dr. Brincat plans to establish a task force to address this issue and also wants to create an online community that would allow JFCAC alumni to stay connected with each other.

"Complementary to building community is maintaining sustainability," Dr. Brincat said. "It is not enough to bring people into the College without giving them the tools to thrive."

It is imperative, she said, that the ACOG website be revamped and that the JFCAC uses the website to enhance its message. ♀

Junior Fellow elections in August

JUNIOR FELLOW DISTRICT elections are coming up in August, so it's not too early to review candidates' names as you prepare to cast your vote. Junior Fellow elections will be held online August 1–31. A list of candidates is on the Junior Fellow section of the ACOG website. ♀

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- ➔ At acog.org, click on "Junior Fellows" in the "Quick Links" box on the left side of the page
- ➔ Questions: Christine Himes, 800-673-8444, ext 2561; chimes@acog.org

President's Program



Actress and women's health advocate Fran Drescher talks during the President's Program about her life-changing battle with cancer.

ANNUAL CLINICAL MEETING

Exhibit Hall



Attendees were surprised to see legendary basketball star Dr. J at a booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Sex therapy expert Sandra R. Leiblum, PhD, discusses her research on vaginal dryness and sexual pain.

Poster Sessions



News Conference



Then-ACOG Vice President Iffath Abbasi Hoskins, MD, explains to media the results of a Gallup Organization survey conducted for ACOG that showed that women are delaying well-woman exams, cutting back on medication, and delaying having children because of the struggling economy.

Med Students



ACOG medical student member Victoria Sprunger, of Prescott, AZ, catches a "baby" during a simulated birth at the medical student hands-on workshops.

Tech Sessions



Free ACOG technology sessions at the ACOG Booth allowed attendees to test out the latest gadgets.

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Outstanding District Service Award

Eight Outstanding District Service Awards were presented at the Annual Clinical Meeting in May to those individuals who have made notable contributions to their districts. The following bios were current as of the ACM.

DISTRICT I

Thomas F. Baskett, MB



Dr. Baskett was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and educated at Belfast Royal Academy and the Queen's University of Belfast. He qualified for medicine in 1964 and completed six years postgraduate training in surgery, ob-gyn, and general practice in Northern Ireland. He moved to Winnipeg, Canada, as a clinical fellow and remained on staff at the Winnipeg General Hospital, now the Health Sciences Centre. During this time he also acted as

traveling consultant to the Central Canadian Arctic and Northern Manitoba regions with the Northern Medical Unit of the University of Manitoba. Since 1980, he has lived and worked in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he is a professor of ob-gyn at Dalhousie University.

For ACOG, he has served as chair of the Committee on International Affairs for several years; he also served on the Committee on Continuing Medical Education, formerly called the Committee on Course Coordination. Dr. Baskett has served on the District I Advisory Council for several years and served as the program chair for the 2001 Annual District I Meeting. He was the 2008 ACOG history fellow.

He is a past president of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada and the Canadian Gynaecological Society.

DISTRICT II

Howard L. Minkoff, MD



Dr. Minkoff is a distinguished professor of ob-gyn at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and chair of the ob-gyn department at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. He received his medical degree from the Pennsylvania State University Medical School and completed his residency and a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at SUNY Downstate.

For ACOG, he currently serves as the District II treasurer and is on the District Advisory Council. He is the chair of ACOG's HIV Expert Work Group. He served on the national Committee on Government Relations and Outreach and the Committee on Ethics. Dr. Minkoff has been an American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology examiner in both ob-gyn and maternal-fetal medicine. He chaired and served on several standing study sections at the National Institutes of Health and has had continuous NIH funding for more than 20 years. He is program director of Doctors of the World and the policy director for the New York State March of Dimes. He is past president of the New York Obstetrical Society and has been cochair of the Public Health Service Task Force to Write Guidelines for Care of HIV-Infected Women.

DISTRICT III

Anna Marie D'Amico, MD



Dr. D'Amico was in private practice for 30 years in Wilmington, DE. She volunteers as the only gynecologist at a state clinic for uninsured women. She received her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and completed her residency at the Medical Center of Delaware.

For ACOG, Dr. D'Amico has been a member of the District III Advisory Council for 20 years in several capacities, including Delaware Section vice chair and chair. She has been district assistant secretary, secretary, vice chair, and chair. She considers her highest honor being elected the first woman to chair District III. In the district, she was newsletter editor and the first webmaster. Dr. D'Amico was general program chair and exhibit chair for two Annual District Meetings and scientific program chair for one district meeting.

As district chair, Dr. D'Amico served on the ACOG Executive Board and the Council of District Chairs. She served on the Committee on Government Relations and Outreach and the Committee on Nominations. She served on the Task Force on the Grievance Appeals Process and was the general program chair for the first four-district Annual District Meeting.

DISTRICT V

Stanley A. Gall, MD



Dr. Gall is professor of ob-gyn at the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Louisville, KY. He received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his ob-gyn residency at the University of Minnesota Hospital. He also completed a fellowship in immunology and biochemistry at the University of Miami. Dr. Gall held faculty positions at the University of Miami, Duke University, and the University of Illinois-Chicago, before becoming chair of the ob-gyn department at the University of Louisville.

For ACOG, Dr. Gall was chair and vice chair of District V. As chair, he served on the Executive Board and the Council of District Chairs. He chaired several ACOG committees, including the committees on Scientific Program, Site Selection, and Audiovisual Education. He also has served on the Committee on Nominations and the Subcommittee for Development. He is chair of the Task Force on Adult and Maternal Immunization, and, since 1995, has served as the ACOG liaison to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Gall is chair of the Kentucky Maternal Mortality Committee.

DISTRICT VI

Laura A. Dean, MD



Dr. Dean is a general ob-gyn in clinical practice at Stillwater Medical Group in Stillwater, MN. She received her medical degree from Mayo Medical School and completed her residency at the University of Minnesota. She has exhibited a strong commitment to service since early in her residency. She has continued to work with medical students and residents to encourage interest in ob-gyn and strives to demonstrate and encourage women to

understand that family and medicine are not mutually exclusive.

For ACOG, Dr. Dean served as District VI Junior Fellow chair and vice chair and Minnesota Section vice chair. From 2005 to 2007, she was the Fellow-at-Large on the Executive Board, representing the interests of young physicians. As a national leader, she helped develop the role of the young physician at the district level and has served in this capacity on the District VI Advisory Council. Dr. Dean served on several national committees and task forces, including the committees on Coding and Nomenclature, Nominations, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, and Obstetric Practice. She served on the ACOG Task Force on Women and Younger Fellows in ACOG Leadership, the Task Force on Committees, and the Task Force on Reentry into Clinical Practice. Dr. Dean is the District VI legislative chair and is helping each section in her district to improve its legislative committees and advocacy.

DISTRICTS VII AND XI

Norman F. Gant, MD



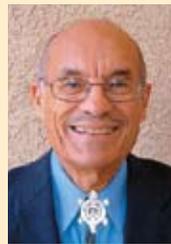
Dr. Gant is the executive director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and chair emeritus of the ob-gyn department at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He remains a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Dr. Gant received his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and completed his ob-gyn residency at Parkland Memorial

Hospital in Dallas. He completed a reproductive physiology fellowship at the same institution, followed by additional postdoctoral training in reproductive endocrinology.

For ACOG, Dr. Gant has served on the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology and the ABOG/ACOG Liaison Committee through his role with ABOG. Dr. Gant is a member of several honorary and academic societies, including Alpha Omega Alpha. He served as a director of the American Board of Family Practice and is a member of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. He is past president of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation. Dr. Gant received the Career Achievement Award of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the Leon Chesley Award of the International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy. He is a Fellow *ad eundem* of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and was elected to the Institute of Medicine in October 2001.

DISTRICT VIII

Luis Ben Curet, MD



Dr. Curet is professor emeritus at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in Albuquerque. He received his medical degree from the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and completed his residency at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Curet also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in physiology at Yale Medical School.

For ACOG, Dr. Curet has served as New Mexico Section chair and vice chair and as District VIII chair, vice chair, and secretary. While district chair, he served on the Executive Board and the Council of District Chairs. As chair, Dr. Curet established four district task forces on lifelong education, professional satisfaction and women's advocacy, medical student recruitment, and patient safety. The task forces on medical student recruitment and patient safety became district standing committees. Another major accomplishment during his tenure was the development of the Central America Section of District VIII. Dr. Curet has served on national ACOG committees on Professional Liability, International Affairs, Nominations, and Government Relations and Outreach.

Dr. Curet is a consultant for ACOG's Latin America activities with major responsibilities in developing affiliations among the various Latin American ob-gyn societies and ACOG. He also helped develop an accreditation process for residency programs and certification examinations in Latin America.

ARMED FORCES DISTRICT

Carla G. Hawley-Bowland, MG, MC USA



Major General Hawley-Bowland took command of the US Army North Atlantic Regional Medical/Walter Reed Army Medical Center in December 2007. NARMC is responsible for the operation of Armed Forces medical treatment facilities in the northeastern US.

MG Hawley-Bowland is the first female Medical Corps general in the history of the US Army. MG Hawley-Bowland received her medical degree from Creighton University and completed her residency in ob-gyn at Walter Reed. In 2001, she received a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College.

Among her many assignments, she has served as the residency director and chief of the ob-gyn department and hospital commander at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX; hospital commander at Fort Leonard Wood, MO; commander of Europe Regional Medical Command, Heidelberg, Germany; and commander of Tripler Army Medical Center and Pacific Regional Medical Command, Honolulu.

For ACOG, MG Hawley-Bowland served as Army Section chair and vice chair and the Armed Forces District chair and vice chair. As district chair, she served on the Executive Board and the Council of District Chairs. She has served on the committees on Continuing Medical Education, Credentials, and Nominations.

Distinguished Service Award

The ACOG Distinguished Service Award was created in 1968 and is presented to outstanding individuals in ob-gyn who have made significant contributions to ACOG and/or the discipline of ob-gyn in government, research, teaching, or direct patient care. Three individuals received this honor at the Annual Clinical Meeting in May.



Richard Allen, MD

Dr. Allen is clinical professor in the ob-gyn department at the Oregon Health & Science University. He served as the residency program director in Denver. He received his medical degree from New York Medical College and completed his ob-gyn residency at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, OR.

Dr. Allen has represented ACOG since 1993 as an American Medical Association delegate and leader of the Section Council. He was elected to the AMA Council on Medical Education for three consecutive terms and also served as chair. He spent six years on the Executive Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, which he also chaired, and another six years on the Institutional Review Committee. Dr. Allen currently serves on the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. In

2007, Dr. Allen received the AMA's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award.

For ACOG, Dr. Allen served 10 years as legislative chair for the District VIII Advisory Council. He was a member of the Task Force on Reentry into Clinical Practice. At the Oregon Health & Science University, as assistant dean for graduate medical education and clinical professor of ob-gyn, he developed a pilot program for reentry training of ob-gyns and other physicians to return to the workforce. He's the only known ob-gyn who served as president of two state medical societies. He was elected president of the Colorado Medical Society first and was later elected president of the Oregon Medical Association after leading successful tort reform there. He was then appointed by the governor to help create the Oregon Health Plan. Dr. Allen was vice chair of the Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has continued to be involved in health-related legislative activities.



Ridgely C. Bennett, MD, MPH

Dr. Bennett served as a medical officer in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the US Food and Drug Administration for 39 years, working primarily in the areas of oral contraceptives and assisted reproductive technologies. Dr. Bennett received his medical degree from Howard University, where he also completed his residency training in ob-gyn. He has a master of public health degree from Johns

Hopkins University. Before joining the FDA, Dr. Bennett was chief of ob-gyn at two Air Force hospitals.

While at the FDA, Dr. Bennett also maintained a limited private practice and clinical teaching responsibilities at Georgetown University, Howard University, and the Uniformed Services University. He served

on several scientific review panels of the National Institutes of Health and the Health Resources and Service Administration. He served as a consultant to the American Medical Association's *Drug Evaluations* for oral contraceptives.

Dr. Bennett is the recipient of many awards, including the Outstanding Alumnus in Public Health Award from the Society of Alumni of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and the Distinguished Service Award from CDER.

Dr. Bennett was elected president of the Society of Alumni of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, was invited by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine to become a visiting professor in public health and preventive medicine, and was the only American invited to speak in Tunis at the First Arab Conference on Reproductive Health and Population.



John Yeh, MD

Dr. Yeh is professor and chair of the ob-gyn department at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. He received his medical degree from the University of California, San Diego, and completed his residency in ob-gyn and his fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Harvard Medical School.

For ACOG, Dr. Yeh has served on numerous committees, including the PROLOG Task Force for *Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility*, the PROLOG Task Force on *Patient Management in the Office*, and several Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology committees, including the CREOG Examination Committee-Subspecialty Interests, the CREOG Education Committee, and the CREOG Residency Education Subcommittee. He also serves

on the editorial board of *Clinical Updates in Women's Health Care*. Dr. Yeh served as the chair for Section 6 of District II.

Dr. Yeh was a Jefferson Science fellow and senior science advisor with the US State Department and worked in the Global Health Bureau of the US Agency for International Development.

Dr. Yeh concentrated on strengthening policies and programs in maternal and child health to increase collaboration among USAID, individual countries, and international organizations; to develop practices designed to improve maternal mortality and health rates; and to develop health system infrastructures. He also concentrated some of his time on US government interagency cooperation by serving on advisory committees that are expected to result in new joint efforts in science, research, and education.

His laboratory research investigation is in ovarian reproductive aging and biomarkers of chemotherapy-induced ovarian damage.

Honorary Fellowships

Honorary Fellowships are awarded to those individuals of outstanding achievement in the field of ob-gyn, or an allied discipline, from any country. The individual has attained national and international recognition and has a relationship with activities in the US involving women's health care. Three individuals received this honor at the Annual Clinical Meeting in May.



Gamal I. Serour, MD

Professor Serour is ob-gyn professor, former chair of the ob-gyn department, and former dean of the faculty of medicine of Al Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. He is the director of the International Islamic Center for Population Studies and Research at Al Azhar University. He received his medical degree from Cairo University.

Professor Serour established Al Azhar regional training centers in endoscopy and microsurgery in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Program of International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics. He trained and field-visited more than 400 physicians in several Asian and African countries. Professor Serour delivered Egypt's first baby conceived by in vitro fertilization in 1987 and established the Al Azhar University assisted reproductive technology

program as a leading training unit.

Professor Serour chaired the Egyptian Representative Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and developed continuing medical education programs in Egypt. With the RCOG president, he cochaired the Sixth International Conference in Cairo. Professor Serour is serving as the president elect of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, from 2006 to 2009. He is the founder and secretary general of the Egyptian Fertility and Sterility Society and a member of the National Bioethics Committee. He served as president of the Egyptian Menopause Society. He led work on reproductive health, population policy, population education, women's and children's rights, empowerment of women, and medical ethics in developing countries through projects with United Nations organizations, nongovernmental organizations, European governments, and the US Agency for International Development.



Shirish S. Sheth, MD

Professor Sheth is consultant gynecologist at Breach Candy Hospital and Hurkisondas Hospital, Mumbai, India. He was honorary professor of obstetrics and gynecology at King Edward Memorial Hospital and Seth G.S. Medical College. He received his medical degrees from the University of Bombay and College of Physicians and Surgeons, Mumbai, having secured 17 gold medals and prizes.

He served as president of the Bombay Obstetric and Gynaecological Society, the Federation of Obstetric & Gynecological Societies of India, the Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay, and the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics. He is a Fellow *ad eundem* of the Royal

College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He has received honorary ob-gyn fellowship or membership in societies in Brazil, Chile, Canada, Yugoslavia, Nigeria, and Poland.

His original contributions include describing a new surgical space (utero-cervical broad ligament space), cervico fundal sign, dimple sign, utero-cervical angle contraindicating vaginal hysterectomy, and advocating vaginal oophorectomy for breast cancer. He has designed a Sheth's adnexa clamp and pneumo-surgical pack.

Professor Sheth has performed more than 10,000 laparoscopic tubal sterilizations in rural camps as part of community service for Rotary International. He has served as district governor of Rotary International and received Rotary International's highest award, the Service Above Self Award. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India.



Klaus Vetter, MD

Professor Vetter is chair of the clinic of obstetrics at the Vivantes Neukoelln Hospital in Berlin, Germany, and professor at the Humboldt University of Berlin. He received his medical degree from Heidelberg University in Germany and also studied sociology at Zurich University in Switzerland. With a postdoctoral grant from the Swiss National Foundation, he performed studies in obstetric endocrinology at the University Women's Hospital in Zurich. He is board certified in ob-gyn with a subspecialty in maternal-fetal medicine.

Professor Vetter was president of the German Society of Perinatal Medicine and has organized its biennial national congresses since 1999. He was president of the German Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is currently secretary general. Since 2002, he has been president

of the German-Turkish Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology. He was president of the Berlin Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology and is speaker of the National Commission for Breastfeeding.

Dr. Vetter was treasurer of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine. He is a member of the Standing Committee for Training and Assessment of the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is coeditor or a member of the boards of several scientific journals, including the *Journal of Perinatal Medicine* and the *Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics*.

His main fields of interest are placental and fetal circulation, external version, and operative measures to prevent preterm delivery. Additionally, he is interested in the sociology and philosophy of medicine. In 2005, he became an honorary member of the Swiss Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology, and, in 2008, he was admitted as a Fellow *ad eundem* to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Candidates for national office

Candidate quotes are in response to “How can ACOG use new technologies on the internet—such as social marketing or other avenues—to improve communication among its members?”

President Elect



James N. Martin Jr, MD

Jackson, MS

“I favor any electronic communication tool which enhances the connection and timely communication between ACOG and its membership—a superlative website, occasional email alerts, quick and focused opinion surveys, and educational webinars would be some examples.”

Professional Position

Professor of ob-gyn, University of Mississippi; director, division of maternal-fetal medicine and obstetric services, Winfred Wiser Hospital for Women and Infants

Education

- **MD:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **RESIDENCY:** UNC-North Carolina Memorial Hospital

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** secretary; member, Executive Board; Junior Fellow advisor; member, Council of District Chairs; chair, Public Member Subcommittee; chair, Task Force on Committees; member, committees on Credentials, Obstetric Practice, Course Coordination, Nominations, Government Relations and Outreach, ACOG-SFM Joint Leadership; member, task forces on Establishing a 501(c)(6) Organization, Meetings Management, Expert Witnesses, Strategic Planning; member, work groups on 501(c)(6), grievance appeals process
- **DISTRICT VII:** chair; vice chair; secretary-treasurer; member, Advisory Council; program chair, Annual District Meetings



J. Craig Stafford, MD, MPH

Gallipolis, OH

“Build on ACOG’s existing site. Let members author RSS [Really Simple Syndication] content. Create groups on professional social networking sites and highlight Fellows’ contributions in ACOG’s publications. Improve ACOG’s ranking in search engines so users find ACOG’s content first.”

Professional Position

Staff physician, Holzer Medical Center; director of clinical research, Holzer Clinic

Education

- **MD:** The Ohio State University
- **RESIDENCY:** Indiana University Medical Center

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** vice president; member, Executive Board; member, Council of District Chairs; chair, vice chair, Committee on Practice Management; member, committees on Coding and Nomenclature, Gynecologic Practice, Government Relations and Outreach, Nominations, Electronic Medical Records, Continuing Medical Education, Credentials, Health Care for Underserved Women; member, Grievance Committee; alternate delegate to AMA; McCain fellow
- **DISTRICT V:** chair; vice chair; treasurer; member, Advisory Council; general arrangements chair, Annual District Meeting; Ohio Section chair, vice chair, secretary-treasurer, key contact

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Fellows are encouraged to discuss candidates with Committee on Nominations members.

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Kenneth L. Noller, MD, MS

Vice President



James T. Breeden, MD

Carson City, NV

“The internet and its technologies have the potential to vastly improve communication and personal expression between ACOG members by increasing their ability to network. This can be accomplished through improved member accessibility, faster communication, and more satisfying personal contact.”

Professional Position

President, Carson Medical Group

Education

- **MD:** Marquette University, Milwaukee
- **RESIDENCY:** Mercy Hospital, San Diego

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** treasurer; member, Executive Board; chair, Council of District Chairs; member, task forces on Establishing a 501(c)(6) Organization, Strategic Planning; member, committees on Finance, Coding and Nomenclature, Nominations, Compensation; member, Audit Committee, Appeals Panel Committee, Subcommittee on Insurance; participant, ACOG Leadership Institute
- **DISTRICT VIII:** chair; vice chair; treasurer; member, Advisory Council; recipient, Outstanding District Service Award; recipient, Top Junior Fellow Award; district newsletter editor; Nevada Section chair, vice chair



Paul A. Gluck, MD

Miami

“Electronic communication using internet communities, such as Facebook and Twitter, provides powerful technology for disseminating and gathering information from our members. It can be used clinically to create a ‘virtual’ journal club and an ‘ask the expert’ site for difficult cases.”

Professional Position

Fellow, Center for Patient Safety, University of Miami; associate clinical professor of ob-gyn, University of Miami

Education

- **MD:** New York University
- **RESIDENCY:** University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Hospital

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** assistant secretary; member, Executive Board; director, Voluntary Review of Quality of Care program; chair, committees on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, Credentials; member, committees on Course Coordination, Nominations; member, Grievance Committee; chair, Task Force on Safety in Resident Education; member, Task Force on Safety in the Office Setting; chair, Subcommittee on Patient Safety; ex officio member, Committee on Professional Liability; member, editorial board, *Your Pregnancy & Birth*; recipient, ACOG President's Community Service Award; recipient, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Section Award; participant, ACOG Patient Safety Summit; ACOG alternate delegate to AMA

- **DISTRICT IV:** member, Advisory Council; member, Professional Liability Committee; chair, local arrangements for Annual District Meeting; district Junior Fellow chair, vice chair, secretary-treasurer; Florida Section chair, vice chair, Junior Fellow vice chair; chair, Florida Section Professional Liability Committee



Benjamin E. Greer, MD

Seattle

“ACOG can utilize free online networks such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to provide timely communication and education to patients and members, as well as inspiring support for the mission and vision of the College and Congress.”

Professional Position

Professor in the division of gynecologic oncology, University of Washington; affiliate investigator at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Education

- **MD:** University of Pennsylvania
- **RESIDENCY:** University of Colorado Medical Center

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** chair, Committee on Gynecologic Practice; vice chair, Committee on Practice Bulletins-Gynecology; reviewer, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*



Sharon T. Phelan, MD

Albuquerque, NM

“Electronic communication must be multidirectional to allow Fellows, ACOG, and patients to freely educate, problem-solve, and guide individuals in the provision of comprehensive women's health care—via interactive websites, topic-based blogs, and forms of instant mail.”

Professional Position

Medical director, Maternity and Infant Care Project; professor of ob-gyn, University of New Mexico

Education

- **MD:** University of New Mexico
- **RESIDENCY:** University of New Mexico

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** assistant secretary; member, Executive Board; chair, Committee on Credentials; vice chair, Committee on Obstetric Practice; member, Grievance Committee, Appeals Panel Committee, Committee on Practice Bulletins-Obstetrics; member, ABOG/ACOG Road to Maintaining Excellence Task Force; member, Task Force on Women and Younger Fellows in ACOG Leadership; representative to Council of Academic Societies; member, editorial task force, *Precis: Primary and Preventive Care, fourth edition*; reviewer and member, editorial board, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*; helped develop smoking cessation material for membership
- **DISTRICT VII:** chair, Alabama Section's State Maternal Mortality Review Committee

Secretary



Mark S. DeFrancesco, MD, MBA

Cheshire, CT

“Twitter, Facebook, our ACOG website ... all tools that can facilitate two-way communication with each other and with our patients. Best practices and unusual cases can be discussed, and political action can be catalyzed. We must learn from our younger members how to communicate better!”

Professional Position

Founding partner, vice president, and medical director of Physicians for Women's Health LLC; chief medical officer, Women's Health Connecticut Inc; assistant clinical ob-gyn professor, University of Connecticut

Education

- **MD:** University of Connecticut
- **RESIDENCY:** University of Connecticut

ACOG Activities

■ **NATIONAL:** member, Executive Board; chair, Council of District Chairs; chair, committees on Practice Management, Ambulatory Practice Operations; member, committees on Finance, Nominations; chair, Task Force on Changing Practice in the 21st Century; member, task forces on Patient Safety in the Office Setting, Section Activities, Enhancing Practice Satisfaction, Committees; member, editorial board, *Your Pregnancy & Birth*; member, medical advisory board, *pause* magazine; member, work groups on Strategic Planning, Office Patient Safety Assessment; participant, ACOG Leadership Institute; participant, Chantilly 2 Educational Retreat; ACOG representative to the Board of Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care

■ **DISTRICT I:** chair; vice chair; member, Advisory Council; general chair of Annual District Meeting; chair, Committee on Meetings; member, committees on Nominating, Practice, Scientific Program; Connecticut Section chair, vice chair



Iffath Abbasi Hoskins, MD

Brooklyn, NY

“ACOG should enhance use of traditional email for routine communications and should embrace social networking sites eg, Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, etc, to disseminate items that require urgent communications to members and patients.”

Professional Position

Senior vice president, chair, and residency director, Lutheran Medical Center

Education

- **MD:** Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan
- **RESIDENCY:** National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

ACOG Activities

■ **NATIONAL:** vice president; assistant secretary; member, Executive Board; chair, Committee on Credentials; chair, vice chair, Grievance Committee; member, committees on Obstetric Practice, Health Care for Underserved Women; member, Task Force

on Governance; member, PROLOG Task Force on *Obstetrics, fourth edition*; member, Clinical Document Review Panel; liaison to American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Drugs; liaison to Society for Perinatal Obstetricians; liaison to American College of Surgeons; ACOG delegate to AMA

■ **DISTRICT II:** secretary; member, Advisory Council; chair, scientific program for Annual District Meeting; chair, committees on Underserved Women, Communications; member, committees on Professional Liability, Legislative, Nominations; Junior Fellow co-advisor



Sharon T. Phelan, MD

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Ramon A. Suarez, MD

Atlanta

“ACOG is a growing and dynamic organization. An increasing percent of our members rely on the electronic media for information. This provides a low-cost venue for communication and the solicitation of opinions. Informed participation strengthens ACOG and empowers leadership.”

Professional Position

Private practice; medical director of ob-gyn graduate education at Piedmont Hospital; clinical professor of ob-gyn at Emory University

Education

- **MD:** Emory University, Atlanta
- **RESIDENCY:** Emory University, Atlanta

ACOG Activities

■ **NATIONAL:** assistant secretary; member, Executive Board; chair, Council of District Chairs; chair, Committee on Credentials; member, Grievance Committee; member, committees on Government Relations and Outreach, Nominations; member, Finance Subcommittee for Development; reviewer, Voluntary Review of Quality of Care program

■ **DISTRICT IV:** chair; vice chair; secretary; member, Advisory Council; Georgia Section chair, vice chair; Georgia Section Junior Fellow chair, vice chair, program chair, local arrangements chair

Assistant Secretary



Maureen E. Farrell, LCDR, MC USN

Rota, Spain

“The College is responsible for shaping solutions to our professional challenges and crafting a forum for idea sharing among its members. Developing topic-specific blog sites at acog.org is not only feasible but provides a source for information and experience.”

Professional Position

Chief of the medical staff and department head of ob-gyn, US Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain

Education

- **MD:** Washington University, St. Louis
- **RESIDENCY:** Naval Medical Center San Diego

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** member, committees on Electronic Medical Records, Ambulatory Practice Operations, Scientific Program; participant, ACOG Future Leaders in Ob-Gyn Conference
- **ARMED FORCES DISTRICT:** Navy Section Junior Fellow chair, vice chair



Benjamin E. Greer, MD

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James A. Macer, MD

Pasadena, CA

“Establishing an interactive website with physician profile pages (like Facebook) would enable Fellows to be ‘linked in,’ allowing instantaneous interactive networking and communication. Other technologies such as Twitter, blogs, or forums would not only improve communication but attract Fellows to the website.”

Professional Position

Private practice, Pasadena, CA; clinical professor, Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center-Women’s Hospital

Education

- **MD:** University of Southern California
- **RESIDENCY:** Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** member, Executive Board; member, Council of District Chairs; member, Appeals Panel Committee; member, committees on Government Relations and Outreach, Nominations, Course Coordination, Continuing Medical Education;

member, task forces on Cosmetic and Alternative Procedures, Expert Witnesses; participant, ACOG Leadership Institute

- **DISTRICT IX:** chair; vice chair; member, Advisory Council; member, committees on State Legislation, Business of Medicine; Section 5 chair, vice chair



Michael R. Tesoro, MD

Sharon, CT

“ACOG with its email database and social media networks (Link-Healthpro) could augment delivery of information directly to Fellows. Each division could send confidential messages, participate in discussion forums, add files to the repository, and post information in the community wiki.”

Professional Position

Associate attending, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, CT; assistant clinical professor of ob-gyn, University of Connecticut

Education

- **MD:** New York Medical College
- **RESIDENCY:** St. Clare’s Hospital & Medical Center, New York City

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** member, Executive Board; member, Council of District Chairs; chair, Committee on Quality Assessment; member, committees on Credentials, Course Coordination; member, Finance Subcommittee on Development; director and reviewer, Voluntary Review of Quality of Care program; recipient, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Section Award; program chair, postgraduate courses; ACOG key contact
- **DISTRICT I:** chair; vice chair; member, Advisory Council; chair, committees on Meetings, Quality Assessment; general program chair for Annual District Meeting; member, committees on Quality Assessment and Practice and on Legislative; key legislative contact; Connecticut Section chair, vice chair

Fellow-at-Large



Maureen E. Farrell, LCDR, MC USN

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Leah A. Kaufman, MD

New Hyde Park, NY

“Website communication boards allow Fellows to ask questions of each other, view the string of answers, and, thus, communicate at times convenient to them while sharing ideas. Indexing boards by topic and Fellowship category involved will additionally enhance their utility.”

Professional Position

Ob-gyn residency program director, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, NY; assistant professor of ob-gyn and women’s health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Education

- **MD:** State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse
- **RESIDENCY:** Long Island Jewish Medical Center

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** member, Executive Board; chair, vice chair, Junior Fellow College Advisory Council; member, committees on Scientific Program, Nominations, Continuing Medical Education, Practice Bulletins-Obstetrics; member, task forces on Practice Re-entry, Medical Student Recruitment, Strategic Planning; member, medical advisory board, *Plum* magazine
- **DISTRICT II:** young physician representative; member, Advisory Council; co-chair, Annual District Meeting Scientific Program; member, committees on Media, Strategic Plan Review, Legislative; member, Physician Practice Subcommittee; Section 4 secretary/treasurer; Junior Fellow chair, vice chair, secretary-treasurer; Section 3 Junior Fellow chair, vice chair



Eduardo Lara-Torre, MD

Roanoke, VA

“Utilizing moderated chat rooms may provide the membership with avenues of discussion for a variety of topics. Using ACOG members with unique expertise as moderators for each ‘room’ would make the information readily accessible with opportunity for specific questions.”

Professional Position

Director of simulations, resident research, and ambulatory and pediatric and adolescent gynecology, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital/Carilion Clinic; assistant professor and associate residency program director, Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine

Education

- **MD:** Institute of Technology and Advanced Studies of Monterrey, Mexico
- **RESIDENCY:** University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** member, Committee on Adolescent Health Care
- **DISTRICT III:** young physician representative; vice chair, liaison committee to the Dominican Republic Section; Delaware Section member-at-large; Pennsylvania Section young physician representative
- **DISTRICT V:** Junior Fellow vice chair, secretary-treasurer; Ohio Section Junior Fellow chair, vice chair



Sarah W. Prager, MD, MAS

Seattle

“ACOG could create Facebook groups around specific issues or use professional networking sites like LinkedIn to disseminate updates about topics or remind about meeting locations/deadlines. ‘Webinars’ use could spare Fellows from unnecessary travel. Twitter use links members wanting up-to-the-minute connectivity.”

Professional Position

Assistant professor, University of Washington

Education

- **MD:** University of Texas, Southwestern
- **RESIDENCY:** University of Vermont

ACOG Activities

- **NATIONAL:** member, Committee on Gynecologic Practice; member, CREOG Education Committee; participant, Future Leaders in Ob-Gyn Conference
- **DISTRICT I:** Junior Fellow chair, vice chair; Vermont Section Junior Fellow chair, vice chair

Take part in the election process

FELLOWS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN THE national officer election process by discussing candidates with Committee on Nominations members. Candidates’ qualifications will also be discussed at fall district meetings. The Committee on Nominations will meet in November to select the slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on May 17, 2010, in San Francisco. The elected officers will begin their terms on May 19, 2010, after the Annual Clinical Meeting.

2009 CALENDAR

PLEASE CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

JULY

14

ACOG WEBCAST:
Patient Safety and Best Practices: New Issues in Perinatal Initiatives
1-2:30 pm ET
800-673-8444, ext 2498

17-19

Gynecologic Oncology Group Semi-Annual Meeting
Baltimore
gog.org

AUGUST

11

ACOG WEBCAST:
Coding for Multiple Services on the Same Day
1-2:30 pm ET
800-673-8444, ext 2498

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District XI Section 4/ Houston Gynecologic Obstetric Society Scientific Meeting
Houston
chayden@tmhs.org
713-441-3208

SEPTEMBER

8

ACOG WEBCAST:
Injection and Vaccination Coding
1-2:30 pm ET
800-673-8444, ext 2498

9-12

Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons 18th Annual Meeting and Endo Expo
Boston
sls.org

10-12

American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society 2009 Meeting
Chicago
agosonline.org
212-305-0613

13-17

International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology 19th World Congress
Hamburg, Germany
isuog.org/WorldCongress/2009

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District III Junior Fellow Annual Meeting
Philadelphia
202-863-2561

24-26

American Urogynecologic Society 30th Annual Scientific Meeting
Hollywood, FL
augs.org
202-367-1167

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Society for Sex Therapy and Research Fall Clinical Meeting
New York City
sstarnet.org
202-863-1644

30-Oct 3

North American Menopause Society Annual Meeting
San Diego
www.menopause.org
440-442-7550

30-Oct 4

Pacific Coast Obstetrics and Gynecology Society
La Jolla, CA
pcogs.org

OCTOBER

1-3

ACOG District V Annual Meeting
Indianapolis
202-863-2574

1-4

ACOG District VIII and IX Annual Meeting
Napa, CA
916-920-8100

4-9

International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics
Cape Town, South Africa
figo2009.org.za
figo@figo.org

8-9

ACOG and March of Dimes Symposium on Quality Improvement to Prevent Prematurity
Arlington, VA
marchofdimes.com/
conferences
conferences@marchofdimes.com

9-11

ACOG District VII and XI Annual Meeting
San Antonio
202-863-2542

11-15

American College of Surgeons 95th Annual Clinical Congress
Chicago
facs.org/clincon2009

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ACOG WEBCAST
Recovery Audit Contractors: How to Handle a Surprise Visit from Government Agents
1-2:30 pm ET
800-673-8444, ext 2498

14-17

American Academy of Family Physicians Scientific Assembly
Boston
aafp.org

16-18

ACOG District IV Annual Meeting
Asheville, NC
202-863-2488

16-18

ACOG District I and III Annual Meeting
Lake Buena Vista, FL
202-863-2574

17-21

American Society for Reproductive Medicine 65th Annual Meeting
Atlanta
asmr.org

23-25

ACOG District II Annual Meeting
New York City
518-436-3461

25-28

ACOG District VI Annual Meeting, in conjunction with the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual Meeting
Maui, HI
caog.org

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New Hampshire Section Meeting—Fetal Surveillance: Increasing Safety and Reducing Risk
Bedford, NH
ahillman@crhc.org
603-227-7000, ext 2909

ACOG COURSES

- For Postgraduate Courses, call 800-673-8444, ext 2540/2541, weekdays 9 am-4:45 pm ET or visit acog.org and click on "Postgraduate Courses and CPT Coding Workshops" under "Meetings."
- For Coding Workshops, visit acog.org and click on "Postgraduate Courses and CPT Coding Workshops" under "Meetings." Telephone registration is not accepted for Coding Workshops.

Registration must be received one week before the course. On-site registration subject to availability.

JULY

10-12

Coding Workshop
Baltimore **SOLD OUT**

AUGUST

7-9

Coding Workshop
Kansas City, MO

27-29

Reawakening the Excitement of Obstetrics and Gynecology
La Jolla, CA

28-30

Coding Workshop
Seattle

OCTOBER

16-18

Twenty-First Century Obstetrics and Gynecology
(In conjunction with the ACOG District I and III Annual Meeting)
Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL

30-Nov 1

Coding Workshop
Coronado, CA

NOVEMBER

12-14

Practical Obstetrics and Gynecology
Las Vegas

13-15

Coding Workshop
Atlanta

DECEMBER

3-5

Update on Cervical Diseases
New York City

4-6

Coding Workshop
Tampa, FL

10-12

Incorporating Gynecologic Ultrasound Into Your Office Practice
Chicago



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RESOURCES

CDC campaign fights MRSA infections

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE Control and Prevention has launched a national campaign to raise awareness about methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA. Every year, Americans visit their doctors more than 12 million times for suspected staph skin infections, many of which prove to be MRSA, according to the CDC.

The campaign includes a new website and materials on MRSA signs and symptoms, clinical management, and prevention. Free downloadable materials include:

- ▶ A treatment algorithm developed by the CDC, American Medical Association, and Infectious Diseases Society of America
- ▶ Fact cards with photos of MRSA infections and information on options for outpatient antimicrobial treatment of skin and soft



tissue infections when MRSA is a consideration

- ▶ Patient education materials, including fact sheets, posters, and fliers

MRSA is resistant to all currently available beta-lactam agents (penicillins and cephalosporins). In addition, fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin) and macrolides (erythromycin, clarithromycin, azithromycin) are not optimal for treatment of MRSA infections because resistance is common or may develop rapidly. ♀

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→ cdc.gov/mrsa

ACOG PATIENT EDUCATION

Information you and your patients can trust

Save 20% for a limited time. Take advantage of this special offer on these revised patient education resources.



Car Safety for You and Your Baby (AP008)

- ▶ How to wear a safety belt during pregnancy
- ▶ Types of safety seats for babies and children
- ▶ How to choose and use a car safety seat



A Father's Guide to Pregnancy (AP032)

- ▶ Why the father's role is important to a healthy pregnancy
- ▶ Physical and emotional changes a woman experiences during pregnancy
- ▶ Sex during and after pregnancy
- ▶ What happens during prenatal visits
- ▶ How to help during labor and delivery and after the baby is born

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- To preview these pamphlets: www.acog.org/goto/patients
- To order pamphlets: sales.acog.org; 800-762-2264 (use source code DM68 1006)
- To request a free sample: resources@acog.org

Apply to serve on ACOG committees

ACOG IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS interested in serving on ACOG committees. The Application Form for Committee Service can be completed online and then mailed or faxed to ACOG. Applications must be received by September 11.

President Elect Richard N. Waldman, MD, will make these appointments in November 2009, and committee service will begin in May 2010. Descriptions of the committees and what is expected of committee members are also on the website. ♀

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