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- Immunization Champion Honor Roll
Immunization Champion Honor Roll

ACOG is proud to present the 20 Ob-Gyn Immunization Champions participating in the CDC*-funded adult immunization project entitled: Increasing Immunization Rates through Obstetrician-Gynecologist Partnerships. These Immunization Champions will provide leadership for their practice as they further advance their immunization programs. The ACOG project will assist these Immunization Champions in developing additional tools and resources to increase the health of their patients, families, and office staff. The following is a list of the ACOG Ob-Gyn Immunization Champions and their practices:

**Immunization Champions in Los Angeles County, CA**
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Laura Sirott, MD, Laura Sirott, MD, Pasadena
Ayanna Walden, MD, Ayanna Walden, MD, Beverly Hills
Jacqueline Trejo, MD, Santa Monica Gyn-ob, Santa Monica

**Immunization Champions in Massachusetts**
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YOUNG PHYSICIANS, JUNIOR FELLOWS and MEDICAL STUDENTS

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Improving Women’s Health Through Innovation and Technology

2018 ACOG Junior Fellow Essay Contest

The Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council (JFCAC) is seeking engaging essays on “Improving Women’s Health Through Innovation and Technology.”

Share your thoughts and experiences (without mentioning specific patients or institutions) on how technology can be used to improve women’s health through innovation and technology.

One prize winning essay will be selected. The winner will receive a $100 VISA gift card and their essay will be published in an upcoming issue of the Green Journal.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS
Submit an essay (500-750 words) about “Improving Women’s Health Through Innovation and Technology” electronically in PDF or Word format to JFservices@acog.org.

Visit www.acog.org and click on ABOUT ACOG, then JUNIOR FELLOWS on the left side of the page or type Junior Fellows in the search engine found on the homepage.

The deadline for submitting an essay is November 30, 2017.

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The Pat Miller Junior Fellow Initiative Toolkit Award

As leaders, we are motivated, energized, passionate and we make a difference. Junior Fellow Initiatives are improving Women’s Health everywhere.

The Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council (JFCAC) developed an award entitled, “The Pat Miller JFIT (Junior Fellow Initiative Toolkit) Award.”

A Junior Fellow Initiative is any project or program that you developed to make a difference for women and their health care providers including service projects such as supply drives, educational sessions, medical student recruitment, and lobby days.

A JFIT project is a detailed toolkit used to facilitate planning and carrying-out a specific Junior Fellow initiative.

The goal of the JFIT project is to compile these ideas, projects and programs and post them on the ACOG Junior Fellow Web page which will serve as an online resource accessible to all Junior Fellows for planning future initiatives.

One winner will be selected to receive $2,500 to present their toolkit at the Junior Fellow Breakfast/Business Meeting during the 2018 Annual Clinical & Scientific Meeting in Austin, Texas, April 27-30, 2018.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS ONLY
Click here to view the guidelines and to submit your JFIT project.

DEADLINE
The deadline for submitting your JFIT project on-line is November 30, 2017.

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JUNIOR FELLOWS
2017-2018
DONALD F. RICHARDSON MEMORIAL PRIZE PAPER AWARDS

You will be receiving a Call for Scientific Papers from your District for oral presentation at your 2017 Fall District meeting. After the oral presentation at the District meeting, each District Chair, or his/her designee, will select the best (one) Junior Fellow paper presented and send that paper to ACOG National. ACOG National will send the papers to an anonymous Congress committee appointed to review the manuscripts. This committee will then select the two best papers submitted from all twelve Districts.

The two winning papers will be presented orally (by their authors) at the Annual Clinical & Scientific Meeting (Annual Meeting) of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, April 27-29, 2018, in Austin, TX. The authors of the winning papers will be encouraged to submit the papers to the editor of Obstetrics & Gynecology for possible publication.

The two award recipients will each receive a $2,000 stipend to cover their hotel and travel expenses to the Annual Meeting, and a special certificate that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. In addition, ACOG will cover the Annual Meeting registration fee.

GUIDELINES:

♦ Principal author must be a Junior Fellow of ACOG at the time of their oral paper presentation. To be eligible for the award, you must also be a member of the District where you are presenting your paper.

♦ All papers submitted to the national office for the Donald F. Richardson awards must have been presented orally at your annual Fellow or Junior Fellow Fall District meeting.

♦ After the District meeting, the Districts’ first place Junior Fellow paper must be submitted as ONE document electronically in a MICROSOFT WORD format with a cover letter noting the presenter of the paper, AND one blind copy to the ACOG National Office, Department of District and Section Activities, no later than November 30, 2017.

♦ The principal author will present the paper orally at the Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting.

♦ The paper must not have been published prior to May 2018.

Manuscripts should be prepared in a form suitable for publication consistent with that used by the Congress journal, Obstetrics & Gynecology; however, only the front sheet should designate the name(s) of the author(s), the date and the District meeting at which the paper was presented. The remaining pages should contain the title of the paper but not the name(s) of the author.

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POSTGRADUATE COURSES, CODING WORKSHOPS and WEBCASTS

- 2018 Coding Workshops
- Coding Webcast – Preview of New Codes and Medicare Changes for 2018 – 12/12/17
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ACOG’s enormously popular coding workshops teach physicians and their staff about appropriate coding and billing practices. These workshops cover the effective use of the International Classification of Diseases Tenth Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding systems as they pertain to obstetrics and gynecology.

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**Registration**

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The breakdown of the number of credits for each day of the meeting is as follows:

- **Day I** (E/M Services and Medicare’s Documentation Guidelines) = 7 credits
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**Note:** The 18C2 Workshop has been cancelled.

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Estimating Due Date Calculator

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Toolkits available at acog.org/Toolkits
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SAMPLE QUESTION:
A 30-year-old woman, gravida 1, para 0, at 28 weeks of gestation, asks for your advice in regard to mode of delivery. She is contemplating a cesarean delivery by maternal request because she is concerned about pelvic floor dysfunction. You advise her that the immediate postpartum risk that cesarean delivery may help to reduce is

* (A) urinary incontinence
(B) anal incontinence
(C) pelvic organ prolapse
(D) levator spasms

*Correct Answer

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(A) breast ultrasonography
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» Assessing appropriate legal, risk management, and office management guidelines

SAMPLE QUESTION:
A 23-year-old woman, gravida 1, para 0, at 10 weeks of gestation has a routine urinary culture at the time of her initial visit. Although she has reported no urinary symptoms, the results show 100,000 organisms/mL of Escherichia coli. You recommend a 7-day course of nitrofurantoin because this treatment has been shown to decrease the risk of subsequent acute pyelonephritis. This treatment also will decrease the risk of
(A) chronic renal insufficiency
(B) preterm delivery
(C) neonatal meningitis
(D) preeclampsia

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Guidelines for Perinatal Care, EIGHTH EDITION

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The Obstetrician-Gynecologist Workforce in the United States: Facts, Figures, and Implications 2017

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When you team up with AIM you will receive Patient Safety Bundle implementation support, training, peer-to-peer engagement opportunities, and access to AIM’s national data center to track your success.

AIM-supported Patient Safety Bundles include:
- Obstetric Hemorrhage
- Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy
- Maternal Prevention of VTE
- Safe Reduction of Primary Cesarean Birth

**Let’s do this together!**
When people committed to solving problems come together, something wonderful happens. [Contact us](safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/aim) to learn how to get involved with AIM and save lives in your hospital or state.

The U.S. maternal death rate has more than doubled in the past 25 years. The good news: there is a solution.

AIM is funded by Grant #UC4MC28042 through a cooperative agreement with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). AIM core partners include:
When women are healthy, communities thrive.

womenspreventivehealth.org

Evidence-based. Expert consensus.
WPSI recently released the first in a series of HRSA-supported Recommendations for Preventive Services for Women, providing recommendations that focus on screening, prevention, and counseling.

Act Now to Help Improve Women’s Health:

1. Visit the website and view these recommendations.
   womenspreventivehealth.org

2. Make your voice heard—comment on draft recommendations.

3. Nominate topics for future WPSI recommendations.

The first set of recommendations covers:

- Breast cancer screening for average-risk women
- Breastfeeding services and supplies
- Screening for cervical cancer
- Contraception
- Screening for gestational diabetes
- Screening for HIV
- Screening for interpersonal and domestic violence
- Counseling for sexually transmitted infections
- Well-woman preventive visits

Advisory Panel and Multidisciplinary Steering Committee participation in WPSI does not constitute organizational endorsement of the recommendations.
How will the MACRA QPP affect you in 2018 and beyond?

The MACRA Quality Payment Program (QPP) provides incentives to deliver value-based care through changes to Medicare reimbursement.

» Get up to speed on the MACRA Quality Payment Program’s requirements.
» Understand the shift from volume-based payment to value-based payment.
» See how to qualify for bonuses based on reporting quality measures.

Don’t be left out. Take time to learn about the new Medicare payment system.

acog.org/MACRA

Understand your options.

» How does it work?
» Am I exempt?
» Which MACRA QPP track is right for me?

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You are not alone. ACOG is with you every step of the way.

Send your MACRA questions to ACOG at practicemanagement@acog.org
Earn MOC II Credit: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Prevention

Alcohol is a teratogen, capable of interfering with the development of a fetus and causing birth defects. However, many pregnant women in the US remain unaware of the damage that even small amounts of alcohol during pregnancy can do; as a result, alcohol use during pregnancy is the leading preventable cause of birth defects, developmental disabilities, and learning disabilities, and FASDs are estimated to occur in as many as 2-5% of school age children.

Alcohol use during pregnancy is found among all socioeconomic groups, but the prevalence of any alcohol use during pregnancy is highest among college graduates aged 35-44. Universal screening is necessary to effectively detect pregnancies that are at risk for alcohol exposure.

**What You Can Do:**

Ob-gyns play a crucial role in FASD prevention, and should implement routine, universal screening with all patients using the AUDIT 1-3 (US), and use brief intervention and referral to treatment as necessary for at-risk patients.

An article about the role of ob-gyns in screening and brief intervention for FASD has been approved for Maintenance of Certification Part II (MOC II) credit, and was among the articles released by ABOG on their May 2017 list. The article, "The role of screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment in the perinatal period," is available in PDF form [here](http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Pages/ABOG.aspx). You can also access the list of MOC II articles at [http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Pages/ABOG.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Pages/ABOG.aspx), and find the article under the “May 2017 Articles” heading.
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Questions? Contact HealtheCareers at (888) 884-8242 or info@healthecareers.com
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Membership dues only account for a fraction of our annual budget, making donations to the College an invaluable financial component in our ability to participate in and initiate new programs and projects that would otherwise be out of reach. Past contributions have supported an array of important activities including the Global Women’s Medicine Library, Patient Safety Council, Tool Kits on Smoking Cessation in Pregnancy and our work with Underserved Women.

Whether supporting a special initiative, renewing your annual support, structuring a planned gift or endowment, or honoring a colleague or mentor, tax-deductible donations ensure that we are prepared and able to meet the challenges we face in providing the best possible health care for women.

For more information on how your support can make a direct impact on women’s health, please contact Individual Giving Senior Manager Kathleen Kenny at kkenny@acog.org or at (202) 863-2479.

Giving Options:

- **Annual Giving**: Annual giving options range from the $250 Schmitz Society to the $3,000 President’s Society – each conveying its own unique benefits.
- **CREOG Empower Fund**: Donations help promote and maintain excellence in education through the Council.
- **Global Women’s Health**: Donations support our work in low-resource regions around the world.
- **Green Choice**: Donations exclusively support an annual activity or event selected by the Committee on Scientific Program.
- **Honor Your Mentor**: You may recognize a mentor or colleague who has been instrumental to your success. Donors and honorees will be commemorated on a permanent custom display within ACOG’s conferencing center.
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Immunization Resources at immunizationforwomen.org

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has the following immunization resources for patients and health care providers. You can access these resources and more on ACOG’s Immunization for Women website.

ACOG Immunization Toolkits:
access all toolkits at immunizationforwomen.org/toolkits

Immunization Resources for Ob-Gyns: A Comprehensive Toolkit:
- FAQs for Patients Concerning Vaccine Safety
- Immunization Coding for Obstetrician–Gynecologists 2017

Tdap Immunization Toolkit:
- FAQs for Pregnant Women Concerning Tdap Vaccination
- FAQs for Providers Concerning Tdap Vaccination

Influenza Immunization During Pregnancy Toolkit:
- FAQs for Patients Concerning Influenza (Flu) Vaccination During Pregnancy
- FAQs Concerning Seasonal Influenza for Obstetrician–Gynecologists
- Influenza Season Assessment and Treatment for Pregnant Women With Influenza-Like Illness

HPV Immunization Toolkit:
- FAQs for Patients Concerning HPV Vaccination
- FAQs for Health Care Providers Concerning Human Papillomavirus Vaccination
- Infographic Poster: The HPV Vaccine Is a Lifesaver
- Infographic Poster: Protect Yourself With the HPV Vaccine
- Infographic Poster: Protect Your Family With the HPV Vaccine
- Physician Script and Coding Information

ACOG Immunization Committee Opinions:
- Update on Immunization and Pregnancy: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Vaccination (CO No. 718), September 2017
- Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (CO No. 704), June 2017
- Integrating Immunizations Into Practice (CO No. 661), April 2016
- Influenza Vaccination During Pregnancy (CO No. 608), September 2014

ACOG Immunization Webinars:
access all webinars at immunizationforwomen.org/webinars
- Best Practices to Improve Maternal Immunization
- Integrating Immunization Into Practice
- Tdap Vaccination in Pregnancy: A Mother’s Gift to Her Baby
- Give It Your Best Shot: Adult Vaccinations for Ob-Gyn Providers
- The Ob-Gyn’s Key Role in Influenza Prevention

THE HPV VACCINE COULD PREVENT ABOUT 28,500 CASES OF HPV-ASSOCIATED CANCER EACH YEAR

11 or 12 years (Target Age)
Most effective for girls and boys when received early in adolescence

HPV vaccination also protects against the infections that can cause cancer of the vagina, vulva, anus/rectum, throat, and penis
HPV vaccination can protect against the types of HPV that cause 81% of cases of cervical cancer

IT IS STILL IMPORTANT TO BE SCREENED FOR CERVICAL CANCER STARTING AT AGE 21 YEARS
HPV VACCINATION IS NOT LINKED TO MORE OR EARLIER SEXUAL ACTIVITY
HPV VACCINE IS GIVEN IN A SERIES OF TWO OR THREE SHOTS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS, DEPENDING ON YOUR AGE
HPV IS A VERY COMMON INFECTION, AND 79 MILLION AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY INFECTED

CANCER PREVENTION
PROTECTIVE
EFFECTIVE AGAINST
MULTIPLE TYPES OF CANCER

Younger than 27 years (Catch-up Age)
Provides protection for women and men even if sexual activity has begun

Weaker immune systems and other factors make it more likely that people have received the HPV vaccine without serious adverse effects

ASK YOUR OB-GYN, VISIT WWW.IMMUNIZATIONFORWOMEN.ORG/HPV, OR SCAN THIS CODE

Abbreviation: HPV, human papillomavirus.

IN ADDITION TO CANCER PREVENTION, THE HPV VACCINE ALSO PROTECTS AGAINST GENITAL WARTS IN MALES AND FEMALES

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The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists’ immunization website, Immunization for Women, was created to provide ob-gyns and their patients with a central, trusted source of up-to-date information about immunizations and vaccine-preventable diseases.

It is our goal to empower women with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about immunizations and to provide ob-gyns with a valuable resource for immunization best practices and patient education.

On the website you can find information on the following:

» Up to date immunization recommendations for adult and adolescent females

» Specific immunization information for pregnant and breastfeeding women

» Details on proper immunization coding and reimbursement

» Information on how to set up and expand an office-based immunization program

» Latest news and alerts