

ACOG's

OFFICE OF GLOBAL WOMEN'S HEALTH

A world where every woman has access to quality health care throughout her life

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The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) is the United States' leading professional association focused on improving the quality of health care for women in the US and globally throughout their lives.

ACOG created the Office of Global Women's Health (OGWH) in 2011 to improve women's health care in low-resource settings around the world. OGWH grew out of the ACOG's Latin American initiative that was created to develop and support critical infrastructure for the accreditation of residency programs and the administration of certification examinations in Central and South America.

OGWH is driven by a commitment to increasing women's access to quality health care globally. In working toward this goal, OGWH focuses on building provider skills, supporting implementation of high-impact interventions, and scaling-up proven solutions to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity. In so doing, OGWH draws on the expertise of ACOG Fellows to provide capacity building, knowledge sharing, partner collaboration, health workforce training, and quality improvement.

ACOG is headquartered in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. There are 58,000 members of ACOG. Members of ACOG are referred to as Fellows. ACOG Fellows are board certified obstetricians and gynecologists who possess unrestricted licenses to practice medicine and have attained high ethical and professional standing. ACOG publishes credible and rigorous medical evidence and defines best practice for medical guidance and medical education standards in residency programs.



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Program Highlights

- ACOG worked with the **Ethiopian** Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG) to develop the capacities of ob-gyns to improve quality of care and increase women's access to reproductive health care. 
- ACOG works in **Central America** with CAFA (Committee of Accreditation of the Federation of Central American Associations and Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FECASOG)) to develop and administer a Central American-owned, evidence-based, sustainable method for ensuring high-quality medical education.
- ACOG is addressing the crucial need for operative obstetrics and surgical skills in **Uganda**, ACOG's Essential Training in Operative Obstetrics (ETOO) program has provided skills training in three Ugandan medical universities.
- ACOG is partnering with GE Healthcare to co-develop, tailor, and implement educational programs for physicians in **India**.
- ACOG consults with professional association colleagues to strengthen their capacity to advocate for investments in health care, develop programs, provide support to local ob-gyns and other health care professionals, and work with Ministries of Health.

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Program Implementation

The aim of our work is to end preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and to promote the health of every woman, everywhere – using skill building, knowledge transfer and proven innovations. The following areas have been defined as our top priorities:



- Promote Safe Obstetric Surgery
- Implement Quality Improvement Programs
- Build Capacity and Peer Assisting
- Ensure Access to Contraception and Safe Abortion
- Support Health Workforce Clinical Education and Maintenance of Skills
- Reduce Non-Communicable Disease



Technical Expertise

Offer technical expertise to support the development and implementation of evidence based interventions



- Leverage ACOG Fellows' passion and expertise to benefit global program implementation.
- Pair specialists with skills specific to each program and ensure that Fellows provide culturally-appropriate support and capacity building to their global colleagues.
- Provide technical expertise to support the development and implementation of evidence-based interventions and health care workforce development.



Partnerships

OGWH collaborates in meaningful partnerships to support programs that improve care for women around the world



- Continue our partnership with Health Volunteers Overseas to provide opportunities for global medical service.
- Advocate for representation and join in on global forums, UNGA, WHA, FIGO, Women Deliver, FP Conference.
- Create and make available webinars and online learning opportunities on global health models.
- Define our role in partnerships and agree on how these partnerships should help us expand and not limit our activities.



The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a 501(c)(6) organization, is the United States' leading group of physicians providing health care for women. As a private, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization of more than 58,000 members, The College advocates for quality health care for women, maintains the highest standards of clinical practice and continuing education of its members, promotes patient education, and increases awareness among its members and the public of the changing issues facing women's health care.