District VIII
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District VIII held its first Maternal Mortality Review (MMR) planning meeting on September 7, 2017 at the District VIII Annual District Meeting in Anaheim, CA. Dr. Elliot Main from the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative gave an inspiring presentation to kick off the meeting, which was followed by various sections giving updates regarding MMR legislation and review committees at the state level. Julie Zaharatos from the CDC Foundation then presented information about the CDC’s Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA), the possible venue for states within DVIII to eventually share and pool maternal mortality data. District VIII Young Physician leadership helped facilitate this initial meeting and is significantly involved with the ongoing efforts to develop a District-level MMR committee.

Also at the DVIII ADM in Anaheim, the Young Physicians hosted their annual mock oral board exam session for Junior Fellows in residency and in practice. The session started off with a Q&A with ABOG Associate Executive Director Dr. Wilma Larsen, and was followed by one-on-one mock oral exams with 11 examinees. As in previous years, this event continues to receive excellent feedback from Junior Fellows preparing for the ABOG oral exam.

DVIII Young Physicians continue to be involved with efforts to recruit, support, and retain ob/gyns within rural areas of District VIII. This mirrors national goals discussed at the annual national Young Physician Breakfast Forum at the 2017 ACSM, as well as follow-up phone conference. Hopefully District VIII’s preliminary research/survey in-the-works (in development alongside the DVIII Junior Fellows) to examine the needs of rural providers within District VIII can ultimately help guide these efforts.
Feel free to contact us to get involved!

Sincerely,

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