Welcome to the 2012 ACM

By Hal C. Lawrence III, MD
ACOG Executive Vice President

I’m thrilled to welcome you to the College’s 60th Annual Clinical Meeting. For six decades, ob-gyns have gathered in the US to learn about and debate advances in women’s health. Imagine:

Our first Fellows were meeting in 1952 before the Pap test was widely available, before the mammography machine was invented, and before the birth control pill was approved by the FDA. During the next six decades, we have discovered new disease causes, developed new treatments and surgical options, and spoken out for the right

see WELCOME, page 3

President’s Program shines a light on preeclampsia

A condition that ACOG President James N. Martin, Jr, MD, FACOG, considers the most important medical complication of pregnancy—preeclampsia—will take the spotlight during today’s President’s Program.

The program’s three lectures will cover the entire spectrum of preeclampsia, from diagnosis to treatment and management, with the overall hope of reducing its myriad effects on pregnancy.

James M. Roberts, MD, FACOG, professor in the department of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences at the Magee-Womens Research Institute, University of Pittsburgh, will deliver the Samuel Cosgrove Memorial Lecture, “Preeclampsia: Past, Present, and Future.” His lecture will be from 8:45 to 9:30 am in Ballroom 20. John R. Barton, MD, FACOG, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY, will follow with the Anna Marie D’Amico Lecture, “The Management of Preeclampsia: Summary of the Hypertension in Pregnancy Task Force,” from 9:30 to 10 am. The program will conclude with Eleni Z. Tsigas’ presentation of the Jim and Midge Breeden Lecture, “Patient Perspectives on Preeclampsia,” at 10 am. Tsigas is the executive director of the Preeclampsia Foundation in Melbourne, FL.

Dr. Roberts said the inspiration for his talk came from a friend who is a basic scientist. “We were at a meeting one day and he said, ‘If we’ve learned so much about preeclampsia, how come we haven’t treated it or prevented it yet?’” Dr. Roberts said. “What I’m going to do is review the progress that’s occurred during the last several years, our understanding and treatment of preeclampsia today, and what’s next.”

“Preeclampsia may not actually be what we understand it to be. What we call ‘preeclampsia’ may be several diseases, and subtypes may exist similar to type 1 and type 2 diabetes. It’s unlikely you can cure several diseases by a single, preventive treatment, nor can you predict several diseases with a single predictive test.”

Significant recent advances have emerged in the management of preeclampsia and Dr. Roberts said see PRESIDENT’S PROGRAM, page 3

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of women to make their own, informed reproductive choices. Life expectancy for women in the US now stands at 81.

But there’s still so much more to learn and do to provide the best care possible to our patients. “The ACM is the perfect arena to discuss the latest ob-gyn research findings, practice new surgical skills, and gain insights into the future of our specialty,” he said.

This weekend included an array of postgraduate courses, on issues such as colposcopy, antenatal risk pregnancy, pelvic floor dysfunction, and breast care, among others. In addition, we made a special effort this year to reach out to non-clinician practice managers and administrators, pointing them to two valuable postgraduate courses, “Information Technology: Improving Patient Outcomes and Optimizing Practice Management” and “Women’s Health Practice of the Future: Information and Tools for Success.”

Today, immediately after the Opening Ceremonies, the President’s Program kicks off three days of symposia with a focus on one of the ongoing mysteries of pregnancy: preeclampsia. (See cover article.) Beyond our 12 symposium offerings, you can attend a variety of sessions: Clinical Seminars, Interactive Sessions, Brown Bag Seminars, Lunches With the Experts, and Current Issues Updates. You can also check out the ACM Film Festival, the Live 2012 Program Session on pelvic anatomy, research paper presentations, and poster sessions.

**SPECIAL ACM GUESTS**

We have two special guests joining us this year. Model and documentary filmmaker Christy Turlington Burns, author, producer, and documentary filmmaker Tonya Lewis Lee will be headlining a special ACM session on maternal and child mortality at 3 pm Tuesday (see page 79 of Final Program). Ms. Turlington Burns, founder of the organization Every Mother Counts and created a documentary outlining global maternal mortality risks, “No Woman, No Cry.” Ms. Lewis Lee is the face of a national infant mortality campaign, “A Healthy Baby Begins with You.” She’s herded the Children’s Bureau of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services. Her documentation, “Crisis in the Crib: Saving Our Nation’s Babies,” focuses on infant mortality in the black community. We warmly welcome these two filmmakers.

I also want to extend a special welcome to the many medical students joining us this year. Students, please take advantage of all the activities we’ve created just for you, including the Ob-Gyn Residency Fair on Tuesday (see page 55 of the Final Program), hands-on skills sessions, and a reception Monday night. I also hope you take the time to ask questions and seek out our fellow and Junior Fellow attendees as you learn more about this rewarding specialty of ours.

As you make the most of this ACM, I encourage all attendees to take some time to enjoy the Exhibit Hall and our special events, including the President’s Party Tuesday night. Thank you for making this another successful ACM and for continuing to serve your patients and improve health care for all women into the 21st century.

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**OB-GYNS SUPPORT PREECLAMPSIA RESEARCH THROUGH SUNDAY’S FUN RUN**

On Sunday morning, 83 ACM attendees joined the Preeclampsia Foundation for an early morning Promise Walk for Preeclampsia 5K Fun Run, with all proceeds to benefit the foundation. ACOG President James N. Martin, Jr., MD, spoke at the run. Dr. Martin made preeclampsia his presidential issue this past year, and his President’s Program this morning focuses on the disease.

**Promise Walks** serve as the signature event for Preeclampsia Awareness Month and will take place throughout the US and Canada in May, June, and July to raise public awareness and research funding.

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ACOG patient safety program described at CAC meeting

Sunday’s Congress Advisory Council meeting featured a discussion of SCOPE, ACOG’s Safety Certification in Outpatient Practice Excellence for Women’s Health program, the first women’s health patient safety and quality improvement certification program for individual and group ob-gyn practices.

SCOPE is a service offered by ACOG to assist Fellows in assessing the implementation and use of patient safety concepts and techniques in the office.

The program’s purpose is to recognize and address issues of patient safety in the office setting, said Barbara S. Levy, MD, medical director of the Women’s Health and Breast Center and the medical director of women’s and children’s services for the Franciscan Health System in Tacoma, WA. She also is ACOG’s vice president for health policy.

Dr. Levy said the program developed because more ob-gyn procedures are being done in the office setting—procedures that were once only available in hospitals. Those procedures include tubal sterilization, endometrial ablation for heavy periods, and loop electrosurgical excision. Today, about 30% of gynecologic surgeries are in-office.

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ACOG launched the pilot stage of the SCOPE initiative in October 2011 and completed the pilot in February, said Joanna M. Cain, MD, an ob-gyn in Providence, RI, and special consultant to ACOG’s Department of Patient Safety and Quality Improvement, which developed the program.

SCOPE is a voluntary comprehensive review program. Dr. Cain described the mechanics of the program, explaining that it involves a two-step process: an application process, and a one-day site visit by a reviewer active in clinical practice who is experienced in clinical review and the design of clinical outpatient programs.

Applications are now being accepted. Application forms can be completed online at www.scopeforwomenshealth.org. The applicant must give details of office management and administrative policies and procedures concerning issues such as whether the office has written preoperative and postoperative instructions for the staff and whether the staff is encouraged to report potentially unsafe practices.

Once on site, the reviewer meets with office staff and observes how the office operates. The reviewer will provide a written report outlining areas done well and areas that cause concern.

Certification is initially approved for three years, and then for five years after two-three year cycles.

During Sunday’s meeting, two ob-gyns in practices that have already undergone certification process discussed their experiences. “The SCOPE process is easy and brief,” said Lee W. Parsons, MD, an ob-gyn with Ob/Gyn Associates in Meridian, ID, and chair of ACOG’s Committee on Industrial Relations.

Susan T. Haas, MD, MSc, an ob-gyn with Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Boston, said the process initiated a lengthy legal review by the practice’s lawyers, but the reviewer’s recommendations helped improve the practice.

District XI officer elected JFCAC vice chair

District XI Junior Fellow Chair Meadow Maze Good, DO, was elected vice chair of the Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council (JFCAC) on Saturday. Dr. Good is an assistant instructor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

“The first goal I have as the JFCAC vice chair/chair will be to promote the creation, exposure, and utilization of education resources for both the medical professionals and the patients we serve,” Dr. Good said. She plans to continue working on technology and social media projects, including the expansion of the Junior Fellow Technology Booth developed for the District XI Annual District Meeting. The booth allowed ob-gyns to bring their tablets and smartphones to ask how to use certain functions and learn what apps would be useful.

Dr. Good also wants to expand a medical student mentorship program nationwide. In her district, she created a program called Future Residents of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FROGs). Chapters are forming at residency programs across Texas, linking residents and med students. “Throughout Texas, FROG chapters provide an avenue to expand both professional and personal relationships between residents and medical students,” she said. “This encourages interest in the field of obstetrics and gynecology and builds bonds medical students can rely on for guidance and camaraderie.”

Dr. Good also developed the Bowling Residency Fair in Texas, in which medical students and residents come together for a social event—bowling—followed by a residency fair.

Dr. Good told the JFCAC, “I will be dedicated to continuing the amazing legacy of the current JFCAC leaders.”

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Joanna M. Cain, MD, special consultant to ACOG’s Department of Patient Safety and Quality Improvement, describes how the new SCOPE patient safety program will work.

Ravi Gada, MD, Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council chair, on the right, leads a discussion during the meeting. On the left is JFCAC Vice Chair Luke Newton, MD.

District III Junior Fellow Chair Aasta D. Mehta, MD, on the right, highlights service projects her district has organized. On the left is District III Junior Fellow Vice Chair Holly W. Cummings, MD, MPH.
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Dr. Hammond receives award Sunday

In honor of a career filled with monumental achievements for women’s health, ACOG presented the Luella Klein Lifetime Achievement Award to former ACOG President Charles B. Hammond, MD. The award, which recognizes an ob-gyn who has dedicated his or her life in a significant way to women’s health, was given to Dr. Hammond on Sunday at the Congress Advisory Council Meeting.

“I have great respect for ACOG and Dr. Klein, so it is a pleasure for me to receive this award,” Dr. Hammond said. “I am amazingly appreciative of the opportunities the organization afforded me.”

Dr. Hammond spent his entire career at Duke University in Durham, NC, where he currently serves as professor and chair emeritus of ob-gyn. In 1957, he enrolled at Duke as a medical student and subsequently completed an internship in surgery, an ob-gyn residency, training for one year in research. He also held a two-year post as a clinical associate at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Bethesda, MD, in reproductive endocrinology. At NCI, Dr. Hammond worked with other researchers in refining a cure for placental malignancy, or choriocarcinoma, and credits that work as some of his most gratifying. In 1968, he joined the faculty of Duke University, serving as chief of the division of reproductive endocrinology and infertility in the department of ob-gyn from 1970 to 1980. In 1980, he became chair of the department of ob-gyn and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2002. He then continued patient care and teaching until 2010, when he fully retired.

“The endpoint I had in mind when I started in academia was to be a department chair and an educator at a medical university,” Dr. Hammond said. “To have achieved those goals is very rewarding for me. I really enjoyed the chance to affect young people interested in ob-gyn and to build a high-quality faculty in the department of ob-gyn.”

Dr. Hammond has written or coauthored more than 400 scientific articles and books as a medical professional. But it was the book he coauthored as a father that is closest to his heart.

Before her death in May 2009, Dr. Hammond’s daughter, Sharon, had written about three-quarters of a book chronicling her diagnosis and treatment of stage III breast cancer and her husband’s battle with and death from Lou Gehrig’s disease. After her death, Dr. Hammond continued Sharon’s story, Lucky Girl, which was published in May 2011. “Ultimately, her story is about hope, and I felt it was important to finish,” Dr. Hammond said. “It comes straight from the shoulder on how you deal with problems and how they don’t always have good outcomes, but you do the best you can. I think a lot of people can relate to that message.”

Dr. Hammond and his wife of 54 years, Peggy, reside in Durham, with their three dogs.

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Did you know that one in three women in the US struggles to afford clean diapers for her baby? In low-income families, infants may spend an entire day in one diaper. ACOG Junior Fellows are committed to helping provide diapers for these families, and you can help during this year’s ACM.

Junior Fellows, working with www.helpamotherout.org, are spearheading the ACOG Mother’s Day Diaper Drive, which is raising money to buy diapers for California babies. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone during the ACM to donate money to buy diapers. Or, visit www.razoo.com and type “ACOG” in the search field to donate. Just $20 helps buy a week’s worth of diapers, while $100 can help four families. In the past year, ACOG Junior Fellows have collected more than 50,000 diapers to donate to low-income families.

McCain Luncheon: How to elect more physicians to office

Ob-gyns’ commitment to women’s health often extends beyond the exam room and surgical suite, and into the halls of Congress and US statehouses. The US needs the expertise of physician legislators to represent the unique needs of medical specialties.

ACOG McCain Fellows invite you to hear from congressional candidate Ami Bera, MD, who is running for the US House of Representatives seat CA-7, northern Sacramento. Hear how running as a physician has affected his campaign. Plus, learn how you can get involved in advocating at the state and national levels.

The luncheon will take place from 12:30 to 1:45 pm today at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, room Sapphire M. Tickets are $15. Reserve your seat at the ACM Registration Desk in the Hall D lobby of the convention center.

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The one on gynecologic ultrasound for the generalist. I do a lot of ob-gyn triage work, and we do a lot of bedside ultrasounds, and I wanted to improve my skills.”

“I’m looking forward to attending the course on endocrinology. It gives me the latest information on infertility, polycystic ovary disease, and the treatment of fibroids.”

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Dr. Levy joins ACOG as vice president for health policy

ACOG is pleased to announce that Barbara S. Levy, MD, FACOG, has been appointed vice president (VP) for health policy, Advocacy Division, a new position. She will officially assume her position full time on July 1.

As VP for health policy, Dr. Levy will oversee ACOG’s legislative policy and regulatory affairs at the federal and state levels. Her responsibilities will include supervision of ACOG’s Voluntary Review of Quality of Care program and the Safety Certification for Outpatient Practice Excellence for Women’s Health (SCOPE) program.

In addition, she will continue the efforts of ACOG’s Office of Global Women’s Health in promoting national and international programs to improve the status of women’s health worldwide.

“ACOG is doing so many exciting things in the global women’s health arena,” Dr. Levy said. “I am looking forward to being actively involved in these projects, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work for ACOG and expand our leadership role in promoting quality health care for women.”

“Dr. Levy’s breadth of expertise is especially valuable given the ongoing and emerging challenges facing women’s health and our specialty, whether they’re in the legislative arena or in the clinical practice area.”

Dr. Levy, a private practice physician from Washington state, has served as the medical director of the Women’s Health and Breast Center and the medical director of women’s and children’s services for the Franciscan Health System in Tacoma. She has published or co-written more than 65 studies and articles related to her primary research interests, including hysterectomy, endoscopic surgery, menopause and hormone therapy, osteoporosis, pelvic pain, surgical outcomes, and physician payment policy.

An ACOG member since 1984, Dr. Levy has served on several of its national committees and task forces. She is a member of many related medical organizations, including the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the American Urogynecologic Society, and is a past president of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists. Dr. Levy has also been a consultant to, and member, of the US Food and Drug Administration’s Ob-Gyn Devices Panel.

Dr. Levy received her medical degree from the University of California, San Diego, and her ob-gyn residency at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center (now the Oregon Health & Sciences University) in Portland.

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Exhibit Hall updates

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Ob-gyn workforce issues examined in session today

The US population continues to grow. Women are living longer lives, and Baby Boomer physicians will soon be retiring in high numbers.

All of this will influence the ob-gyn specialty. Population trends, medical education, physician preferences, and practice patterns are all contributing to fundamental changes in the specialty. As the ob-gyn workforce evolves, how will this affect your specialty?

Get a firm understanding of the demographics and trends affecting your specialty at today’s Current Issues Update, “Workforce Issues Affecting Obstetrician-Gynecologists,” in room 6B.

The session will be presented by William F. Rayburn, MD, MBA, V. Seligman Professor and chair of the department of ob-gyn at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.

“We’re at a time when more of our doctors will be retiring within 10 years,” Dr. Rayburn said. “There are not more doctors in the pipeline.” In addition, there is a maldistribution of ob-gyns across the US. About half of all US counties do not have an ob-gyn. “I don’t see that improving. My concern is access to care,” he said.

Dr. Rayburn wrote the ACOG book *The Obstetrician-Gynecologist Workforce in the United States: Facts, Figures, and Implications*, available in the ACOG Bookstore, located in the convention center near the registration area. Sample copies will also be available at the ACOG Booth, #1010, in the Exhibit Hall for review.

In his session, Dr. Rayburn will present the status of the ob-gyn workforce, backed up by extensive data presented in his 2011 book. The evolving ob-gyn workforce will have a broad influence on physician satisfaction and patient access to care. His data-driven publication provides detailed, descriptive statistics about active ob-gyns and ob-gyns in training. Other issues that will affect the workforce are the increase in female ob-gyns—nearly 80% of ob-gyn residents are women—plus the greater emphasis on work-life balance; changing practice patterns, including more flexible or part-time schedules; and slow or no growth in the adjusted income of active health care providers.

Dr. Rayburn believes it’s important first to increase awareness of these issues and then work toward solutions, such as lobbying for more ob-gyn residency slots and more money to recruit ob-gyns into areas with low access to care. "Sometimes it’s important to get out of our little worlds for a minute and look at the global picture of our specialty," he said.

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Many diseases people struggle with are tied to the lifestyle choices and environmental exposures of the generation before them. Michael G. Ross, MD, MPH, will make that case during the Edith Louise Potter Memorial Lecture, “Fetal Programming of Adult Obesity”. From 2:30 to 3:50 pm today in Ballroom 20.

Dr. Ross is professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and public health at the Gelfen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and the UCLA School of Public Health. He is an investigator at the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, CA. He will present research that he and his scientific partner at the institute, Mina Desai, PhD, have conducted.

Attendees will learn how fetal development contributes to the current epidemic of adult and childhood obesity and metabolic syndrome issues, how fetal programming affects the physiology of appetite and adiposity/ lipogenesis, and how epigenetic mechanisms, more than genetic variants, contribute to obesity. While not entirely focused on obesity, the lecture will largely address the developmental causes behind the growing epidemic. “If you’re born either undernourished or, in effect, over-nourished in utero, that sets in place a cascade of nutrient signals within a diversity of organs so that you’re predisposed to adult disease,” Dr. Ross said. “I will present both the human epidemiologic evidence about how factors during fetal life predispose individuals to a multitude of adult diseases and the laboratory data, which gives us insight into the mechanisms by which that happens.” Dr. Ross said the effects of fetal programming can last generations because of epigenetics, or changes in gene expression. At the same time, improving the health of a mother-to-be can help prevent her children, and even grandchildren, from developing various health issues.

“Tictured we want to pay particular attention to preconception counseling, to achieving optimal maternal nutrition condition before pregnancy, and to maintaining good nutrition during pregnancy. We have to more carefully examine environmental agents that we’re so widely exposed to, such as bisphenol-A (BPA),” he said. “Many compounds can have important signaling effects during development. For example, if you look at the epidemic of autism, where is that coming from? There may be important contributions from environmental agents that alter brain development.”

The original intent of prenatal care, Dr. Ross added, was to prevent maternal death. Next, prenatal care goals evolved to prevent fetal morbidity and mortality, and birth defects.

“I think as we look forward, prenatal care—both nutrition and exposure to environmental agents or toxins—is going to focus on life health,” he said. “The ob-gyn has a tremendous role to play in improving the health of our nation for generations to come.”

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New DVD addresses emotional effects of adverse events

When an adverse event occurs, it can cause intense emotional distress for ob-gyns at all levels, whether or not there was a medical error. A new ACOG DVD, “Healing Our Own,” aims to initiate discussion and provide support for clinicians dealing with serious and unexpected adverse events.

In the DVD, ob-gyns describe the painful effect adverse events have had on them and how they recovered. The program was conceived by the Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council (JFCAC). “Our goal for this program is to help change the culture surrounding adverse events by creating an awareness of how physicians respond to them and how we can do better,” said Cynthia Brincat, MD, PhD, JFCAC past chair.

“Healing Our Own” can be viewed on computers at the ACOG Booth in the Exhibit Hall. It will be shown on a larger screen in the ACOG Booth, #1010, at 4:15 pm on Monday and at 11 am on Wednesday. The video can also be viewed in the members-only section of the ACOG website at www.acog.org/ adverse-events and purchased at the ACM Bookstore. All ob-gyn residency program directors were mailed copies to view with their residents.
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The following individuals were recognized at the annual awards ceremony on Sunday.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Abbott Nutrition Research Fellowship in Nutrition in Pregnancy
Sarah S. Osmundson, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, California, “A Randomized Control Trial of Early Screening and Treatment of Women with Prediabetes in Pregnancy”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Research Fellowship in Contraceptive Counseling
Amy K. Whitaiker, MD, MS, University of Chicago, “Contraceptive Knowledge, Attitudes, and Barriers: A Survey to Improve Contraceptive Counseling”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Research Fellowship in Long-Term Contraception
Amy G. Bryant, MD, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, “Etonogestrel-Releasing Subdermal Implant for Adolescents in the Postpartum Period: A Randomized Control Trial”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Research Fellowship in Oral Contraceptive Benefit/Risk Communication
Jason D. Kofinas, MD, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York City, “Social Media as a Technique for Effective Contraceptive Counseling as Compared to Standard Counseling Techniques”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Ferring Pharmaceuticals Inc. Research Fellowship in Fertility Preservation Options
Mindy S. Christianson, MD, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, “Safety and Efficacy of Ovarian Tissue Cryopreservation in Young Females with Cancer”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Ferring Pharmaceuticals Inc. Research Fellowship in Menstrual Bleeding Disorders
Joelle E. Taylor, MD, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, “The Effect of Synthetic Progestins on the Plasminogen Activator System in Human Endometrial Endothelial Cells”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Hologic Research Fellowship in Cervical Cancer Detection
Abdulrahman K. Sinno, MD, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, “Natural History of Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia 2: Effect of Human Papillomavirus Genotype”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Hologic Research Fellowship in Preterm Birth
Kathy Salari, MD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, “Predators of Preterm Birth: A Comparison between Cervical Length, Fetal Fibronectin, and Fetal Adrenal Gland Enlargement”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Kenneth Gottesfeld-Charles Kohler Memorial Foundation Research Fellowship in Ultrasound Jennifer Hui-Yu Tang, MD, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, “Ultrasoundographic Assessment of Cervical Length in Non-Pregnant Women with and without Obstetric Fistula”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Merck & Company Inc. Research Fellowship in Adolescent Health Preventive Services
Leslie Ayensu-Coker, MD, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, “Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Agonist Therapy and Ovarian Preservation in Pediatric and Adolescent Subjects Receiving Chemoradiation Therapy”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Merck & Company Inc. Research Fellowship in Disparities in Care for Underserved Women
Libby D.J. Crockett, MD, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, “Assessing Women’s Health Care Needs of the South Sudanese Refugee Population”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/Merck & Company Inc. Research Fellowship in Infertility
Maureen M. Schulte, MD, Washington University, St. Louis, “Abnormal Endometrial Receptivity in Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Patients May Be Responsible for Subfertility”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists/MORE℠ Research Fellowship in Patient Safety in Obstetrics
Jean-Nu Sheen, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY, “A Swift Method for Handing Off Obstetric Patients on the Labor Floor”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Award for International Service
Annabethygoodman, MD, Massachusettes General Hospital, Boston

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Donald F. Richardson Memorial Prize Paper Award
Erin M. Swanson, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, “Sexual Perceptions and Behaviors in Obese and overweight Adolescent Females”

J. Brian Szender, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, “A Randomized Control Trial Examining the Ability of a Novel Neuropeptide Opioid-Negative Compression Binder to Decrease Postoperative Pain and Improve Ambulation in Gynecologic Surgery Patients”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists 2012 Issue of the Year: Reentry into Practice
Ilana Cass, MD; Leo A. Gordon, MD; and Sarah J. Kilpatrick, MD, PhD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles
Maria Manriquez, MD; Lisa M. Cookingham, MD; and Dean V. Coonrod, MD, MPH, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix

The Harold A. Kaminetzky Prize Paper Award
Academic Medical Centre, Department of Ob-Gyn, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; M. J. Heineman, MD, chair, “17a-Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate for the Prevention of Adverse Neonatal Outcome in Multiple Pregnancies: A Randomized Controlled Trial”

Louis M. Hellman Midwifery Partnership Award
W. Darrell Martin, MD, Southern Crescent Women’s Healthcare, Fayetteville, GA

The Pete and Weesie Hollis Community Service Award
Sarah Perez McCadoo, MD, MPH, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA

The Roy M. Pitkin Award
University of Utah School of Medicine, Department of Ob-Gyn; C. Matthew Peterson, MD, chair, “Lactogenesis after Early Postpartum Use of the Contraceptive Implant: A Randomized Controlled Trial”

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Ob-Gyn; Christopher M. Zahn, MD, chair, “Reproductibility of Endocervical Caretage Diagnoses”

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Ob-Gyn; Harold E. Fox, MD, chair, “Pelvic Floor Disorders 5–10 Years after Vaginal or Cesarean Childbirth”

Cleveland Clinic, Ob-Gyn & Women’s Health Institute; Tommaso Falcone, MD, chair, “Laparoscopic Compared with Robotic Sacrocolpopexy for Vaginal Prolapse: A Randomized Controlled Trial”

Warren H. Pearse/Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Women’s Health Policy Research Award
Erika F. Werner, MD—Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, “Can We Remove a Barrier to Diabetes Prevention by Performing the 2-hour Glucose Tolerance Test Prior to Hospital Discharge in Gestational Diabetic Patients?”

William H. Haffner American Indian/Alaska Native Women’s Health Award
Judith Thierry, DO, MPH, Indian Health Service, Rockville, MD

Brewer Lecture to provide ovarian cancer screening update
O-gyns will receive an update on the latest ovarian cancer screening research, including three recent large clinical trials from Japan, during Monday’s John I. Brewer Memorial Lecture. Barbara A. Goff, MD, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of the division of gynecologic oncology at the University of Washington, Seattle, will present “Update and Future of Ovarian Cancer Screening,” from 1:45 to 2:45 pm today in Ballroom 20.

Following the presentation, attendees should be able to identify the current ovarian cancer screening recommendations in the US and why most tests have such a low positive predictive value; list the screening strategies showing promise in clinical trials; and cite factors that may help with early diagnosis of ovarian cancer.

“It will update everybody on where we are in terms of these large prospective randomized trials that evaluated screening,” Dr. Goff said. “It also will provide people with up-to-date information about where we are with screening today, where we are likely to go in the future with screening, and what currently is the most effective method for early diagnosis of ovarian cancer.”

Dr. Goff will address screening women who are at high risk for ovarian cancer, including women with genetic mutations that put them at a higher risk. She will discuss how the recognition of symptoms helps in early diagnosis and the results from the Detecting Ovarian cancer Earlier (DOvE) study from Canada. The study published ovarian cancer symptoms in a newspaper and invited women to be tested at a local clinic.

“The people running the study found a fairly high incidence of ovarian cancer,” Dr. Goff said. “One in 130 women who came in with symptoms were diagnosed with ovarian cancer, which is quite a bit different than what you see in the general population, which is one out of 2,500 women in our area here. We’ll talk about how practitioners can potentially use symptoms for early diagnosis.”

“We’re also going to talk about the new FDA-approved diagnostic tools for ovarian cancer, both ROMA Test and OVA1 and where their place is in terms of diagnosis and screening, and review the current FDA indications for those tests.”

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District XII, formerly the Florida Section, will begin functioning administratively after the 2012 District IV Annual District Meeting and will become fully operational on January 1, 2013.

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Technology session to lead attendees through Lion, tablets, and clouds

Attendees searching for the latest medical apps for their tablets—and those who still think of a tablet as only being a form of medication—will both benefit from ACOG’s annual technology session.

The free 90-minute sessions, open to all attendees, will take place at 11 am and 2 pm today and Tuesday at the ACOG Booth, #1010. This year, attendees will learn about computer operating systems, tablet computers, and storage options in “Lions, and Tablets, and Clouds ... Oh, My. It's All a Bit Overwhelming.” Please arrive early because seating is limited.

Edward Zabrek, MD, medical editor of iPhone Life magazine, will lead the session with co-presenter Brian A. Levine, MD, MS. The pair will demonstrate how handheld computers and mobile devices, such as tablets, may be used in the age of electronic health care.

“Tablets have actually outsold cell phones, and they doubled the sale of tablets within a year, which has never happened with any other device,” said Dr. Zabrek, a practicing ob-gyn in California. “I think there were maybe 20 tablets out a year ago. Now there are probably 200 (if you include ‘generics’ and eReaders). The focus this year is really going to be on tablets and how they interplay with how doctors are practicing.”

Numerous tablet devices will be available for attendees to use. Dr. Zabrek said Verizon sent its entire tablet inventory to display.

“While I’m going to show and talk about the other tablets, I still feel the iPad is the one to beat, just as a matter of user functionality, ease-of-use, and the amount of medical software available,” he said.

The pair will discuss the latest operating systems for the PC and Mac—Windows 8 and OS X Mountain Lion. Attendees also will be able to play with the new Windows 8 operating system, which will be on a number of laptops and a tablet in the booth.

“In addition to Windows 8, I’ll have the new Windows phone,” Dr. Zabrek said.

The third topic, cloud storage, is about the offline storage system that allows users to store anywhere from 50 gigabytes to an unlimited amount of data. Drs. Levine and Zabrek will explain the cloud options from Amazon, Apple, Google, and Microsoft.

“On these clouds you’ll be able to download software,” Dr. Zabrek said. “You really won’t be going to OfficeMax or Best Buy to buy your software anymore. You’ll get it off of a cloud, and you’ll save your music, your pictures, and everything else on the cloud, as well as back up and restore your computers and portable devices. It’s really going to change the way we’re currently doing things.”

The duo also will discuss many medical apps available to physicians and will be ready to answer questions about mobility and the ob-gyn practice.

Dr. Zabrek will share information on iPhone and iPad cases from LifeProof that are waterproof, shockproof, snowproof, and dirtproof. The technology, he said, may soon lead to the iPad being able to be sterilized and used in the operating room to pull up patient information, literature review, and operative procedure videos, and even to take pictures of surgical pathology to email to colleagues for a second opinion.

“This is probably the only opportunity attendees will have at a conference that’s dedicated to ob-gyn to really know how to improve upon the technology they’re currently using,” Dr. Levine said.
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