

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

The nation's leading authority on women's health for more than 50 years



Founded in 1951, ACOG became the specialty's first enduring, nationwide, democratic, professional membership organization.

Based in Washington, DC, ACOG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with more than 51,000 members and is the leading group of physicians in the US providing health care for women. Board certification in ob-gyn is a requirement to become an ACOG Fellow, and more than 90% of American board-certified ob-gyns are affiliated with ACOG.

ACOG members include both generalists and subspecialists in areas such as maternal-fetal medicine, gynecologic oncology, reproductive endocrinology, and urogynecology.

ACOG pursues its mission through:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Practice
- ▶ Advocacy

The College supports an extensive continuing medical educational program, including the educational highlight of



the year, the Annual Clinical Meeting, which attracts thousands of women's health care providers from around the US and internationally. Educational sessions are also presented at annual district/regional meetings and section/state meetings and through postgraduate courses held across the US.

The College keeps its members informed about current medical care standards and ACOG's professional recommendations through the publication of Committee Opinions, Practice Bulletins, and Technology Assessments. ACOG also publishes *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, a monthly peer-reviewed scientific journal; *ACOG Clinical Review*; and *ACOG Today*, the official monthly newsletter.

ACOG works closely with the media to promote the specialty and keep the public informed of new research and current guidelines for women's health care.

ACOG supports and promotes priorities in women's health on Capitol Hill and at state legislatures.

The College works closely with numerous federal agencies, including the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Women's Health in the US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Food and Drug Administration, and various women's health coalitions.

The College produces numerous patient education materials on a wide range of women's health issues, including contraception, STDs, gynecologic cancers, infertility, pregnancy, menopause, and health screenings.

