



# Society for Maternal • Fetal Medicine

## Special Delivery June 19, 2014

### NICHD Update

"Despite its crucial role in the health of both the fetus and the pregnant woman, the placenta is the least understood human organ," wrote NICHD director Alan Guttmacher in a [recent Current Opinion](#).



Last month, NICHD hosted an interdisciplinary meeting dedicated to advancing understanding of the placenta. [Read more](#)

### SMFM Fellow Lecture

Drs. Bernie Banson

### President's Note



Vincenzo Berghella  
President, SMFM

#### "Good news"

The US incidence of preterm birth (PTB), the biggest single etiology for perinatal morbidity and mortality, has decreased for the 7th year in a row! In the recently released report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [Births: Preliminary Data for 2013](#), are several points worthy of celebration. [Read more...](#)

### Government Relations

SMFM Leaders met with different organizations that advocate for women's and children's health, focusing on pregnancy as a window to future health and to the use of medications in pregnancy and lactation. Dr. Maged Constantine provided comments on behalf of SMFM at a public FDA meeting on "Study Approaches & Methods to Evaluate the Safety of Drugs & Biological Products during Pregnancy in the Post-approval Setting."

### News

**Abstract Submission** is now open for registration. To learn more about this event please [click here](#).

### Upcoming Meetings

#### [Critical Care in Obstetrics](#)

Nov 13-15 2014  
Mesa Arizona

#### [The SMFM Leadership Course](#)

Residential seminars Oct  
24-26 2014 and April 17-  
19 2015

#### [8th International DIP Symposium](#)

April 15-18, 2015 on  
Diabetes,  
Hypertension,  
Metabolic Syndrome,  
and Pregnancy

### SMFM-ACOG publications

Check out the recent  
SMFM-ACOG  
publication on

and Margaret Lampe will discuss "HIV Testing" on Wednesday, 7/02/14. To learn more and to view previously recorded lectures, please [click here](#).

On Friday, June 13 2014, SMFM hosted, in conjunction with ACOG, the March of Dimes and American Academy of Pediatrics, a stakeholder meeting on medication use in pregnancy and lactation. [Click here](#) to read more about these and other endeavors SMFM has undertaken in Washington

[Safe prevention of Primary Cesarean delivery](#). Also, the FDA and EPA have recently issued [draft advice on fish consumption during pregnancy](#) that is open for public comment

#### SMFM Fellow tip of the week

"Beware of the sleeping baby: a supine baby can lead to a higher false positive EIF diagnosis as the moderator band is more perpendicular to the ultrasound beam."

*Contributor: Joshua Copel, MD, Yale University School of Medicine*

[See more tips](#)

#### Resident Award

To see the SMFM Resident Award for Excellence in Obstetrics please [click here](#)

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