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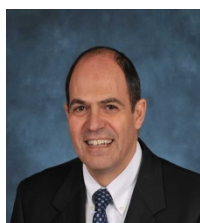
Coding Tip of the week

To learn more about the CPT 93975 Complete Duplex Scan, please [click here](#)

SMFM Fellow tip of the week

Blood pressure = Flow x Resistance. Therefore, the blood pressure is elevated because of either too much flow or too much resistance. The pulse pressure (difference between the systolic and diastolic blood pressure) represents **flow** (abnormal if >55) and is best treated with a beta blocker. The diastolic blood pressure represents **resistance** or vasoconstriction (abnormal if >105) and

President's Note



Vincenzo Berghella
President, SMFM

The SMFM Abstract Deadline Rush

*"The glory of medicine is that
it is constantly moving forward,
that there is always more to learn" -*

William J Mayo

Every year for me seems to revolve around two dates. The first is the date of the SMFM Annual Meeting, '[The Pregnancy Meeting](#)'. The next meeting is February 2-7, 2015, in San Diego. I put it on my schedule soon after the end of the prior meeting, 12 months in advance, and begin to think how to best organize the division during that week so as many attendings, residents, students, nurses, etc can go. The second, and perhaps even more pressing date: **the deadline for SMFM Abstract submissions**. This year it is **August 8, 2014**, at 11:59 PM PST. [Read more](#)

SMFM Government relations update

During a recent meeting between the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sylvia Burwell, SMFM provided input aimed at ensuring that

American Board of Medical Specialties Elects Valerie Parisi as New Chair

ABMS announced the election of Valerie M. Parisi as the 35th Chair of its Board of Directors (BOD) at its BOD meeting on April 24 held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Parisi has served on the board and as President for SMFM in the past. She has been a member of the ABMS Board and Executive Committee since 2009, and served as Secretary-Treasurer from 2009 to 2012.

Reminder!

Mark your calendars for the 35th Annual Pregnancy Meeting February 2 - 7, 2015 in San Diego, California!

is best treated with a vasodilator.

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any recommendations to the Secretary to reduce infant mortality consider and include ways to reduce preterm birth as this is the leading cause of infant mortality. SMFM is also involved in the NICHD's current projects to learn more about the human placenta and to obtain more prospective information about pregnancies to guide research. The Society has also been encouraging the NIH to involve obstetricians in the process of determining how to move the National Children's Study forward.

[Read more about these efforts](#)

Upcoming Meetings

[The SMFM Leadership Course](#)

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

[SMFM's Fall Coding Course](#)

Sept. 18-19, 2014

Abstract Submission is open and the submission deadline is August 8, 2014.

To learn more about this event please [click here](#).

SMFM Lecture Series

Did you miss Dr. Berkowitz's July 16 lecture on NAIT? To find out what you missed, [click here](#).

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