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SMFM Fellow tip of the week

When imaging fetal coarctation of the aorta, the LV will often be narrower than the RV (normal RV:LV width=1.19, coarctation RV:LV width=1.69). Contractility in the LV is normal and the mitral valve is patent.
-Contributor: Anonymous

For more tips, please [click here](#)

SMFM Lecture Series

Don't forget to catch Dr. Lampe's [upcoming lecture](#) on HIV prevention methodology, September 3, 2014 at 12pm EST!

Congratulations Cathy Spong!

The Society congratulates member Cathy Spong, MD, on being named as Deputy

President's Note



Vincenzo Berghella
President, SMFM

SMFM has been busy all year with several national initiatives. They are all aimed at our motto, 'Mother and Baby First', i.e. improving maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality. There is not enough space to describe each project, but I wanted to at least share selected ones: (1) Drugs in Pregnancy, (2) Maternal Mortality Data, (3) Progesterone and Cervical length (CL) for Prevention of Preterm Birth (PTB), and (4) Antibiotics Pre-invision for every Cesarean. [Read more](#)

World Symposium of Perinatal Medicine Nov 20 - 22, 2014

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to upcoming the World Symposium of Perinatal Medicine in San Diego, CA on November 20 -22, 2014. This conference, started by Roger Freeman and John Queenan and held every three years since the 1970's, has a rich history with many of the legends of Perinatal Medicine having presented ground breaking research and

Government Relations Update

On August 13, SMFM spearheaded a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Burwell regarding our efforts and guidance on the prevention of preterm birth.

On July 24, 2014 U.S. Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ) introduced the Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act, HR 669, which provides for activities to help improve the understanding of stillbirth, sudden unexpected infant death, and sudden unexplained death in children, as well as provide for the development of public education and prevention programs to reduce stillbirths

Director of NICHD. Prior to receiving this well-deserved accomplishment, Dr. Spong served as the NICHD Associate Director for Extramural Research and Director of the Division of Extramural Research. For over a decade before that, she was Chief of the Pregnancy and Perinatology Branch, NICHD.

reVITALize

As part of the reVITALize project described in the previous issue, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is leading the development of definitions focusing on midwifery care and care coordination. They welcome public comment and opinion on the definitions at [Survey Monkey](#). The deadline for responding is September 15!

Upcoming Meetings

SMFM's [Fall Coding Course](#) Sept. 18-19, 2014
[AMFMM Business Course](#), Oct 9-10, 2014
The [SMFM Leadership Course](#) Residential seminars Oct 24 - 26 2014 and April 17 - 19 2015

new approaches to Perinatal care. This year is no exception with a great faculty including 23 of the leading experts in our field. More information about the conference, including the brochure for the Symposium can be found at <http://www.worldsymposium.net/>

On behalf of myself and the organizing committee we hope you will consider registering and attending this great meeting and I hope to see many of you there.

*Tom Garite, Program Chairman
and the Organizing Committee of the World
Symposium Roger Freeman, John Queenan, Reese Clark,
Steve Clark, Bill Grobman, George Macones, Mike
Nageotte, Richard Porreco, Roberto Romero*

Pregnancy Foundation

All programs supported by the Pregnancy Foundation including the SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship, the Quilligan Scholars, the fellows retreat, and the Garite Mini-Sabbatical Program, to name a few, rely on a culture of giving. We are most fortunate to have support every year from many of our members and our Corporate Council. We are so grateful that some of our members give every year; however one of our goals is to increase participation from other members. As you pay your membership dues for the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine we ask and hope that you will give as generously as you can to the Pregnancy Foundation. We will be communicating regularly to the Special Delivery - to inform you of the progress on the programs supported by the Foundation.

To donate through our website, please [click here](#). If you wish to send in a check, please send it to The Pregnancy Foundation at 409 12th St, SW Washington, DC 20024. We plan to regularly update you on the progress of the Foundation's programs in Special Delivery.

Mary D'Alton on behalf of the Pregnancy Foundation

Be sure to [update your contact information](#) on the new and improved SMFM website to ensure that you are taking advantage of all the Society has to offer for you!

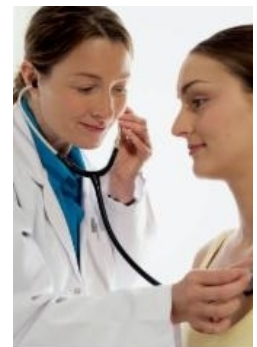
and address the racial and ethnic disparities in occurrence.

There's new controversy in the Affordable Care Act, with two different courts issued two completely opposite rulings in July with respect to whether the ACA's wording allows people to receive subsidies when they are enrolled in the federal health insurance exchange.

The conflicting decisions seem to line up a classic route to the Supreme Court.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, which runs healthcare.gov and implements the ACA, subsidies will continue for everyone who has signed up this year.

[Read more about these updates](#)



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