



Society for Maternal • Fetal Medicine

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SMFM Fellow tip of the week - Sep 2014

Polio (injection, IPV) contains inactivated strains of all 3 polioviruses and is safe for use during pregnancy. The oral (OPV) formulation is a live-attenuated vaccine also containing all 3 poliovirus strains but is avoided during pregnancy unless the exposure risk is high and the benefits outweigh the risks.

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Contributor: Anonymous. Adapted by BMJ 2011;342

Fellow Lectures

Did you miss Dr. Bunge's lecture on microbicides, circumcision and HIV? Please [click here](#) to check it out!

Coding Tip

How is continuous NST monitoring billed when a patient is admitted to the hospital?

President's Note



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The Business of Medicine

Guidelines, research, and the annual meeting: these are likely the first thoughts that come to your mind when someone mentions SMFM. But, as I hope I'm making clear with these SMFM Presidential Notes in Special Delivery, there is so much more.

The business of medicine and practice management are other important areas in which SMFM spends an enormous amount of time working on improvements for you. While a short piece cannot do justice to the tremendous amount of work on the business of MFM that SMFM has done, there are a few aspects that need to be highlighted.

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Government Relations Update by Katie Schubert

SMFM Joins Amicus Brief on Pregnancy Discrimination Case

SMFM joined several other organizations, led by the National Partnership for Women & Families, in submitting an Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court in *Young vs. UPS, Inc.* The basic question before the court is whether, and in what circumstances, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act requires an employer that provides work accommodations to non-pregnant employees with work limitations to provide work accommodations to pregnant employees who are "similar in their ability or inability to work."

Inpatient continuous fetal heart rate and/or uterine contraction monitoring is not billed as non-stress test (59025) or contraction stress test (59020). Instead, continuous monitoring is included in the evaluation and management service and billed as such. If continuous monitoring is provided in the outpatient setting, it would be reported under the appropriate observation code.

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!

Fun Run in honor of Andy Helfgott

I know by now the majority of our membership is aware of the premature passing of Dr. Andy Helfgott. I clearly remember my last phone call with him where he expressed his wishes to reinstate the "Fun Run" at our annual meeting in San Diego. He was full of ideas and optimism, and was particularly enthusiastic about the involvement of our fellows and junior members. It was with this in mind that I approached the program committee to have the run and walk at our annual meeting as a tribute to Andy. I have been helped in this endeavor very closely by Joanne Stone, Rachel Overcash, Brian Iriye and Dan O'Keeffe. I look forward to this being the kind of tribute to Andy that he would have been proud of. He was passionate about the organization and what the Foundation was doing to support scholarship and additional funded opportunities for fellows and the SMFM membership. We will be sending reminders about this throughout the next few months and I ask you to join us in the "Run and Walk for Andy" on Saturday morning in San Diego to support the Society and Foundation that he truly loved. We all miss him dearly but let's keep alive his passion.

With respect,
Mary D'Alton, MD
Ex-Officio for the Pregnancy
Foundation



SMFM Joins Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues in Planning Infant Mortality Briefing

SMFM is now working with the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues to plan a Congressional Briefing in December on the importance of preventing preterm birth to tackle our nation's infant mortality rates.

NICHD Names New Deputy Director of NICHD

Congratulations to Dr. Cathy Spong, long-time SMFM member!

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Upcoming Events:

2015 AIUM [Annual Convention and Preconvention Program](#) March 21 -25, 2015

The [SMFM Leadership Course](#) Residential seminars Oct 24 - 26 2014 and April 17 - 19 2015

There is still enough time to register for the ISSHP World Congress to be held in the US this year. To learn more about this event please [click here](#)

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