



Society for Maternal • Fetal Medicine

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SMFM Fellow tip of the week - Sep 2014

Vaccine-associate paralytic polio (VAPP) is associated with oral but not injectable polio virus vaccinations.

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Fellow Lectures

Did you miss Dr. Scott's lecture on Academic Medicine? Please [click here](#) to check it out!



President's Note

Vincenzo Berghella
President of SMFM



Communication and Media at SMFM

"Communication is the best way to create strong relationship" - Jada Pinkett Smith

Integral to the success of SMFM is its ability to communicate effectively on multiple levels. We connect with each other in research, education, practice, advocacy, and health policy. **SMFM has recently vastly expanded its brand** through enhanced communication internally within the Society and externally with our partners and the media. We are **high-risk pregnancy experts**, and we strive to **improve outcomes for mom and babies** by sharing our passion for excellence in clinical care, education and research. We share this **expertise and passion** through **multiple channels**. [Read more](#)

Coding Committee Honors Andrew Helfgott, MD - By Fadi Bsai, MD

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Coding Committee members in

Time for MFMs to Get Involved With the Ebola Virus Disease

Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialists should and must be involved with Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) preparedness. This first case was a man who presented to the hospital Emergency Care Center (ECC). Although it is very unlikely that any of us will diagnose and treat a patient with EVD, the next case could very well be a pregnant woman presenting to your OB ECC or seen by your OB hospitalists. To read the rest of this article in the Global Health Corner section of the SMFM website please [click here](#).

For more detailed information about Ebola in pregnancy

International Events

The 3rd World Congress on Twin Pregnancy will be hosted in Budapest, Hungary and begins November 16, 2014 - to learn more about this event please [click here](#)

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particular, lost a great leader and a wonderful friend with the passing of Andrew (Andy) Helfgott last month. Andy had a huge impact on SMFM. In addition to serving as a Board member, Andy gracefully chaired the Coding Committee, for so many years. Andy was approachable, generous, humble, funny, and a great resource to all around him. The members of the SMFM have benefited directly or indirectly from Andy's leadership.

Andy also served as Program Director for most of the recent SMFM Coding courses, which are organized by the Coding Committee and held twice yearly. The last meeting was held in September 2014 in Atlantic City. Andy's leadership was instrumental in the pre-meeting preparations for the course. It is because of Andy's hard work and the efforts of the course faculty that the meeting was successful, both in attendance and content, with emphasis on the transition to ICD-10.

Before passing, Andy helped pave the way to establish a Coding Fellowship geared towards junior fellows in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. The Coding Fellowship provides for a scholarship to attend the semi-annual coding course and provides the opportunity for active participation in committee activities. The Coding Fellowship will help build experience in coding and set the foundation for future MFM coding experts. The Coding Fellowship will be named in Andy's honor, and will be known as the "Andrew Helfgott Coding Fellowship

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Events 2014

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