Dear SMFM Member:

We recently sent one of a series of surveys to the membership to gain your feedback regarding the 2021 Annual Meeting, which will be held from January 25-30, 2021. We will not cancel or postpone the meeting; however, the ultimate format, fully or partially virtual, is still being considered. We appreciate all the thoughtful feedback we received and wanted to provide an update on our path forward.

If the meeting is partially virtual with an in-person component, the following will be planned:

- We will strictly adhere to CDC guidelines, including a mask mandate, socially-distanced room sets, access to hand-washing stations, and other guidelines specific to events.
- Guestrooms for our meeting will be contained to the same tower as the meeting space, eliminating the need to traverse through public spaces.
- We are exploring outdoor spaces for meals and other networking functions to allow you to connect with colleagues, as we know this a key component of the meeting.

The current changes are already in place:

- Abstract presenters do not need to know if they can present in person to submit their abstract for consideration. We know that some of you will not join us in-person in Las Vegas. Arrangements will be made to have your presentations pre-recorded and available for both virtual and live viewing audiences.
- In addition to a portion of postgraduate courses and scientific forums, during the SMFM Annual Meeting week, Monday and Saturday have been converted to full virtual to allow for maximum participation from the membership. Virtual registration will also include access to all of the abstract presentations.

Finally, if despite all of our efforts, it becomes clear that there will be no way to meet safely, we will announce the transition to a full virtual meeting; however, due to contractual obligations with the hotel, we don’t anticipate making this decision until 60 days prior to the meeting. We will maintain flexible registration policies to allow attendees to either cancel their registration with no penalty or seamlessly transition their registration to virtual. Regardless of our venue, in-person or virtual, we will continue the more than 40-year tradition of our Annual Meeting.

We appreciate your patience and commitment to SMFM and the Annual Pregnancy Meeting™.

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