When is the 2021 Annual Pregnancy Meeting?

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) 2021 Annual Pregnancy Meeting will be held virtually throughout the month of January. Post-graduate Courses will be held Monday, January 25 through Wednesday, January 27, the Scientific Forums will be held on Wednesday, January 27, and the Scientific Sessions will be held Thursday, January 28 – Saturday, January 30, 2021. The core meeting week remains January 25 – 30; however, committee meetings and other affiliated/ancillary events will take place at other times throughout the month.

Why is the 2021 Annual Meeting being held virtually?

Like you, we have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and hoping for a downward trend in cases. Unfortunately, it had become clear that the opposite was true.

After considering your thoughtful input and some of the challenges of safety planning for an in-person meeting at our contracted hotel, Caesar’s Hotel in Las Vegas, we decided that the 2021 Annual Meeting move forward in a virtual format. Protecting the health and safety of SMFM members, meeting attendees, staff, and ultimately our patients is paramount, and the steady uptick in cases significantly contributed to our decision to not host an in-person event.
Is the Program similar to that of the in-person meeting?

YES! The program committee felt it was important to maintain the structure of the meeting that you have become accustomed to for the past 40 years. The full schedule-at-a-glance can be accessed here.

What time zone is the Annual Meeting schedule in?

All times are in Eastern Standard Time.

Will there be poster sessions?

Yes! The 2021 meeting will feature four poster sessions and over 1,000 posters.

- During the poster sessions, the presenting author will be available to live chat and answer questions from attendees as they browse the posters.
- Poster authors will be given the option to upload a short presentation to accompany their poster. This benefit to a virtual meeting will allow registrants to hear presentations from all of the poster presenters, something not possible during an in-person meeting.

Will the content be offered live or pre-recorded and on-demand?

Most of the scientific sessions will be presented in real time with opportunities for interaction with the faculty. Post-Graduate Courses will feature a mix of live and pre-recorded content, allowing registrants across multiple time zones to view content on their own schedule, while also offering access to the faculty to ask questions during scheduled Q&A times and panel discussions. Following the meeting, registrants will have access to all sessions for on-demand viewing through December 2021.

What does my registration for the Scientific Sessions include?

All plenary and concurrent sessions, poster presentations, scientific forums, special interest group meetings, networking events, virtual exhibits, and industry-sponsored sessions are included in your scientific sessions registration fee. Your registration credentials will also permit your access to the content through December 2021.

What is not included in my registration for the Scientific Sessions?

Similar to our in-person meeting, Postgraduate Courses, roundtable sessions, and meet-the-expert sessions are not included in your Scientific Sessions registration fee and must be purchased separately during the registration process. A pricing sheet is available here.

Can I share my registration credentials with a colleague?

No, your registration credentials are unique to your personal email address and are tied to your SMFM credentials. Further, the virtual experience is enhanced if all registrants have a profile in the system and can connect with other registrants based on information contained in the profile.

Is CME available for attending the meeting?

CME is available for attending many of the Postgraduate Courses and upon completion of the post-meeting evaluation. CME is available for attending in real time and for viewing the course materials following the official meeting dates. CME is not available for attending the scientific sessions; however, a certificate of attendance is available for all registrants.

I am presenting during the meeting; do I have to register?

Yes. As in past years, all meeting participants, including course faculty, presenters, and abstract authors must register for the Scientific Sessions.
How do I access the virtual meeting platform?
All registrants will receive access to the virtual meeting platform by January 4, 2021. The platform will allow you to personalize your schedule, connect with other registrants, and access posters and other pre-recorded content.

How long after the meeting will I have access to the content?
Your registration credentials will allow access to the virtual meeting platform and all content – Postgraduate Courses you registered for, oral, and poster presentations – through December 2021.

Why does SMFM have industry sponsorships?
Without their support, we would not be able to offer the breadth of sessions, services, and educational opportunities that are currently available to our meeting attendees. Industry sponsorships ensure an additional source of revenue to cover the meeting expenses.

I am interested in sponsorship, where can I find information?
An exhibitor prospectus outlining all options for exhibiting and sponsorship during the meeting will be available shortly. More information can be found here.

Annual Meeting Cancellation Policy
Registrants may change their registration selections online. A $15 administration fee will be charged (on the day of the change) for any changes made to your registration selections that result in a refund.

If a full cancellation is needed:
- Cancellation prior to January 15, 2021 to receive a full refund, less a $75 administrative fee.
- Cancellation after January 15, 2021 does not provide any refunds.
- Substitutions are permitted at no cost.

Please notify SMFM staff at Events@smfm.org if a cancellation is needed or if you would like to transfer your registration to someone else.

Code of Conduct
The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine is committed to ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all participants at SMFM meetings. We expect all participants to abide by this Code of Conduct in all SMFM Meeting venues, including ancillary events and official and unofficial social gatherings, both in person and in virtual settings.

- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.
- Respect the wishes of presenters, sponsors, and attendees who, either through verbal expression or through notation on the virtual program, have not granted the sharing of presentations, images, chat interactions, or materials on social media channels or other platforms.
- Alert community leaders if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this Code of Conduct, even if they seem inconsequential.

Access the full code of conduct here.
Photo & Video Usage Policy
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I have a question that was not addressed, who should I contact?
- General Annual Meeting questions, including questions regarding abstract presentations should be sent to Nneka St. Gerard.
- Registration questions should be sent to Jessica Sheehan.
- Membership questions should be sent to Courtney Thompson or Tim Heinle.
- Exhibitor and sponsorship questions should be sent to Courtney Thompson or Julie Miller.