



Society for Maternal • Fetal Medicine

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SMFM Photo Contest

What does Maternal-Fetal Medicine look like?

We're inviting our members, clinical partners, and patients to submit photographs that illustrate what MFM means to you. The top entries will be displayed at the 2015 Pregnancy Meeting in San Diego, and the winner will receive an iPad Air 2 (valued at \$729). For contest details, visit the SMFM web site [here](#)

SMFM Fellow tip of the week

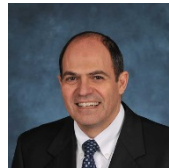
The thermal index (TI) is defined as the ratio of the emitted acoustic power to the power required to raise temperature of tissue 1C. A higher value suggests a higher heating potential to the tissue.

Contributor: Anonymous

To view the Fellow Tip of the Week page, please [click here](#).

President's Note

Vincenzo Berghella
President of SMFM



Who are we?

Our Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) just published this month a **new important report, "The MFM Subspecialists' Role within a Health care System"** in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology ([AJOG](#)). This document **defines the many functions of the MFM subspecialist within the health care system, ranging from consultation to co-management or transfer of care, as well as roles in education, research, and leadership**. I believe it is a must read if you practice MFM or practice with an MFM.

The whole manuscript has important points for our practice and there are some I'd like to highlight.

[Read More](#)

Critical Care Course Update

More than 300 physicians, nurses and midwives attended the Critical Care in

Coding Committee Update

The SMFM Coding Committee assist and educates SMFM membership on proper coding practices. This is accomplished by publishing white papers and coding tips and answering coding questions. The committee also organizes two annual coding meetings and has several publications that are routinely updated. These resources and more information are available on the [SMFM website](#)

The Committee also partners with payers and policy makers to ensure that women have access to appropriate perinatal care by sharing quality standards for accreditation and

Fellow Lectures

Did you miss Dr. Khan's lecture on HIV Preconception counseling? Please [click here](#) to check it out!

Coding Tip - 2014 ICD-10: Multiple Gestation

When ICD-10 is implemented in October, 2015, a significant change for MFM will be the ability to assign a condition to a specific fetus in multiple gestation pregnancies. This is done using a 7th character on the ICD-10 code for certain categories. To view the rest of the tip, please [click here](#).

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Obstetrics course, sponsored by SMFM, Banner Health and the University of Arizona, this November. As one of the largest simulation courses ever run in the U.S., this course used an innovative educational approach that combined didactics with individual skill stations and immersive high-fidelity team-based simulations to address key obstetric critical care topics.

National experts reviewed 18 common critical care topics affecting women in pregnancy including diabetic ketoacidosis, hemorrhage, trauma, and hypertensive emergency. Participants then participated in hands-on skill stations such as airway management and emergency cesarean delivery, as well as comprehensive obstetric critical care simulations at the Banner Simulation Center, a free standing, all-simulation hospital. Simulations were followed by debriefing with course faculty to review aspects of both medical management and team communication critical to quality maternal care. Participants were also provided with an iPhone/iPad application designed specifically for the course that contained short video lectures on each of the critical care topics covered, as well as case presentations and questions. The course had good attendance, was well-received, and was an important step towards furthering the Society's mission to put the "M" back in MFM.

establishing coding guidelines for antenatal evaluations such as imaging, consultations, in utero procedures, and fetal monitoring as indicated by history or clinical observations. By ensuring appropriate coding and billing, we help sustain access to the best care for women facing high-risk pregnancies.

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!