Duty of Care for The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Events

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) considers the health and safety of all individuals who attend our onsite events a top priority. While SMFM cannot guarantee that event attendees will not become infected with COVID-19, SMFM has adopted preventative measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at our meetings in accordance with guidance provided by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and our venue partners. In addition, SMFM will comply with all applicable requirements imposed by federal, state, or local health authorities for the locality in which the event is taking place. However, the responsibility for a safe and healthy event environment is shared among the event organizers, event venues, and event attendees. To this end, each conference attendee is expected to comply with all applicable requirements imposed by federal, state, or local health authorities for the conference's locality. In addition to our Code of Conduct, each attendee is expected to adhere to and abide by the safety precautions SMFM has implemented to protect against the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, mask-wearing, personal hygiene and hand sanitization, adherence to pathway signage, self-monitoring, and self-reporting. These precautions are outlined in further detail below.

SMFM requires all attendees and staff to receive the full course of available vaccinations against COVID-19 and influenza. Individuals should not attend an SMFM event if they are currently experiencing or have experienced in the 10 days prior to the conference or event symptoms of any potentially contagious illness, including symptoms associated with COVID-19. Once onsite, SMFM requests that all conference attendees regularly and thoroughly wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day, observe social distancing guidelines, and properly use facial coverings whenever possible, in all meeting spaces and common areas. The following items will be provided to assist attendees in complying with these requests:

- **Name badges** will be provided via self-service kiosks or in envelopes on the onsite registration desk to reduce the amount of contact with others.
- **Disposable masks** will be provided at the registration desk.
- **Hand sanitizer stations** will be positioned throughout the hotel and meeting spaces for your convenience.
- **Lanyards or wristbands** will be color-coded to reflect varying attendee comfort levels:
  - Green - I’m OK with elbow bumps and high-fives.
  - Yellow - I’m OK with talking but not touching.
  - Red - Hello! I am keeping my distance.
In partnership with our event venues, SMFM will provide:

- Responsible food and beverage displays, room sets, and attendee movement patterns
- Appropriate signage and floor decals to reinforce spatial distancing and other safety reminders
- Thorough and frequent cleaning of the venue space during the conference
- Frequent monitoring, cleaning, and maintenance of venue restrooms in accordance with the hotel’s strict guidelines

By checking the box on the registration page, you agree to adhere to the precautions and policies contained herein and acknowledge and understand that you knowingly and freely assume all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, by attending this event. Further, as with our Code of Conduct, you understand that refusal to adhere to these policies and abide by these precautions may result in immediate removal from the event and cancellation of the registration without receiving a refund.