Why did SMFM decide to transition to an all-virtual format and cancel the in-person meeting?

The health, safety and well-being of our attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and staff is of paramount importance. Given the latest information available, the SMFM Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Program Committee have decided to transition the 2022 Annual Meeting to a fully virtual event. SMFM leadership have been closely monitoring the Omicron variant, community spread of COVID-19, and its impact on staffing and patient care. The decision to cancel the in-person meeting was made due to the great uncertainty of the next several weeks, new travel bans in place, and most importantly a steadfast commitment to your health and the safety of your patients.
What are the system requirements to participate in the virtual meeting?

If you are equipped for a Zoom call, then you have everything you need for the meeting: a desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone, an internet connection, speakers/headphones, a microphone, and a webcam. The SMFM virtual meeting will be contained on the CadmiumCD platform and link out to Zoom for many of the sessions. Users will need:

- A solid Internet connection (either wired or wireless)
- A desktop computer that runs one of these:
  - macOS X with macOS 10.9 or later
  - Windows 8 or later
  - An up-to-date internet browser - preferably **Chrome or Firefox**. Internet Explorer is not supported and shouldn’t be used to access the site.
- Speakers or headphones (to listen to the talks)

If you are a speaker or attending a roundtable or special interest, you will also need a microphone (so others can hear you speak) and a webcam so others can see you.

What time zone is the Annual Meeting schedule in?

All times are in Eastern Standard Time. Upon entrance to the virtual meeting site, you will have the option to choose if sessions are displayed in Eastern Standard Time or your local time zone.

When will the course materials be available for review prior to the course?

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Following the meeting, registrants will have access to all sessions for on-demand viewing through April 30, 2022.

How do I build my personal meeting schedule?

The Annual Meeting web portal will open on Monday, January 24, 2022. At that time, all registered attendees will receive a link with their login credentials. After you have logged in, select the star icon next to each session you wish to attend as you browse the schedule. Clicking on “My Experience” will allow you to view your schedule, see how many CME you will earn after attending each postgraduate course you have registered for, take notes. Your schedule can also be printed and exported to word, pdf, and your outlook calendar.* You can also favorite posters, presenters, exhibitors, and attendees, enabling you to easily locate them later.

*Note that the export to outlook is a download that will not dynamically update in real time. Please be sure to check the site and the “My Experience” tab for the most up-to-date information about sessions that are on your schedule.*
Can I attend sessions concurrently and “bounce between rooms?”

Yes! We are using a hub and spoke model for most of the content. The virtual meeting site is the hub and the Postgraduate Courses, Roundtables, Special Interest Meetings, and Oral Sessions are the spokes. You can return to the site at any time to access another session. Because of zoom limitations, it will not be possible to be logged in to multiple sessions at the same time; however, the overwhelming benefit of a virtual meeting is that everything will be recorded and available for you to access through the April 30, 2022.

How can I access the livestream for the sessions?

Thirty minutes prior to the start of each session, the "livestream" button will become enabled for registrants. If the button is still greyed out within 30 minutes of the session start, you don’t have the course included in your registration record. If this is in error, please contact the registrar via email or the virtual helpdesk.

How can we interact with one another and connect through the virtual meeting?

There are several ways to interact with your colleagues, including abstract authors and course faculty:

- **Text-based chat and Q&A:** All courses will offer the opportunity to connect via a discussion or Q&A tab.
- **Roundtable and Special Interest Sessions:** These sessions and ancillary events are aimed to foster networking among registrants.
- **Attendee profile pages:** Registrants will be encouraged to upload a photo, add digital badges, and include social media information. When completing your attendee profile, opt-in to share your profile with other attendees so that you can also message meeting participants.

How will the poster sessions work?

The meeting will feature four poster sessions and more than 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.
- Attendees can keep track of the posters that they have asked questions on via their “My Experience” page.
- Poster authors were also given the option to upload a short presentation to accompany their poster. This is highly encouraged to allow registrants to hear presentations from all of the poster presenters, something not possible during in-person poster sessions.

When will I be able to view the posters and hear the poster audio?

Poster pdf images will be released on Monday, January 31, 2022. Poster audio (optional but not required of presentations) will be available beginning at 8am on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Posters that have audio available are marked with a speaker icon in the schedule listing.

What does my registration for the Scientific Sessions include?

Your scientific sessions registration fee includes all plenary and concurrent sessions, poster presentations, scientific forums, special interest meetings, and industry-sponsored sessions. Your registration credentials will also permit your access to the content through April 30, 2022.

What is not included in my registration for the Scientific Sessions?
Similar to our in-person meeting, Postgraduate Courses and roundtable 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.

**How long will I have access to the meeting presentation recordings and materials?**

Your registration credentials will allow access to the virtual meeting platform and all content – Postgraduate Courses you registered for, oral, and poster presentations – through April 30, 2022. Content that was presented live will be recorded and available via the virtual meeting site in mid-February.

**Will presentations still be eligible to receive awards as in prior years?**

Yes. Oral and poster sessions will be judged, and awards will be announced following the meeting in February.

**When will I get my abstract book?**

The *AJOG* supplement is available online here. Physical copies of the book will not be mailed to all attendees for the 2022 meeting; however, they are available to be mailed upon request and a nominal processing fee. Please contact events@smfm.org if you would like to order a copy.

**I have an oral presentation. Where can I find more information?**

Oral presentation information can be found here.

**I have a poster presentation. Where can I find more information?**

Poster presentation information can be found here.

**What are the locations of future Annual Meetings?**

February 6 – February 11, 2023: Moscone West Convention Center | San Francisco, California  
January 29 – February 3, 2024: Gaylord Palms | Orlando, Florida  
January 27 - February 1, 2025: Gaylord Rockies | Aurora, Colorado  
February 2 - 7, 2026: Gaylord Palms | Orlando, Florida
February 1 - 6, 2027: Ernest N. Moral Convention Center | New Orleans, Louisiana
February 14 – 19, 2028: Caesars Palace | Las Vegas, Nevada
February 26 – March 3, 2029: Gaylord National | National Harbor, MD

**Annual Meeting Cancellation Policy**
Registrants may change their registration selections online with no administrative fee. If a full cancellation is needed:

- Cancellation prior to January 21, 2022, to receive a full refund.
- Cancellation after January 21, 2022, 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.

**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 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](#).

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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 and Scientific Forum 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 Kasey McNeil.