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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—M. KATHRYN MENARD, MD, MPH

Dear SMFM Members:



There has never been a more exciting time than the present to be engaged with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Forty years ago, the Society was founded as an organization grounded in education and dissemination of the science of our subspecialty. As the face of medicine has changed, the needs and activities of our members have evolved. The breadth of activity and the scope of influence of the Society have expanded. While maintaining excellence in education and research, MFM practice management, health policy and patient advocacy emerged as important foci for the Society. The energy and vision of our Executive Vice President, Dr. Dan O'Keeffe has enabled the Society to leverage the inspiration and effort of our many talented members toward a common goal. As we **dedicate ourselves to improving maternal and child outcomes; and raising the standards of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of maternal and fetal disease** is my awesome privilege to serve as your elected President.

Our 32nd Annual meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine was a huge success with over 1700 in attendance. The Program Committee, lead by Dr. Mary Norton, built on success of past meetings while including some exciting new additions. There were a record number of 1425 abstracts submitted this year with almost 50% from fellows and residents. Our future is certainly bright! The addition of the "Late-Breaking Research" session on Friday afternoon, along Dr. David Barker's plenary address received wonderful reviews. This meeting is a "labor of love" for many, but in particular could not happen without the dedication and excellent organizational skills of our Executive Director, Pat Stahr, and her fabulous team. Mark your calendars with the 2013 meeting dates, February 11 through 16 in San Francisco, California.

During our February meeting, the membership at large voted in four members to the Board of Directors, Dr. Suneet Chauhan of Norfolk Virginia, Dr. Sean Blackwell of Houston Texas, Dr. John Barton of Lexington Kentucky and Dr. Deborah Winn of Irvine California. Board officers were elected. Dr. Brian Mercer became Vice President/President Elect, Dr. Laura Riley moved to Secretary Treasurer as Dr. Alfred Abuhamad joined the Executive Committee as Assistant Secretary Treasurer. For a complete list of the members of the SMFM Board of Directors, see www.SMFM.org under the "Home" tab. These board members are eager to hear your

ideas and speak with you about the many opportunities to become involved with activities of SMFM.

What is in store for 2012? I believe that the most effective way to progress in our above stated mission is through connection and collaboration. Facilitating connection and collaboration is the reason that Societies like SMFM exist. By coming together we help each other grow as individuals. With a collective voice we are well positioned to facilitate change. During 2011, with George Saade's leadership, the Society reached out to major national and governmental agencies that impact the care of pregnancy women and their babies. He encouraged us to be engaged with organizations such as the CDC, FDA, AHRQ, NIH and to rely on SMFM for support. In 2012 we plan to build on the guiding principle of connection and collaboration at the national level, but we emphasize the need to bring that strategy home. By the nature of our chosen subspecialty, we are all leaders in maternity health policy. Particularly in this era of economic challenge and health reform, there is a need for clinical leadership in our hospitals, communities, health systems, communities and states. SMFM is seeking opportunities to assist our members in their leadership activities locally and in their state. Be that leader and let me know how the Society can support you. Look for updates from SMFM in *Special Delivery*.

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FELLOWS CORNER

By [Erica K. Berggren, MD](#)



Dr. Chauhan

THE SMFM
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After an exciting SMFM Annual Meeting in Dallas that included several Fellow events, we hope to keep our momentum going with upcoming events, news, and fellow resources.

News & Updates:

The [SMFM Fellowship Affairs Committee](#) is now chaired by [Dr. Suneet Chauhan](#), the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division Director at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He and the Fellowship Committee are making plans for the 3rd Annual Fellows Retreat in Fall 2012. Stay tuned for details in upcoming issues.

Fellow resource reminders: Check out our electronic

resources at www.smfm.org under the [Education & Research](#) tab and [The Pregnancy Foundation](#) website.

Fellow Lecture Series:

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine sponsors these MFM related talks on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. These live lectures followed by live Q&A sessions are a unique opportunity to learn about Core Topics in MFM, Ultrasound, and Research from the leaders in our field.

Research Funding Resources:

The SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship Award supports a

single scholarship in MFM each year to support up to three years of research training and work. Second and third year MFM fellows are eligible. See the website for application details. The [Mini-sabbatical Program](#) is open to MFM Fellows-in-Training and supports funding for up to two months of clinical or research training at an outside institution. The 2012 application is available [online](#).

As always, we welcome comments, questions, and suggestions for future Fellows Corners.

NICHD UPDATE—by [Alison Stuebe, MD](#)



NICHD workshop to weigh strategies for diagnosing Gestational Diabetes. This fall, NICHD will convene a consensus development workshop on Diagnosing Gestational Diabetes Mellitus. The workshop will bring together an international panel to identify the optimal strategy for screening for gestational glucose intolerance. Invited speakers include William Callaghan, Donald Coustan, Wanda Nicholson, Patrick Catalano, David Pettitt, Mark Landon, Matt Gilman, Tim Cundy, Aaron Caughey, William Barth, Brian Casey, Boyd Metzger, and Edmond Ryan.

Workshop participants will address 7 key questions:

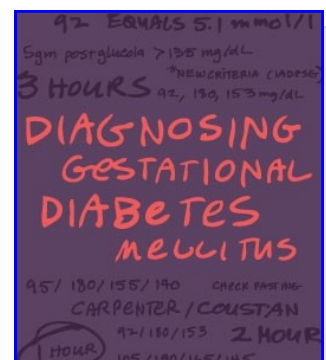
1. What are the current screening and diagnostic approaches for gestational diabetes mellitus, what are the glycemic thresholds for each approach, and how were these thresholds chosen?
2. What are the effects of various gestational diabetes mellitus screening/diagnostic approaches for patients, providers, and U.S. healthcare systems?
3. In the absence of treatment, how do health outcomes of mothers who meet various criteria for gestational diabetes mellitus and their offspring



NICHD UPDATE—continued

compare with those who do not?

4. Does treatment modify the health outcomes of mothers who meet various criteria for gestational diabetes mellitus and their offspring?
5. What are the harms of treating gestational diabetes mellitus, and do they vary by diagnostic approach?
6. Given all of the above, what diagnostic approach(es) for gestational diabetes mellitus should be recommended, if any?
7. What are the key research gaps in the diagnostic approach of gestational diabetes mellitus?



For more information or to register for the meeting, visit:

<http://consensus.nih.gov/2012/gdm.htm>

The meeting will be webcast live, and the archive will be available to view about 1 week after the conference. Individuals planning to watch the conference via live webcast are asked to register in advance to ensure adequate capacity.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE—by Kathryn Schubert



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Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality Meets

On March 8 and 9 the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM) met to discuss the Administration's current work in the area of reducing infant mortality, as well as hear from several states and outside experts about their efforts.

SACIM is comprised of members of the public and private sector, and advises the Secretary of the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](http://www.hhs.gov) on HHS programs that are directed at reducing infant mortality and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants.

The Committee, which meets semi-annually, also provides advice on how best to coordinate Federal, State, local, and private efforts to address the health and social problems that impact infant mortality. SMFM submitted public comments at the most recent meeting that will be published with the full meeting report.

You can find more information on SACIM here: <http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/mchbadvisory/InfantMortality/index.html>.

Congress sets itself up for a showdown

Despite the bipartisan agreement from August 2011 to cap federal discretionary spending at certain limits to reduce the deficit and avoid a government default, the House of Representatives and Senate have disagreed on their spending levels for fiscal year 2013. The Senate passed what is known as a "deeming resolution" that signaled to the Senate Appropriations Committee to set spending levels at those in the Budget Control Act law, passed last August. The House, however, set its spending levels at \$19 billion below those found in the law, arguing that the caps in the law were a ceiling.

The so-called Ryan Budget, named for the House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, could mean a cut of up to 27 percent for the National Institutes of Health as well as other agencies housed within Health and Human Services (HHS), but also encompasses major cuts to education, transportation, and homeland security spending, as well as changes to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The budget would leave defense spending at a flat level. The House budget is dead-on-arrival in the Senate, and while it passed the House on a near party-line vote at the end of March, it is expected to lead to a showdown toward the end of the year when Congress needs to resolve the differences and continue to fund the government for FY2013.

With Congress in an election year, it is likely that they will postpone action on major legislation, including many appropriations bills, until after November, when they will come back for a six week lame duck session. Other items that need to be addressed include the Bush tax cuts that expire at the end of the year, and the impending automatically triggered cuts to federal spending that go into effect in January if left alone.

Status of Legislation

[*Stillbirth and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death \(SUID\) Prevention, Education, and Awareness Act of 2011*](#): There are currently 16 co-sponsors in the House and eight in the Senate.

[*Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early \(PREEMIE\) Reauthorization Act*](#): There are currently 52 co-sponsors in the House and 21 in the Senate.

[*The Gestational Diabetes \(GEDI\) Bill*](#): There are 22 co-sponsors in the House and 4 in the Senate.

OVERVIEW OF THE 32ND SMFM ANNUAL MEETING—THE PREGNANCY MEETING™

- submitted by Laura Riley, MD

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine's 32nd Annual Meeting-The Pregnancy Meeting™ was held February 6-11, 2012, in Dallas, Texas. The meeting was a huge success by all accounts. There were 1,735 attendees, including over 700 regular and associate members, 200 fellow-in-training members, and over 400 registered in the guest category. The Postgraduate Courses offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were well attended and included updates on genetics, critical care, fetal echocardiography and infectious disease in addition to the "always popular" debates in ultrasound and clinical obstetrics. The Wednesday afternoon Scientific Forums focused on areas of great interest; one highlight was the Global Health Forum where 4 obstetricians from India, Haiti, Uganda and Ghana presented maternal death cases for discussion and review. The meeting itself began on Thursday with what everyone said was a "great display of science" - both clinical and basic. Other high-

lights included a special "late breaking research" session and a talk by 2012 Honorary Member Dr. David Barker.

PRESENTATIONS SELECTED FOR SPECIAL AWARDS INCLUDED:

March of Dimes Award for Best Research in Prematurity

Method of delivery and neonatal outcomes in preterm, small for gestational age infants

Erika F. Werner¹, David Savitz², Teresa Janevic³, Stephen F. Thung⁴, Edmund F. Funai⁴, Heather Lipkind⁴

¹Johns Hopkins University, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Baltimore, MD, ²Brown University, Departments of Epidemiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Providence, RI, ³Yale University, Global Health Initiative, New Haven, CT, ⁴Yale University, Ob/Gyn & Reprod Sci., New Haven, CT

The Dru Carlson Memorial Award for Best Research in Ultrasound and Genetics

A multicenter, prospective, masked comparison of chromosomal microarray with standard karyotyping for routine and high risk prenatal diagnosis

Ronald Wapner, MD¹

¹Prenatal Microarray Study Group, NICHD, Bethesda, MD

The Norman F. Gant Award for Best Research in Maternal Medicine

Effect of Pravastatin on Circulating Anti-angiogenic Factors in a Mouse Model of Preeclampsia Induced by Overexpression of Soluble Fms-Like Tyrosine Kinase-1 (sFlt-1).

Antonio F Saad¹, Talar Kechichian², Esther Tamayo², Michael Wen², Monica Longo², Gary D.V. Hankins², George R. Saade², Maged Costantine²

¹The University of Texas Medical Branch, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Galveston, TX, ²The University of Texas Medical Branch, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Galveston, TX

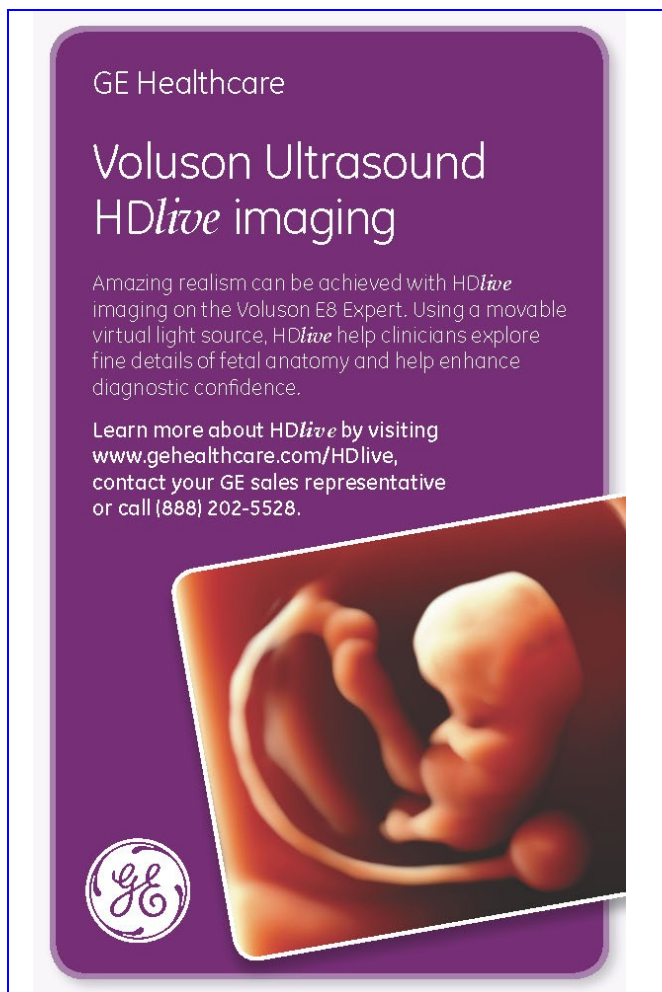
THE SOCIETY'S AWARD OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE WAS PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS:

Oral Sessions

Can differences in obstetric outcomes be explained by differences in the care provided?

William Grobman¹

¹for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Health and Human Development, Maternal-Fetal Units Network, Bethesda, MD



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ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW—*continued*



Dr. Mary Norton presents the award for Oral Plenary 1 to Dr. Bill Grobman

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS
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PREGNANCY MEETING—
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The President's Awards Ceremony draws a crowd

Effect of prescription medications on 17-alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17-OHPC) metabolism

Yang Zhao¹, Courtney Cuppett², Steve Caritis², Raman Venkataramanan³

¹University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, PA, ²Magee-Womens Hospital, University of Pittsburgh, Maternal Fetal Medicine

PERFORMANCE OF AN AUTOMATIC QUANTITATIVE ULTRASOUND ANALYSIS (AQUA) TEXTURE EXTRACTOR TO PREDICT FETAL LUNG MATURITY ASSESSED BY TDx-FLM IN AMNIOTIC FLUID.

Montse Palacio¹, Teresa Cobo¹, Monica Martinez-Terron¹, Giuseppe A Ratta¹, Nuria Elias¹, Elisenda Bonet², Ivan Amat-Roldan², Eduard Gratacos¹

¹Hospital Clinic, Universitat Barcelona, IDIBAPS, Maternal Fetal Medicine Department, Barcelona, Spain, ²Transmural Biotech, S.L, Ultrasound Biomarkers, Barcelona, Spain, ³University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, PA

Trial of Labor after Previous Cesarean Section versus Repeat Cesarean Section: Are Patients Making An Informed Decision?

Sarah Bernstein¹, Shira Matalon-Grazi¹, Barak Rosenn¹

¹St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, Obstetrics and Gynecology, New York, NY

NDRG1 Confers Sex-Specific Protection from Intrauterine Hypoxic Injury

Jacob Larkin¹, Baosheng Chen², Chelsea Walter¹, Xiao-Hua Shi¹, Yoel Sadovsky¹

¹University of Pittsburgh, Magee-Womens Research Institute, Dept of OBGYN-RS, Pittsburgh, PA, ²Washington University, OBGYN, St. Louis, MO

AMNIOTIC FLUID (AF) SOLUBLE MYELOID DIFFERENTIATION (MD)-2 FACTOR AS REGULATOR OF INTRA-AMNIOTIC INFLAMMATION IN INFECTION-INDUCED PRETERM BIRTH

Antonette T. Dulay¹, Catalin S. Buhimschi¹, Guomao Zhao¹, Sarah Y. Lee², Sonya S. Abdel-Razeq¹, Mert O. Bahtiyar¹, Irina A. Buhimschi¹

¹Yale University, Ob/Gyn & Reprod Sci., New Haven, CT, ²Obstetrix, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Campbell, CA

Fetal Reprogramming by Intra-Placental Gene Transfer of Insulin-Like Growth Factor-1 (Ad-IGF-1) in a New Mouse Model of Placental insufficiency (PI)

Khaled Omar¹, Helen Jones², Sundeep Keswani³, Timothy Crombleholme³, Mounira Habli²

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Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention through Prenatal Housing Inspection and Remediation in St. Louis, Missouri

Daniel Berg¹, Erin Eckstein², Matt Steiner², Jeffrey Gavard³, Gilad Gross⁴

¹Family Care Health Centers, Internal Medicine, Saint Louis, MO, ²Department of Health, City of St. Louis, Epidemiology, Saint Louis, MO, ³Saint Louis University, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health, Saint Louis, MO, ⁴Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health, Saint Louis, MO

Maternal genotype and gestational diabetes

Alison Stuebe¹, Amy Herring², Alison Wise², Anna Maria Siega-Riz³

¹University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Chapel Hill, NC, ²Gillings School of Global Public Health, Biostatistics, Chapel Hill, NC, ³Gillings School of Global Public Health, Epidemiology, Chapel Hill, NC

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Maternal nicotine use increases fetal pulmonary arterial vasoconstriction during hypoxemia at near term gestation in a nonhuman primate model

Amaryllis Arraut¹, Antonio Frias², Theodore Hobbs³, Eliot Spindel³, Juha Rasanen¹

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Poster Sessions

Characterization of folate polyglutamation patterns during pregnancy

Devika Maulik¹, Leon van Haandel², Mara L. Becker², J. Steven Leeder²

¹University of Missouri, Kansas City, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Kansas City, MO, ²Children's Mercy Hospital, Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Medical Toxicology, Kansas City, MO

A non-invasive method to predict fetal lung maturity using fetal pulmonary artery Doppler wave acceleration time/ejection time ratio

Mauro Schenone¹, Jacques Samson¹, Anju Suhag², Laura Jenkins², Giancarlo Mari¹

¹University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Memphis, TN, ²University of Tennessee Health and Science Center, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Memphis, TN

Mechanical stretch increases production of inflammatory cytokines from cervical fibroblasts in 2D and 3D culture

Michael House¹, Peilan Tang², Jennifer Daniel², David Kaplan², Simona Socrate³

¹Tufts Medical Center, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Boston, MA, ²Tufts University, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Medford, MA, ³Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences & Technology, Cambridge, MA

Association between parity and hemozoin-positive syncytiotrophoblasts and CD68₊ cells in Plasmodium falciparum infected placentas

Stephanie Valderramos¹, Bethann Hromatka², Jennifer Adibi³, Susan Fisher⁴

¹University of California, San Francisco, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, San Francisco, CA, ²University of California, San Francisco, Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Anatomy, the Center for Reproductive Sciences, and The Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research, San Francisco, CA, ³University of California, San Francisco, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, San Francisco, CA, ⁴University of California, San Francisco, Center for Reproductive Sciences, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, San Francisco, CA

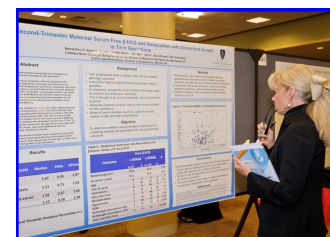
A randomized controlled trial comparing a multi-modal intervention and standard obstetrical care for low back and pelvic pain in pregnancy

Gilad Gross¹, James W. George², Paul A. Thompson³, D. Michael Nelson⁴, Clayton Skaggs⁵

¹Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health, Saint Louis, MO, ²Logan College, Chiropractic, Chesterfield, MO, ³Sanford Research/USD, Methodology and Data Analysis Center, Sioux Falls, SD, ⁴Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Obstetrics and Gynecology, St. Louis, MO, ⁵Central Institute of Human Performance, Chiropractic, Kirkwood, MO



Dr. Antonette Dulay accepts her award from Dr. Mary Norton



The Poster Sessions are always popular with attendees

See you all next year in San Francisco!

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SOCIAL MEDIA MAKES PRESENCE KNOWN AT SMFM 2012—by [Jim Keller](#)



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Thanks to the power of social media, the buzz about the annual pregnancy meeting started well before the first guest checked in at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. The [SMFM Facebook](#) page has over 2,800 friends from over 20 countries spanning every continent, and saw a significant spike in activity prior to the meeting. Twitter, which was introduced to the pregnancy meeting in 2010, became a common forum for exchange of thoughts and ideas during the meeting. The number of people following [@MySMFM on Twitter](#) has doubled to almost 500. Presented science and related discussions were critiqued in a very respectful manner highlighting the culture of our society.

Remember, there are three ways to keep in touch with the latest developments of our society using social media. You can “like” the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine at www.Facebook.com/SocietyforMaternalFetalMedicine, you can follow [MySMFM](#) on Twitter or join one of the [SMFM Communities](#). The SMFM Communities are only open to members of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

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UPDATE FROM THE PREGNANCY FOUNDATION™

The AAOGF and the Foundations of ABOG and SMFM joined forces in 2002 seek to identify future academic physician leaders in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology and to stimulate their scholarly development, through the support of advanced scientific training. The SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship Award is to be used in an academic Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the United States or Canada to provide **research training** and experience for a candidate of proven ability who exhibits significant talent, original thought and evidence of dedication to an academic career. Research training may be either laboratory-based or clinical, and focus on fundamental biology, disease mechanisms, interventions or diagnostics, epidemiology or translational research.

A joint committee of the Pregnancy Foundation and the AAOGF Foundation will select the scholar. Applicants for the SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship must have recently completed MFM subspecialty training or be in the second or third year of an ABOG-approved MFM fellowship training program at the time application is made. Candidates **must** also be members of the SMFM.

Beginning with the 2013 award, the scholarship is for \$120,000 per year, renewable for a total of three years of research training. Each award must be matched by an institutional commitment of at least \$30,000 per year for the same period. The initial award is for one year and is renewable annually for two additional consecutive years of research training, based on satisfactory progress of the scholar in meeting the requirements of the program, the appropriate evolution of the research and the availability of funds. Only one year of the three years funded may be part of a subspecialty fellowship-training program. Indirect costs are not provided.

At least 75% of the candidate's efforts should be spent in research training and conduct of research which may occur in facilities either within or outside of the sponsoring Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Collaborative efforts with other departments e.g., Physiology, Anatomy, Pharmacology, Molecular and cell Biology, Genetics, Immunology, Biochemistry, or Epidemiology would be a desirable part of the program.

The Pregnancy Foundation and the Society are committed to supporting gifted young researchers who have the potential to contribute significantly to our subspecialty. It is only through research that the clinical care of our patients can be changed. We invite you to submit applications. The track record of our scholars in pursuing academic careers is extraordinary and exceeds most benchmarks. This is an enormous opportunity for three years of significant protected time with the dual benefit of national and local mentorship. Meetings are held twice a year with the scholars and the Scholarly Activities Committee of the Pregnancy Foundation to share progress and to stimulate informal collaboration. Additionally, site visits are performed at the scholar's institution at the completion of year 01. These visits are more formal with structured feedback. We have an outstanding committee with access to the leaders in the field as needed and these leaders have an unwavering commitment to this program.



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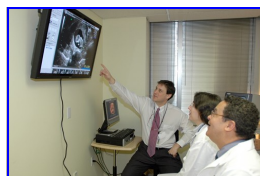
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Exam Date	Application begins	Late Fee After	Application ends
June 22, 2012	September 1, 2011	November 14, 2011	December 31, 2011
June 21, 2013	September 1, 2012	November 14, 2012	December 31, 2012



Oral MFM Examination*

Exam Dates	Application begins	Late Fee After	Application ends
April 8-10, 2013	May 1, 2012	May 31, 2012	June 30, 2012

* Nov 15, 2012 Maintenance of Certification Deadline

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- [16th International Conference on Prenatal Diagnosis and Therapy](#); June 3-6, 2012 at 7:00am Miami Beach, FL
- [The 5th International Conference on Patient and Family-Centered Care: Partnerships for Quality and Safety](#); June 4-6, 2012 Washington, DC
- [52nd Annual Meeting of the Teratology Society](#); June 23-27, 2012 Baltimore, MD
- [ISUOG World Congress](#); September 9-12, 2012 Copenhagen, Denmark



DEADLINE FOR SMFM 13TH ANNUAL MEETING [ABSTRACT SUBMISSION](#) IS AUGUST 6!

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