General Information

What is SMFM’s Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine gathers each winter for The Pregnancy Meeting to share the latest innovations in research and clinical care. Through educational seminars and research presentations, we bring together MFM's in training, practicing clinicians and veterans in the field.

When and where is SMFM’s 2016 Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
Annual Pregnancy Meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA at Hilton Atlanta. The official dates are Monday, February 1 through Saturday, February 6, 2016. The opening reception will be Wednesday Evening, February 3, 2016 from 6-8pm. Postgraduate courses, workshops and Symposia begin before the official start of the conference. Please check the program at a glance for up-to-date information.

What is the address for the Hilton Atlanta?
Hilton Atlanta
255 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303, US

Hilton Atlanta - Room Reservations
To receive the special group rate, reservations must be made by Friday, January 8, 2016. Reservations, room cancellations, and any special arrangements must be handled directly with the hotel. When making your reservations, please state the following call-in code "SMFM2016" to insure you receive the special group rate. To make your reservations online please use the following link: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SMFM2016
Reserve your room early–group rates are based upon availability.

What should I do if the Hilton Atlanta sells out of sleeping rooms?
You should contact SMFM Director of Events Terri Mobley. If for some reason we do sell out of our sleeping rooms at the Hilton Atlanta, we will work with surrounding hotels for the overflow of our attendees.

Who should attend SMFM’s Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
MFMs in training, practicing clinicians and veterans in the field. Also Nurses, Sonographers, Midwives and others in the field are welcomed to the meeting.

When does the meeting open? What is the first event?
Pre-conference postgraduate courses, workshops, and symposia begin Monday, February 1 and continue through Wednesday, February 3. Registration opens Sunday, January 31 from 5-7pm. The opening reception officially kicks off the conference on Wednesday Evening at 6:00 pm, February 3.

When does the meeting end? What is the last event?
SMFM’s 36th Annual Pregnancy Meeting officially concludes on Saturday, February 6. Oral Concurrent education sessions are over at 11:30am, Poster Session will be over at 1pm and the Saturday Session Awards Ceremony held in the Galleria Exhibit Hall starts at 1:00 pm.
I didn’t receive my program in the mail. Where is it?
You will be able to access the program details on our website under the Events tab “The Pregnancy Meeting”. You will be able to download a copy of the meeting brochure and registration form.

What is the dress code?
Attire is business casual. Feel free to be comfortable in slacks, polo shirts, sweaters, blazers, blouses and most importantly, comfortable shoes. We do recommend you dress in layers as temperatures in meeting rooms can vary.

I am bringing my family with me to Atlanta. Will there be activities for them to enjoy?
SMFM does not have scheduled events for your family or friends that come to Atlanta with you. The Wednesday Evening Opening Reception and Saturday’s Award Ceremony are open to you and your spouse/guest.

Will child care be provided while I’m attending the conference?
SMFM does not provide child care services during Annual Pregnancy Meeting. Attendees requiring assistance with child care should contact their hotel concierge.

I have a question about membership in SMFM.
Please contact the SMFM Member Services at 202-863-1640.

I have a question about Exhibiting.
You can review SMFM’s 36th Annual Exhibitors Prospectus for all of the available opportunities. If interested in Exhibiting and/or Sponsorship opportunities contact Julie Miller.

I have a question about Registration.
You can review SMFM’s 36th Annual Pregnancy Meeting Brochure online or contact Kara Shumaker or Temi Mobley.

I’m interested in Advertising Opportunities on the mobile app?
Contact Chris Coleman

Is there wireless access for 36th Annual Pregnancy Meeting attendees?
Wi-Fi access will be available complimentary in guest sleeping rooms. This is something that we have negotiated with the hotel to be provided to our guests.

When will the AJOG (Program Book) abstract book be available?
The SMFM Program Book will be available in the AJOG January 2016 Supplement issue which will be mailed on January 6, 2016. The online version will be available on January 4, 2016 at http://www.ajog.org/content/SMFM_supplements/

If I am at the meeting and have a problem, where should I go to ask?
The registration counter staff should be able to help or guide you in the right direction if you have a problem.

If I get sick and can’t present, what should I do?
Contact Terri Mobley SMFM Director of Events and/or Sean Blackwell, MD the Program Chair.

Registration

When does registration open for the Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
Pre-Registration will open in early November 2015.

What is the deadline for Pre-Registration?
Pre-Registration deadline is January 18, 2016. After that date, you will have to register on-site with an additional $150 Late/Onsite registration fee.

If I am an Oral or Poster Presenter should I register to attend the meeting?
Yes, you should register for the Scientific Session fee and pay for the registration.

How can I register for Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
There are several ways you can register for Annual Pregnancy Meeting. You can register online, by mail and onsite in Atlanta. Here’s how:

- Online – The SMFM’s 36th Annual Pregnancy meeting official Website provides Internet registration 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ([https://www.smfm.org/meetings/1-smfm-36th-annual-meeting](https://www.smfm.org/meetings/1-smfm-36th-annual-meeting)]
- By mail – Download, print and complete the registration form. Please mail with payment information to the address shown on the form. **Mailed Registrations Deadline:** Please do not mail registrations in after Friday January 22, 2016 as we cannot guarantee receipt in a timely manner for processing. Payment may be required onsite for registrations not received by the deadline. [Download a paper registration form/brochure.](#)
- Onsite – Registration counters are available onsite at the Hilton Atlanta on 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Foyer Area. Onsite registration hours are as follows:
  o Sunday – January 31, 5pm-7pm
  o Monday – February 1, 7am-10am re-open Noon-5pm
  o Tuesday – February 2, 7am-5pm
  o Wednesday – February 3, 7am-5pm
  o Thursday – February 4, 7am-5pm
  o Friday – February 5, 7am-5pm
  o Saturday – February 6, 7am-Noon

Can I register for a Pre-Conference (Course, Workshop) only?
If you wish to attend only the pre-conference postgraduate courses, workshops, and symposia Monday February 1 – Wednesday February 3, you will have to contact Kara Shumaker when registering for the meeting. Attendance at the main Scientific Meeting (Oral & Poster Presentations and Exhibits Thursday February 4 – Saturday February 6) requires payment of an additional registration fee. Prices are as follows: Registration Rates for Postgraduate Courses, Workshops, and Symposiums
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- Member/Guest – Full Day (8am-5pm) $450, Half Day (8am-Noon) $290 per course
- Fellows/Resident/Nurse – Full Day (8am-5pm) $275, Half Day (8am-Noon) $175 per course

How will I know if I’m registered?
All attendees will receive a confirmation by email. This confirmation is your receipt and verifies your address, contact information, the event(s) and/or additional fee per sessions for which you have signed up, and how much you have paid. If you have questions, please email Kara Shumaker and/or Terri Mobley.

What is included in my registration fee?
Registration for the pre-meeting courses includes continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch. A full conference registration for the main Scientific Meeting (Oral & Poster Sessions and Exhibits) include continental breakfast and breaks. The Wednesday Evening Reception and Saturday Morning Award Ceremony is open to you and your spouse/guest at no additional fee.

What if I need to make changes or additions to my registration?
Once you are already registered for the meeting you won’t be able to go online to make any changes or additions to your registration. You will need to contact Kara Shumaker and send her a new registration form by email or fax indicating on it that you are already registered but would like to “Add-On” or “Make Changes” that you will then mark on the registration form, and then send to Kara with payment information to make the additions or changes for you. Once she has made the changes you will receive a new email confirmation.

What if I need to cancel my registration?
Cancellations must be received in writing prior to Friday, January 22, 2016 and are subject to a $75 USD processing fee. Refunds will be processed within 30 days after the conference. Refunds will not be granted after January 22, 2016 nor will they be given for no-shows. Please email cancellations to Kara Shumaker and/or Terri Mobley.

What if I need to send someone else in my place?
Substitution of registration (same type: member/non-member) is permitted prior to Friday, January 22, 2016. Only one substitution is permitted per original registrant with written consent. The individual submitting the substitution request is responsible for all financial obligations associated with that substitution as well as updating any contact/demographic information. Please email substitution requests to Kara Shumaker.

How will I receive my badge?
If you are pre-registered you will check in at the Pre-Registration counters located on the 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Foyer area of the Hilton Atlanta. You will need to bring a copy of your confirmation/receipt with the bar code on it to scan, or you can just provide your first and last name and you will receive your badge. For those who are not pre-registered, you must check in and register at the On-Site counters located on the 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Foyer area of the Hilton Atlanta.

What if I lose my badge?
If you lose your badge at the conference, you can get a replacement badge from the On-Site registration counters.
Can I bring a guest to SMFM Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
Yes, you can bring a guest to Annual Pregnancy Meeting. All guests of a registrants are welcome to only the following events: Wednesday Evening Opening Reception, and Saturday Morning Award Ceremony.

What is the Look Who’s Coming list?
The Look Who’s Coming list is a list of current attendees that have given us permission to share their name as an Annual Pregnancy Meeting attendee. During the registration process, you can choose whether or not you want your name to appear on this list.

I have a question or problem regarding my registration.
For questions regarding registration please email Kara Shumaker and/or Terri Mobley.

I have a question or problem regarding my SMFM membership status.
For questions regarding SMFM Membership, please call 202-863-1640

What is the maximum number of continuing medical education (CME) clock hours I can receive at SMFM’s 36th Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
Many of the Postgraduate courses at SMFM’s 36th Annual Pregnancy Meeting February 1-3, 2016 will provide CME hours. Once the hours have been approved they will be listed on the website, please keep checking the site for updates.

How do I make changes or register for additional events at Annual Pregnancy Meeting?
To make any changes or additions to your registration, you will need to contact the meeting register Kara Shumaker. We will need to receive in writing the changes and or additions.

Why does my name badge need to be scanned prior to entering a Postgraduate Course?
We scan all attendees entering postgraduate courses for multiple reasons. First, we record how many attendees are in each session for help with future planning. Second, we scan badges to provide SMFM member attendees with their list of sessions attended as well as CME clock hours (needed for re-certification) achieved from attending PG courses at SMFM 2016 Annual Pregnancy Meeting. Third, we scan badges to be sure we are only allowing those who are registered, and paid for a particular course are entering the rooms. You must be registered and have paid for the course in order to enter the course. We have to be strict with this as we have to abide by the Fire Marshall approved room capacity for each course. Your name badge will be scanned by a SMFM staffing assistant as you enter the room.

Is there reserved seating in the General Session?
There is no reserved seating in the General Session. Feel free to sit where you like!

Poster Printing and shipping information

What are the size of the Poster Boards?
The boards are 8 ft. high by 4 ft. long (vertical)

For more information on the Poster Instructions and Poster Printing please click here.