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President's Letter . . .

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 76th year of the South Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society! As we plan our annual society meeting at the Grove Park Inn, I excited as the scientific program comes together and believe that it will offer excellent clinical information for our membership.

As we navigate uncharted waters from the seemingly never-ending Covid pandemic, we simultaneously face a time in Women's Health from the political arena threatening the very basic rights of our patient. There has never been a more important time for us to come together and advocate for our patients.

The South Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society remains strong as a voice for patients' rights as evidenced in the legislative section of our newsletter. It is vitally important that we all engage with our legislators and the Society to make sure that our voices are heard as we support the future of women's healthcare in our state.

At the upcoming Society Meeting, I hope that the time together will spark energy among the membership and lead to more collaborative relationships to strengthen our specialty in South Carolina. I am confident that we can meet the many challenges that we face to help manage and shape the many forces impacting our profession.

Please join me in inviting colleagues to join our Society and plan to attend our upcoming meeting. The scientific program should be stimulating and the social time invigorating. Lets make our Society strong again!

I look forward to seeing you in October at the Grove Park Inn!

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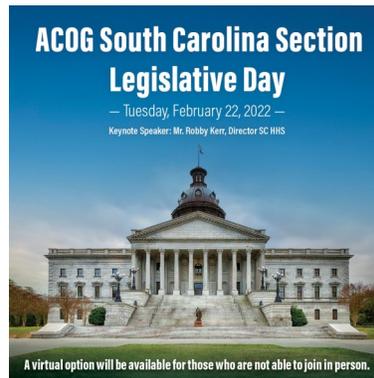
**SC Ob/Gyn Society
Annual Meeting
October 7 - 9, 2022
Asheville, North Carolina**

**ACOG District IV
September 30 - October 2, 2022
Asheville, North Carolina**

**ACOG Annual Meeting
May 6 - 9, 2022
San Diego, California**

ACOG SC Section Legislative Report Dawn Bingham, MD, MPH, FACOG ACOG SC Section Vice Chair and Legislative Chair February 22, 2022

ACOG SC Section Legislative Day – Held on 2/22/22. Over 40 faculty, residents, and medical students participated in the Keynote speech by SC DHHS Director Rob Kerr on Medicaid Extension in South Carolina, Legislative Updates with our ACOG lobbyist, and meetings with legislators, similar to ACOG CLC. A resolution recognizing 2/22/22 as ‘ACOG Day of Appreciation’ was read on the floor of the House of Representatives by Rep. Beth Bernstein, and our incoming SC ACOG Treasurer, Dr. Tricia Seal was introduced on the floor of the House and Senate and served as the ‘Doctor of the Day’ for the Statehouse.



Medicaid Extension – Working with coalition partners, SC ACOG has helped to secure 12-month Medicaid Extension for postpartum women in South Carolina. This was heralded and supported by SC DHHS director, Mr. Rob Kerr, and has received wide bipartisan support. Extending Medicaid coverage for new mothers from 60 days to 12 months postpartum will help address the negative social and public health effects that we bear from poor birth outcomes, particularly those born in rural and traditionally underserved communities in South Carolina.

Legislative Advocacy Resident Elective – created and implemented by Junior Fellow Chair, Dr. Katee Wyant, and approved by USC-School of Medicine Department of OB/GYN. To be available for a SC chief resident to interface and work on legislative projects with coalition partners over a month rotation period.

Perinatal Integration bill S379 – Dr. Amy Crockett offered testimony supporting midwifery colleagues in South Carolina’s Birth Centers in their request for additional regulation and oversight from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Greater integration of the Licensed Midwives and Birth Centers with the rest of the maternity care system in South Carolina will improve outcomes for mothers and babies in our State. Advocated for amendments to the bill that will increase patient safety and quality initiatives – including distance to travel, formal relationships with physician consultants, and accreditation by Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers (CABC), similar to accreditation by the Joint Commission.

Legislative Report (Cont). . .

Abortion ban ‘Trigger bill’ S988 – ACOG SC Section Officers provided testimony and expert witness and lobbying against this “trigger law” which would make all abortion illegal in SC should the Supreme Court overrule Roe. This would make it a felony for a physician to perform an abortion with a penalty of 2 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. This is criminalization of physicians acting within the scope of their training and the standard of care for their profession. *S.988 uses language referring to a fertilized egg as a person.* This ‘Personhood’ language has far-reaching implications beyond just abortion access. At the time of this report, bill is still in committee.

Medication Abortion Bill S907 - ACOG SC Section officers provided testimony, expert witnesses, and lobbying against this “abortion reversal” bill that requires physicians to tell patients that they can “reverse” a medical abortion with high doses of progesterone. This bill is essentially a medical misinformation mandate. At the time of this report, bill is still in committee.

SCMA resolution against criminalization of physicians – Working through SCMA House of Delegates and SCMA Inter-Specialty legislative Council, Dr. Bingham (ACOG) and Dr. Debbie Greenhouse (AAP) and Dr. Griffin Cuspid (AAFP) were able to introduce and gather support for the passage of a SCMA resolution denouncing the criminalization of physicians providing care within the scope of their training and within the standard of care. This resolution has been utilized as a tool to educate and convince legislators that the SC medical community has a united base of support in protecting physicians and patient care in spite of polarizing political discourse.

Maternal Health Awareness Day - ACOG Maternal Health Awareness Day was celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 22 and Sunday, Jan. 23 with a Blood Drive on the Prisma Health Richland Hospital campus, sponsored by the SC Section of ACOG. For every blood donation received, The Blood Connection contributed \$10 to Prisma Health Midlands Foundation, to benefit *SimCoach™*, a fully equipped mobile simulation training center led by Prisma Health-University of South Carolina School of Medicine Simulation Center. Through *SimCoach™*, team-based medical simulation training is offered around the state on many complicated procedures and scenarios, including lifesaving measures for mothers and babies. This event brought awareness of maternal health needs in South Carolina, an influx of blood donations, and \$340 raised for *SimCoach™*.

THE BLOOD CONNECTION
Your Community Blood Center

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Blood Drive

ACOG
South Carolina Section

In Celebration of National Maternal Health Awareness Day
Sponsored by the SC Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

*Bloodmobile will be located at front of hospital
Prisma Health Richland Hospital
5 Richland Medical Park Dr. Columbia, SC 29203*

January 22 | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
January 23 | 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

To make an appointment, please scan the QR Code.

For every blood donation, \$10 will be donated to the Prisma Health Midlands Foundation to benefit *SimCoach™*, a training to teach lifesaving measures for mothers and babies. Donors will also receive a BONUS \$25 eGift card (1,000 BONUS points)!
Some points awarded are for non-qualifying donations.

South Carolina has approximately the 9th highest rate of maternal mortality in the country. But did you know that approximately 60% of maternal deaths are preventable?

We must continue to focus our attention and resources on saving lives across the state, and especially in our community.

The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be collected every 56 days. Screen each 100 pints for 6 different viral infections and 100 for 10 different bacterial infections. Blood is screened for 6 different types of bacteria. Blood is screened for 6 different types of parasites. Blood is screened for 6 different types of viruses. Blood is screened for 6 different types of fungi. Blood is screened for 6 different types of parasites. Blood is screened for 6 different types of viruses. Blood is screened for 6 different types of fungi. Blood is screened for 6 different types of parasites.

[thebloodconnection.org/prisma](https://www.thebloodconnection.org/prisma)

Meeting Update . . .

The 76th Annual Meeting will be held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina October 7 - 9, 2022. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! A limited number of Spa Reservations are being held for advance booking. Call 800-438-5800 as soon as possible to reserve your spa treatment.

A special invitation has been issued by the NC Ob/Gyn Society for our members to attend the 2022 NC Ob/Gyn Society Annual Meeting to be held April 8-10, 2022 at Kiawah Island, SC. For further information regarding the schedule, program, lodging and registration, please contact:

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New Members . . .

Please encourage your partners to join the state society. Candidate membership is available for Board eligible physicians at one-half the annual active membership dues. Affiliate membership is now available for nurses, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, certified midwives and other licensed providers involved in women's health care. Please encourage residents and fellows to join our society under the new Resident/Fellowship category. You may contact Beth Owens for membership applications or apply on line via the society website.

2022 Dues Payable Now . . .

The 2022 dues are now payable. Please refer to the Society Website for further options regarding payment and update of personal information. You may pay your annual dues by mail or on-line using PayPal or credit cards through the society website. When you click "process payment" on the dues notice form, the PayPal page will open and you can select the blue button to use your PayPal account OR select the grey button which allows you to "Pay with debit or credit card". Checks can be mailed directly to Beth Owens at the address listed below. The by-laws state that all dues must be paid by the date of the annual meeting.

Members who have reached their 60th birthday and have paid their dues for the current year may apply for Emeritus membership. Please contact Beth Owens if you have any questions about your dues status. Emeritus Members who have passed their 70th birthday are no longer required to pay dues. Please make note of the change of address for the Society - **10120 Two Notch Road, Box 340, Columbia SC, 29223** as dues continue to be mailed to the old address.

Educational Highlights of the 2021 Annual Meeting . . .

The following residents were winners of the resident poster presentations:

1st Place - Savannah Micolucci, MD

PGY 4, Prisma Health/USC School of Medicine, Greenville, South Carolina

2nd Place - Jillian Claire, MD

PGY 4, Prisma Health/USC School of Medicine, Columbia, South Carolina

3rd Place - Hayden Latham, MD

PGY 3, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina

The society expresses its appreciation to the Research Mentors and Residents for their contribution to the scientific portion of the annual meeting. We would like to remind all Teaching Programs that the registration fee for the 2022 annual meeting to be held in Asheville, NC is waived for all residents who wish to attend from the state's residency programs.

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