

# November 2021

# **President's Message**

Greetings! This November, I have a lot to be thankful for because of APAOG staff and members. This past year, we have been diligently working to be the premier organization for PAs in working in Women's Health, to represent all PAs, and to elevate our status and opportunities. Research on our contributions is sparse, so we need to build that up to show "proof" of our efforts. We are revamping our membership survey to capture essential information and encourage you to complete the survey when it arrives. In January, we will debut our new journal and encourage submissions from PA students



and working PAs. Our new podcast will also start to discuss a diverse set of topics within our world. And, we have begun planning for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual APAOG virtual conference and are including your suggestions for topics. As you can see, we have had a busy year!

While we continue to explore opportunities to serve our members better, we understand the challenge PAs face when limited opportunities exist to enter their specialty of choice. As PAs, we lead a delicate balance between generalist training with flexibility to pivot to another specialty AND working in a specialty without customary "certifications." We are exploring several options and will keep you all abreast of our efforts.

From all our board members and staff, we wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving celebration. We appreciate you.

Melissa Rodriguez, DMSc, PA-C

## **Provide Your Feedback**

#### **WPSI Recommendations Public Comment Opportunity**

The <u>Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI)</u> has opened the public comment period for the following draft recommendations: Contraception and Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection. Public comment is an opportunity for broad public input that increases the transparency and quality of our program. The comment period for draft recommendations is October 27 – **November 24, 2021.** For timeliness, all comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. PT on the final day of the comment period.

**More Info + Comment Here** 

# **Upcoming Events**

### **AAPA Conference Registration**

Registration for AAPA 2022 is open. "Super Early Bird" pricing is available until Nov 30. This is the cheapest you will pay so plan to register ASAP!

Click here for more information.



# **Membership**

### **Time to Renew Your APAOG Membership**

To renew your membership, go to the APAOG Website and log-in. If you have questions or issues, please contact our office.

APAOG continues to work towards advancing the field of obstetrics and gynecology in the US through educational opportunities, creating a professional network, and the sharing of scientific information. View the APAOG Infographic by clicking on the image.



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# **Educational Affiliate Membership**

Now available year round - join today for only \$150 (\$245 value!) by clicking below. ACOG needs your help to provide a strong voice for the specialty. Join today in order to add your voice and reap your benefits.



\*Only available for Fellow, Associate and Affiliate APAOG members.

**ACOG's Membership Discount** 

# **Education**

## **Conference Recordings**

APAOG's 2021 Virtual Conference session recordings are available to all. Members only pay \$95 and student members pay only \$25. The on-demand recordings are approved for CME credit through the AAPA Review Panel. Register now to access the recordings.

#### **On-Demand Webinars**

APAOG is proud to offer members NO COST on-demand CME webinars that can be accessed at your convenience! The 2021 webinar series focuses on topics pertinent to PA's practicing in OB/GYN.

Pelvic Floor and Incontinence - Recognition and Importance in Daily Life Heather Isola, MPAS, PA-C

Preconception Care: A Provider's Approach to Improve Health Outcomes Heather Adams, MPAS, PA-C

Beyond the Baby Blues: An Overview of Perinatal Mental Health, Viraj Parikh, PA-C

APAOG Advocacy
Dave Mittman. PA-C

Female Sexuality Christina Saldanha, PA-C

#### Additional Webinars - No CME

APAOG offers additional educational webinars for members to access at their convenience. These webinars are <u>not eligible</u> for CME, but still focus on pertinent topics related to women's health.

Uterine Fibroids: Disease State, Etiology, Pathophysiology, Burden of Illness Presented by Heather Hackbarth, PA-C

**Access All Webinars** 

## Resources

### **Women's Health Resource Center**

Have you visited APAOG's <u>Women's Health Resource Center</u> on our website? This page highlights the companies and organizations that have taken advantage of our <u>Partnership Opportunity</u> for 2021. This creation stemmed from wanting to provide our members with resources and information that may be useful as you continue to treat patients and support women. Please reach out to us with any questions and feel free to share this opportunity with those around you who may find this to be a good fit.



#### **Career Center**

APAOG's career center may be the place for you to start your search for a new career, build your resume or post any current opening(s). The easy-to-use website has a variety of different options depending on what you are looking for. Click the button below to begin using the resources available to help both employers and job seekers.



Start Your Search

# **Helpful Links**

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