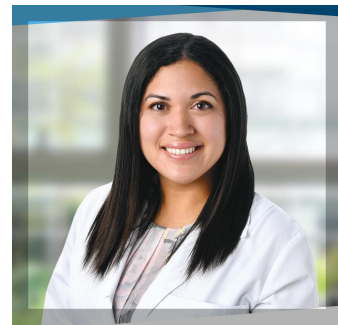




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President's Message

First, thank you to all that participated in our Women's Health Disparities conference this month. We were blessed to have amazing speakers, sponsors, staff, and participants; we are looking forward to next year already! Second, we are excited to announce that Dr. Elyse Watkins is our new Education Chair and has great plans in store for us all.



Finally, I want to address the preceptor crisis PA students are having across the country. Over 90% of PA programs are finding difficulty with obtaining OBGYN preceptors due to competition with other professions, misunderstanding on PA education, and the low representation of PAs in OBGYN. APAOG would like to change the trajectory on this issue and has initiated several projects to try. If you have ideas on ways to help, please connect with us. If you have the opportunity to be a preceptor, please sign up with your local PA program. There are many benefits to being a preceptor including CME credit, medical library access, and up to date, to name a few examples. If we increase preceptorship opportunities for PA students, we will recruit more PAs into the field, and open the minds of administrators around the nation regarding our amazing skills! APAOG feels strongly about PAs in OBGYN as we have the appropriate medical training for low *and* high-risk patients, surgical skills, versatility, and compassionate, team-based care. It takes a village to make a change and we need your help. Let's make the country aware of our talents. Thank you.

Melissa Rodriguez, DMSc, PA-C

APAOG Conference On-Demand

APAOG hosted the 2021 Virtual Conference earlier this month and is very excited to offer the conference session recordings to all. Members only pay \$95 and student members \$25. The on-demand recordings are approved for CME credit, through the AAPA Review Panel. [Register now to access the recordings.](#)

This event would not have been possible without the support and partnership of our sponsors. We thank the sponsors of this year's event. [Click here for more information!](#)



Earn CME Credit

Welcome

APAOG is excited to have Elyse join us as the new Education Committee Chair. If you are interested in getting involved with this committee, please [email](#) our office.



Elyse Watkins, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, NCMP

Elyse Watkins has been a clinically practicing PA since 1993 and spent over two decades working in ob/gyn. She is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Lynchburg's Doctor of Medical Science Program where she teaches Global Health and Evidence-based Medicine, and is visiting faculty at Florida State University's and Elon University's PA programs where she teaches the reproductive medicine/women's health curriculum. She also teaches the women's health module for the University of Lynchburg's PA program. Dr. Watkins was currently named Editor for the Women's Health section in the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*. In addition, she speaks at multiple local, state, and national CME conferences on global and women's health issues. Her peer-reviewed publications include articles in the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*, a chapter in a women's health textbook, a chapter in a pharmacology book, a book on professional practice issues for PAs, and a book on ob/gyn for clinical learners. She is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, PAs for Global Health, the North Carolina Academy of PAs where she is President, and the American Academy of Physician Assistants where she is a Distinguished Fellow. She is currently in the process of opening her own women's health and wellness practice that will focus on menopause and behavioral health.

Members-Only Access

APAOG members have access to the following benefits:

- [PA Guide to OBGYN](#)
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Resources For You

APAOG launched the new [Women's Health Resource Center](#) page on our website this year. This page will be added to throughout the year as more companies and organizations take advantage of our [Partnership Opportunities](#). 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 through the healthcare field you are a part of. 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.

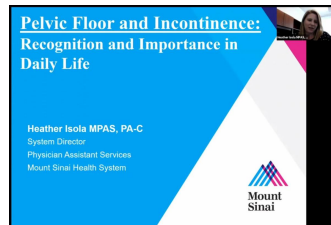


On-Demand Webinars

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

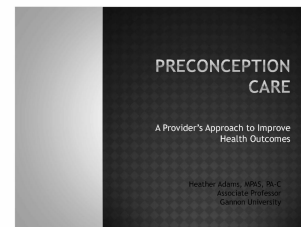
Pelvic Floor and Incontinence - Recognition and Importance in Daily Life

Heather Isola, MPAS, PA-C



Preconception Care: A Provider's Approach to Improve Health Outcomes

Heather Adams, MPAS, PA-C



APAOG is now offering additional educational webinars for members to access at their convenience starting this month. These webinars are not eligible 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



[Click here to access all webinars!](#)

Educational Affiliate Membership

This offer is only available until June 30, 2021 - 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.



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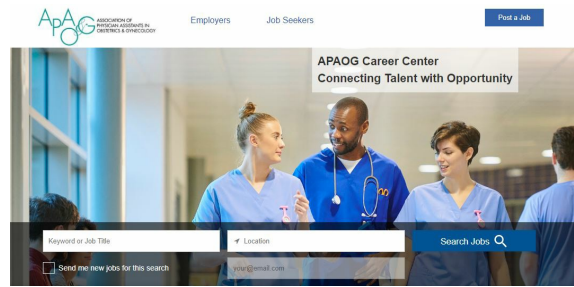
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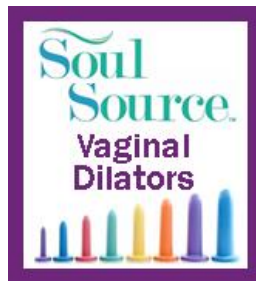
APAOG's Career Center

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.



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