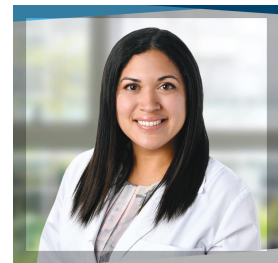




JULY 2021

President's Message

Welcome! July was a time for new beginnings, especially for those affiliated with an academic institution. APAOG is proud to welcome its newly elected board members to our team. Together, we will work to improve the PA landscape in OBGYN. We have identified the “4 P’s” necessary to make this happen: Preceptorship, Partnerships, Publishing, and Participation. While all four are important in our journey, I would like to highlight the partnerships. APAOG has been fortunate to have a seat at the table this year for several women’s health projects including the 2021 Maternal Immunization Summit hosted by ACOG and the ASCCP Enduring Risk-Based Management Guidelines task force. We also continue to create partnerships with national organizations including the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Society for Gynecology Oncology, and the American Association of Gynecology Laparoscopists. Nationally, we need to partner with healthcare institutions to showcase the benefits of hiring PAs. APAOG has created an infographic on PA education and training to get conversations started, which will be shared on our website. We encourage you to connect with leadership, educate them on our cause, and increase opportunities for PAs practicing in OBGYN.



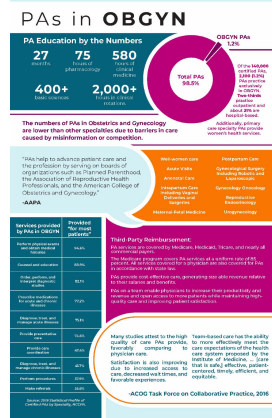
Melissa Rodriguez, DMSc, PA-C

Congrats - Board of Directors

APAOG's new Board of Directors started their terms July 1. We look forward to working together to provide APAOG members with the benefits they ask for and deserve. Please [visit our website](#) in order to view the new BOD. Congrats to those both serving in new positions and continuing on our board from past years as well.

NEW - Infographic Available

APAOG proudly provides this infographic as a conversation starter with healthcare leadership. We want to showcase our education and abilities in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We encourage you to make connections and share our stories. Our grassroots effort is what will make the difference in numbers.



APAOG Conference On-Demand

APAOG hosted the 2021 Virtual Conference in June and is very excited to offer the conference session recordings 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.](#)

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!](#)



Education Committee

Elyse joined APAOG as the new Education Committee Chair this summer. 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](#)
- [Onboarding Document](#)
- [Discussion Forum](#)
- [Free On-Demand and Archived Webinars](#)
- [Career Center](#)
- [Monthly e-News](#)

Women's Health Resource Center

Have you visited APAOG's [Women's Health Resource Center](#) on our website? This page highlights the companies and organizations that have taken advantage of our [Partnership Opportunity](#) 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.

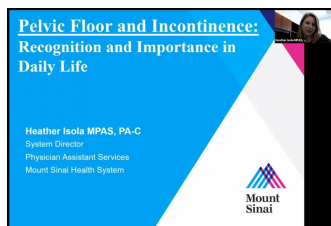


On-Demand Webinars

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

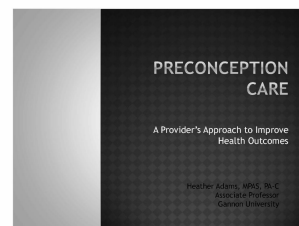
Pelvic Floor and Incontinence - Recognition and Importance in Daily Life

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!](#)

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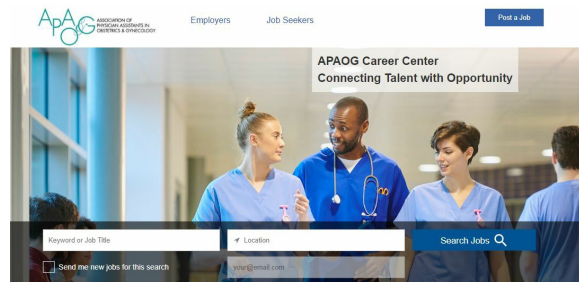
ACOG needs your help to provide a strong voice for the specialty. Join today in order to add your voice and reap your benefits.

**Only available for Fellow, Associate and Affiliate APOG members.*

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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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