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IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

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The Harmony Prenatal Test  
is validated for pregnant  
women of all ages\*

\*Both under 35 and over 35 age groups. Studies have included women ages 18-48. This is a lab developed test and has not been cleared or approved by the US FDA.

### APAOG Webinars



#### "2017 APAOG All-Members Webinar"

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APAOG always welcomes member feedback and insight - let us know your ideas for 2018!

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### 2018 Webinar Series: Call for Webinar Speakers

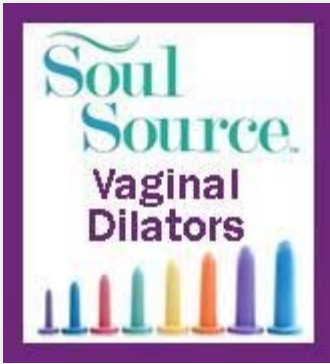
APAOG is looking for volunteers to speak on any of the following topics for their 2018 Webinar Series:

- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Bacterial Vaginosis

APAOG webinars are hour long educational event and usually taking place on a week night at **5PM PT/7PM CT/8PM ET**.

If you are interested, please let Ashley at the APAOG office know by email - [ashley@badgerbay.co](mailto:ashley@badgerbay.co).

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## Clinical Update

>> A Danish study released last week estimates that for every 100,000 women using hormonal birth control, there are 68 cases of breast cancer annually, compared with 55 cases a year among nonusers. For most clinicians, the results of the new study are not surprising as research demonstrated a link between birth control pills and breast cancer decades ago. However, the new study demonstrates an increased risk even with new pills that use lower doses of estrogen and by women who use hormonal intrauterine devices.

Overall the increased breast cancer risk identified among hormone users in the study was small and, for the vast majority of women in their 20s and 30s, the risk breast cancer is rare resulting in a modest amount of additional cases. Furthermore, oral contraceptives appear to reduce the incidence of some less common reproductive cancers such as endometrial cancer and ovarian cancer.

These new findings are extremely important; however, these findings should not scare patients away from effective contraception. Through patient education and shared decision making, clinicians should help patients feel empowered to choose a safe and effective contraceptive method that works best for them. "We're never going to eliminate all the potential risks that come with medication," says Dr. Lawrence, an obstetrician-gynecologist and chief executive officer of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. "But we know a lot of the benefits, and the No. 1 benefit is preventing unintended pregnancies and the health and socio-economic risks that go along with that."

>> On December 12<sup>th</sup> JAMA published the latest recommendation statement by the USPSTF regarding the use of hormone replacement in postmenopausal women. The Task Force issued a D recommendation for the use of hormone replacement to prevent chronic conditions in postmenopausal women, stating "The USPSTF recommends against the service. There is moderate or high certainty that the service has no net benefit or that the harms outweigh the benefits." This recommendation does not encompass the use of hormone replacement for the treatment of menopausal symptoms.

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## APAOG Membership Renewal Now Open!

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## **ACOG** 2018 ACOG-APAOG Educational Affiliate Membership

We are happy to announce that we will continue the discounted ACOG membership for APAOG Fellow, Associate and Affiliate Members for 2018. The cost is \$150 for access to ACOG's membership benefits. YOU MUST be a renewed 2018 member of APAOG to be eligible for the ACOG membership.

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