

May 2022

President Message

Greetings members. Once again, women are threatened to lose their right to decide how to manage their bodies. Their most private and vulnerable moments are being made public for the sake of politics. And, as unfortunate as it is to use religion to manipulate, these politicians are also using it to keep women out of the workforce and leadership positions. If the family were a concern, they would extend paid parental leave and provide quality childcare and health insurance for all. Whether we personally would have an abortion or not is our choice, not the



choice of our politicians. Recently, 25 medical and nursing organizations signed on to the <u>Amicus Curiae Brief</u>. While the AAPA did not sign on, current HOD Policy HX-4600.6.1 opposes attempts to restrict the availability of reproductive healthcare.

APAOG unequivocally supports the right of all individuals to determine and control the outcome of their reproductive organs, which includes the right to obtain contraception, emergency contraception, and abortion care. A person chooses her reproductive care in conjunction with her medical provider through confidentiality, evidence, and safety. There is no place for politics. States should focus on expanding access to safe contraception options at low cost. Emergency contraception should be provided without restrictions. And abortion care should be protected by the constitution.

Let politicians focus on policies that expand paid parental leave for a year, healthcare for all, and sound childcare systems. While they are at it, they should also address the growing hate crimes and racism prevalent in this country. Any attempt to interfere with the patient-provider relationship without evidence is unacceptable.

-Melissa Rodriguez, DMSc, PA-C

APAOG Board Nominations - Submit by May 20!

APAOG board nominations will remain open until end of day Friday, May 20. Please visit our website to view open positions, position information and the timeline. Consider nominating someone you know who may be a great fit or nominate yourself as a candidate if you're interested in being part of the group leading the way for PAs working in OBGYN. We have a few key positions open and look forward to having new faces join our leadership team. If you have any questions, please reach out to our administrative office! Remember, all positions come with guidance and support to ensure success.

Recent Releases

The Artemis

APAOG will be releasing the second issue of The Artemis: *The Journal of the Association of PAs in OBGYN* later this week. This is a member-only benefit that is new in 2022. Visit our website in order to access the journal, submit to be included, additional information, resources, ways to get involved, and to provide your feedback! We look forward to hearing from you in order to make the next issue even better.



Journal Webpage

The APAOG Podcast

In honor of APAOG's 30th anniversary, we sat down with three of the original founders of APAOG (Linda Burdette, Barbara Clark, and Rebecca Lehman) to hear their stories of starting APAOG and how it has changed over the years. Visit our podcast website for more information and to access!



Podcast Webpage

Prevention and Early Diagnosis of Uterine Cancer - Free Course

We are excited to share a new resource that we hope you will find very useful! The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have developed the Prevention and Early Diagnosis of Uterine Cancer online course, which summarizes the relevant literature and existing recommendations to guide clinicians in the equitable prevention, early diagnosis, and special considerations of uterine cancer.

The free, CME-accredited course will help clinicians:

- Identify risk factors for uterine cancer
- Summarize key health disparities in uterine cancer
- · Identify effective methods for risk modification and early diagnosis of uterine cancer

Course Information

Upcoming Events

APAOG 2022 Virtual Conference - On Demand Recordings

The 2022 virtual conference was held April 29-30, 2022. All sessions were recorded for attendees to access afterwards. Registration is available for those who wish to access. Access will begin on May 20, credit will be available to claim for one year. <u>Visit our website for more information and to register!</u>



APAOG Women's Health PA Meet Up - May 20

APAOG will host the Women's Health PA Meet Up during AAPA 2022 at this year's headquarter hotel. Join us for a social gathering, where we can meet to discuss APAOG and all things OBGYN. Anyone is welcome to attend, but RSVP is required. <u>Click here for more information and to RSVP!</u>



AAPA Conference - May 20-25

Registration for AAPA 2022 is still open. The website includes information on registration rates, what's included for the conference, cancellation policy, registering a group, discounts & promotions, and how to fund your trip. Click here for more information and to register!



Membership

Educational Affiliate Membership

This offer is 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.



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ACOG's Membership Discount

Education

On-Demand Webinars

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

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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

2022

Pathophysiology and Management of Abnormal Fetal Heart Rate Tracings Elijah A.J. Salzer, DMSc, PA-C, NYSAFE, C-EFM

Optimizing healthcare for individuals in the sex work industry, poly/open relationships, and BDSM/kink communities

Aleece Fosnight, PA-C

Birth Control Without the Pill: Non-hormonal, female contraceptive options *Mari Chadwick, MPAP, PA-C*

Diversity in Women's Health (AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 1) *LaDonna Clark, DMSc, PA-C*

Women's Health Resource Center

Uberlube - Premium Partner

Uberlube is a doctor recommended, premium silicone lubricant. Gentle and body-safe, Uberlube is designed for



intimacy but used for so much more. No taste, no smell and always slippery, a little bit of Uberlube goes a long way in easing painful intercourse. Also used by athletes for antichafing and hair stylists for a smooth, shiny look.

Career Center Resources

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 one of the buttons below to begin using the resources available to help both employers and job seekers.



Start Your Search

All Resources

Helpful Links

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