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SASGOG Research e-Letter

January 2026

Save the Date: SASGOG Annual Meeting & PROGRESS Course



Join SASGOG in Atlanta for the 2026 SASGOG Annual Meeting (September 24–25), followed by PROGRESS (September 25–29), SASGOG’s research course for early-career academic obstetrician–gynecologist specialist faculty and subspecialty fellows.

Our call for abstracts will launch on February 2nd! [Click here to view abstracts submission requirements.](#)

More information coming soon.

Research News

Women First Research Coalition (WFRC) Updates

The leadership of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) and Women First Research Coalition (WFRC) published this piece in *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* (AJOG) to bring attention to the urgent need to address the current crisis in Women’s Health Research:

[Addressing the crisis in women's health research: an American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society statement.](#)

Reference: Borahay MA, Alperin M, Turok D, Coutifaris C, Santoro N, Burd I, Barroilhet L,

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Research Resources

The SASGOG Research Committee is building a **comprehensive repository of research training programs** for OB/GYN residency graduates. We currently have **9 programs listed** and are eager to include more! We are looking for research-focused training programs, as well as other academic development opportunities with a strong research component. If you know of any programs that should be included, please **submit them using this link**: <https://sasgog.memberclicks.net/training-repository-form#/>

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Research Studies

Mayo Clinic Research Opportunity

Name: Phyllis Lawani

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Organization: New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

SASGOG Member Name: Phyllis Lawani

Descriptive title of the study: Current State of the Knowledge, Attitudes, and Skills for Managing Shoulder Dystocia

Brief description of the study: This project aims to examine the current attitudes and practice skills of medical practitioners in the field of obstetrics when managing a shoulder dystocia. Shoulder dystocia is a rare but serious complication seen on the Labor and Delivery unit. Likely in part due to its rare occurrence, practice habits vary from provider to provider. Treatment is more often dictated by empiric management, in contrast to other obstetric emergencies with rigorous, detailed protocols. As the art of practicing obstetrics transitions to include data-driven protocols, more information is required to understand the current knowledge, attitudes, and skills that contribute to the management of shoulder dystocia.

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11/17/2025

End date for the study survey:

3/31/2026

Publicizing Your Active Research Studies

Do you or your institution have an active research study that is applicable to academic specialists in general obstetrics and gynecology? SASGOG is happy to promote research studies to our members. Here's what you'll need:

- Study is submitted by a Supporting Institution, or one of the study investigators is a SASGOG member.
- A copy of the approved IRB.
- A descriptive title of the study and a brief description of the study.
- A link to the study survey and a link to a website that has more information about the survey.
- The start and end date of the study survey.

Submit information about your research study via the button below.

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Research Training Opportunities**University of Kansas**

Recommender Name: Dr. Valerie French

Email: nturner@kumc.edu

Name of Program: University of Kansas Medial Center Academic Specialist Fellowship

Program Website URL: <https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/academics/departments/ob-gyn/academics/academic-specialist-fellowship.html>

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- **Program Geographic Location - City:** Kansas City
- **Program Geographic Location - State:** Kansas
- **Program Geographic Location - Country:** United States
- **Contact Person Name:** Norma Turner
- **Contact Person Email:** nturner@kumc.edu
- **Program Director Name:** Valerie French, MD
- **Duration of Program:** One Year
- **Focus of Program:** Academic Medicine

Sharing Publication News

Do you have any peer-reviewed publications with a SASGOG member as first or senior author to report? Please share! Your submission is sure to inspire and encourage other SASGOG members!

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Share Your Good News

Have you recently received a grant? SASGOG members are interested. We'd like to share your news with fellow SASGOG members. Please take 5 minutes to share the information about your grant via the button below.

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