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SASGOG Research e-Letter

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2023 SASGOG Annual Meeting Abstract Awards

Congratulations to SASGOG Member – Dr. Lauren Gimbel, MD and her whole team on their first-place oral abstract at the 2023 Annual SASGOG meeting entitled: *Access to Perinatal Mental Health Care in Rural Health Centers and Community Clinics: An Audit Study*. The team contacted federally qualified health centers, community health centers, and rural health centers throughout Utah by telephone using a “secret shopper” approach to assess access to perinatal mental health care. The team found in community clinics in a predominantly rural state, appointments for perinatal mental health care were available. They found, however, that joint services for mental health care and prenatal care were not available, thus bringing attention to the need for integrated care services.

We also would like to congratulate Dr. David M. Haas and Dr. Antoinette Allen as well as their teams on award-winning abstracts at this year’s meetings.

We encourage all who submitted abstracts to the 2023 SASGOG Annual Meeting to let us know if your work is accepted as a manuscript!



Access to Perinatal Mental Health Care in Rural Health Centers and Community Clinics: An Audit Study

Lauren Gimbel, MD

First Place Oral Award



The Childhood Opportunity Index’s association with adverse pregnancy outcomes in nulliparous persons

David M. Haas, MD, MS

Second Place Oral Award

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Third Place Oral Award

Breakout Sessions on Research

Launching Your Research Program

Mostafa Borahay, MD, PhD, Tiffany Moore Simas, MD, MPH, Med, David Haas, MS, MD, Caitlin Martin, MD, and Alex Peahl, MD, MSc, all experienced researchers, presented their perspectives during the Annual Meeting breakout session on the how to Launch Your Research Program. Key takeaways from the session included:

- the importance of having your 'research pitch' and
- working with collaborators to grow your research through writing papers,
- sharing the clinical perspective on multidisciplinary projects and
- collaborating with epidemiologists on big data secondary analyses in your field.

Inspired to put these pearls to practice? Start reciting your 'research pitch' to friends, family, and co-workers in informal conversations, get feedback, and work towards it fitting into < 1 minute!

Grant Writing for the Academic Specialist

Sangini Sheth, MD, MPH, provided a comprehensive overview on grant writing from the benefits of applying for grants to different types of grants and the main components of a successful grant application. Key takeaways from the session included:

- understanding internal and external grant funding and different granting entities
- developing a cohesive grant application from specific aims to significance to approach/study design
- making the most of opportunities for collaboration as a co-investigator
- exploring the grant review process

SASGOG PROGRESS Course

Program for **R**esearchers in **O**bstetrics, **G**ynecology and **R**Eproductive **S**ciences
Application deadline extended to Thursday, June 15, 2023

SASGOG is accepting applications for the 2023 Program for Researchers in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and REproductive ScienceS (PROGRESS) Course.

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Professor, Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, and Research Division Chief, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UMass Chan Medical School and UMass Memorial Health

Co-Director - Emily DeFranco, DO, MS

Professor, Vice Chair of Obstetrics, Research and Faculty Development, and Maternal-Fetal Medicine Chief, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

The Course will establish, augment, and solidify foundational research knowledge and skills of early career obstetrician gynecologist specialist faculty and subspecialist faculty and fellows. PROGRESS will also establish and engage a network of experienced and emerging researchers that together will promote, sustain, and empower course participants' research careers while furthering the health and welfare of women and gender-diverse persons cared for by obstetricians and gynecologists.

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New Research Awards Offered by SASGOG

SASGOG's Research Committee announced two new Research Awards at the Annual Meeting.

- **Best Manuscript from a SASGOG Abstract Award** will be conferred in recognition of a paper published in a peer-reviewed and PubMed indexed journal within a year from poster presentation. Candidate manuscripts will then be evaluated based on an impact score consisting of significance, innovation, quality of the approach and investigator status. This prestigious award will include a certificate as well as monetary support.
- **SASGOG Award for Excellence in Research** will be conferred in recognition of an outstanding paper published in a peer-reviewed and PubMed indexed journal within the past year. First author members of SASCOG are welcome to submit through the online application. Papers will be evaluated based on an impact score consisting of significance, innovation, quality of the approach and investigator status. This award will include a certificate, an opportunity to present the work at the national SASCOG annual meeting and monetary support in the form of a fee waiver to attend the annual meeting. We welcome applications from all our members.



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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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RESEARCH RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

The following resources were shared during the research breakout sessions at the 2023 Annual SASGOG Meeting:

- The NIH's Office of Research on Women's Health provides an informational overview on [career development programs and projects](#).
- Use the National Library of Medicine's SciENCv tool to [build your biosketch](#).
- [Explore successful NIH grant applications](#) from mentors, colleagues, or the NIH.

We would like to highlight two maternal health-focused grant opportunities:

- [NIH Maternal Health Centers of Excellence](#)
- [PCORI Partnering Research and Community Organizations for Novel Health Equity Research: Addressing Social and Clinical Determinants of Maternal Health](#)

Sharing Research Resources

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Do you have any research-related resources available to specialists in OBGYN that you would like to share with your SASGOG colleagues? Thanks in advance for assisting other researchers!

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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

NEW - Obstetrics Hospitalist Fellowship - Mayo Clinic

The Obstetrics Hospitalist Fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, is a two-year training program for obstetrics and gynecology physicians who desire to pursue a career track in academic obstetrics hospital medicine.

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UAB Women's Health Research Fellowships in General Obstetrics and Gynecology

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology is proud to announce that we are accepting applications for the inaugural class of our women's health research fellowship program for academic specialists in general obstetrics and gynecology. Candidates should be interested in pursuing an academic career that combines scientific inquiry and clinical obstetrics & gynecology.

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General Obstetrics and Gynecology Reproductive Health Fellowship - UNC

University of North Carolina Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is seeking candidates for the Women's Reproductive Health Fellowship.

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Obstetrics Hospitalist Fellowship Program

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, announces the Obstetrics Hospitalist Fellowship. The two-year training program is for obstetrics and gynecology physicians who desire to pursue a career track in academic obstetrics hospital medicine.



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UCSF Research Fellowship in General Obstetrics and Gynecology

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences is recruiting for a research fellowship for general obstetrician/gynecologists interested in pursuing a clinical research career and growing their clinical skills.

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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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