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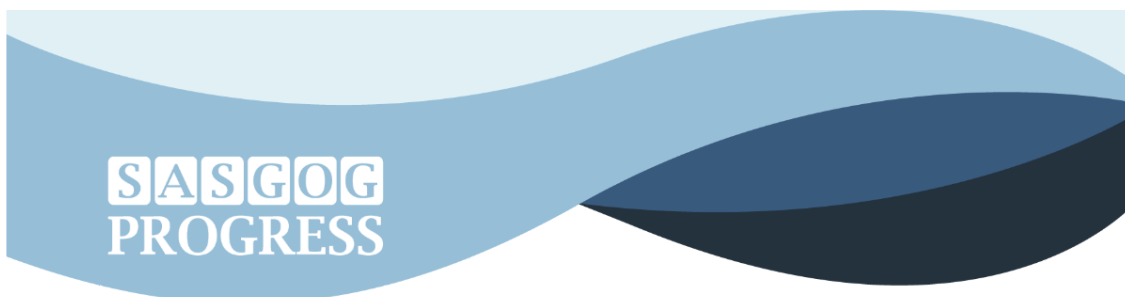
2025 Annual Meeting — Registration Open



Join colleagues and national experts at the 13th Annual SASGOG Meeting: Reaching the Summit, taking place in Denver, CO, on September 11–12, 2025. This premier gathering of academic generalist OBGYNs from across the country features a robust scientific program, including 93 poster presentations, 3 oral abstracts, engaging breakout sessions, and opportunities for mentorship, networking, and professional development. Be part of the conversation shaping the future of academic women’s health.

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PROGRESS Course Enrollment Still Available



Applications are still open for the 4th Annual Program for Researchers in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and REproductive ScienceS (PROGRESS) Course—don’t miss your chance

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professional networks, and contribute to advancing health equity. The course takes place September 21–25 in Tucson, AZ. Enrollment is closing soon—apply today!

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Research News

Women First Research Coalition (WFRC) Updates

The Women’s First Research Coalition (WFRC) recently published a statement in *The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* (*The Grey Journal*), titled [“Addressing the Crisis in Women’s Health Research”](#), highlighting critical gaps in federal funding that threaten the progress of scientific discovery and innovation in women’s health. WFRC continues to work with Congress, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other key stakeholders to advocate for increased and sustained investment in this essential area of research. [Read the article here >>](#)

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Research Resources

The SASGOG Research Committee is creating a repository of research training programs for graduates of OB/GYN residency programs. Specifically, we are looking for research-specific training programs, as well as other academic development opportunities with a significant research component. Please use the link below to submit any relevant research programs to our repository.

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Dr. Lee Learman, Dean and Professor, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine discusses advice from a storied career including: tips and tricks for academic specialists in obstetrics and gynecology with a medical education focused career pathway and advancing educational scholarship.



Research Opportunities

UAB Fellowship Opportunity

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is establishing a Division in Global and Rural Health. The vision is a bi-directional approach to extend women's health research and resources to other countries, take what is learned, bring the information back home, and apply it in local communities—particularly rural settings. Likewise, studies and research being done in rural Alabama and other local areas are being taken and applied internationally. **Therefore, we have open faculty rank positions (Assistant to Full Professor) focusing on global and/or rural health.**

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We also recently started a 2-year fellowship in Global and Rural Health for Ob/Gyn physicians who are interested in academic careers.

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CREST Program

CREST is funded by an NIH R25 grant and we seek to provide a mini-Masters type program that is customized for MDs who practice reproductive medicine.

including a number of Division Chiefs and some Department Chairs. It is an excellent career stepping stone for academic physicians as well as practicing physicians who wish to become involved in clinical trials. Please forward information about CREST to any faculty who you feel might be appropriate for this program.

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American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Continuing Certification Articles Featuring SASGOG Members - January 2025

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