



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. The “Pregnancy Meeting” has become one of the premier Obstetric and Maternal Fetal Medicine meetings in the world, with over 2,500 attendees last year in Atlanta. We hope that this meeting will allow everyone to get excited about cutting edge research, catch up on real important new clinical information, network, see old friends, and make new ones. Of course, the ultimate goal is to improve health care for women and babies—and to have a very good time in Las Vegas.



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Scientific Program Overview

This year there were a record 2,130 abstracts submitted! We accepted 940 (46%) for presentation including 115 Orals and 875 posters. This was a substantial increase from the 1,749 submitted last year and underscores the popularity of the meeting and the quality of the abstracts accepted. Each submission underwent blinded peer review by four separate SMFM reviewers (122 general reviewers). The top abstracts then underwent additional blinded review by four senior reviewers (43 senior reviewers). We are indebted to the general and senior reviewers who are listed in this abstract book. The final step involves the program committee utilizing the reviewer’s scores to organizing the oral and poster sessions.

The program includes 115 oral presentations given over three days. There will be a general plenary session on Thursday morning and a plenary session highlighting work by MFM Fellows on Friday morning. Also, there will be nine concurrent oral sessions including three on Thursday afternoon, three on Friday afternoon, and three on Saturday morning. We will continue the increase of 29 talks initiated last year compared with prior meetings, which reflects the increased quality and demand. Sessions will focus on randomized clinical trials, preterm birth, fetal therapy and genetics, clinical obstetrics, basic science, metabolism and obesity, infectious disease, and medical complications.

There also will be two late-breaking abstracts presented on Friday morning immediately following the fellow’s plenary session. These are intended to showcase high-impact clinically relevant studies that were not completed in time for the regular abstract deadline. These abstracts also are subjected to blinded review and scoring by four senior SMFM investigators.

This year there was an increase in the total number of posters to 875 (compared to 750 last year). These will be spread out in five sessions over three days including 175 posters per session. This increase reflects an increase in the number of quality submissions as well as an increase in available meeting space. A decision was again made not to offer electronic posters as an option this year due to substantial cost. However, we will continue to explore this option as costs decrease and it becomes more attractive and feasible.

Awards will be given to the top rated oral and poster presentation from each session. For each oral presentation session, there are three judges (who are not the

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moderators). There are six judges for each poster session. Judges use a structured scoring guide that assesses study design, innovation, impact and presentation quality. The awards ceremony will be held Saturday morning for work presented Thursday and Friday and at the end of the program for work presented on Saturday.

Postgraduate Courses, Special Interest Groups, and Luncheon Roundtables

Postgraduate courses will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There are 12 total courses with about three options per half day. Topics include prenatal genetics, critical care, medical education, simulation, infectious disease, debates, ultrasound, fetal therapy, medical complications and preterm birth. Other options include putting the “M” back in MFM session, a research symposium on preeclampsia, a journal reviewer course, and a cervical length measurement course. These focused educational sessions feature a diverse array of content experts from all over the world and provide high-quality CME.

On Wednesday afternoon, there will be 18 different special interest group sessions. There is no cost to attend these sessions, and they are an excellent opportunity to hear and participate in cutting edge discussions and to network with others sharing your interests. There also will be twelve

luncheon roundtable discussions; six on Thursday and six on Friday. These will allow members to interact with content experts in an informal and small group setting. Cutting-edge topics include Zika, cardiac arrest, short cervix, antidepressants in pregnancy, HIV and HCV, prenatal genetic testing, skeletal dysplasias, CMV, contraception, triple I, and opioid use.

Finally, we encourage EVERYONE to participate in the Foundation for SMFM’s 5K Walk/Run. The event will be held Saturday morning before the scheduled presentations and raises money for the Foundation for SMFM. No excuses—walking is allowed and encouraged.

On behalf of the other members of the 2017 SMFM Program Committee, Joanne Stone, MD (poster chair), Lorraine Dugoff, MD (Postgraduate courses) and Alison Cahill, MD (Special interest session chair), we look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas! Join the Convergence at #SMFM17



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