

# The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics ...APGO



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*...advancing women's health  
through education*

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*Honoring our Core Values...*

# ABOUT APGO

## APGO Mission

The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics promotes excellence in women's health care by providing optimal resources and support to educators who inspire, instruct, develop and empower women's health care providers of tomorrow.

APGO represents academic obstetrician-gynecologists in the United States and Canada. It occupies a unique position in offering contemporary, applicable teaching tools for physician-educators, and learning mechanisms for faculty, students and residents, with the ultimate goal of providing optimum health care to women.

## Our Core Values

- Commitment to teachers and teaching
- Passion for excellence in women's health care education
- Collaboration among professionals
- Innovation in educational tools and techniques
- Maintaining the following six core competencies:
  - Professionalism; Interpersonal skills; Practice-based learning and improvement; Systems-based practice; Medical knowledge; and Patient care

## Core Purpose

To globally improve women's health through education

## Core Principle

To engage and provide value for department chairs and faculty

## Goal

APGO's 25-year goal, adopted in 2007, is to provide unsurpassed resources and teaching in women's health care education around the world

## Areas of Concentration

- Obstetrics and gynecology and women's health care education
- Foster interaction among women's health care provider groups, both inside and outside the U.S.
- Faculty development
- Curriculum development



*Timothy Johnson, MD  
APGO President*

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## APGO History

In 2008, APGO celebrates 45 years of excellence in medical education. Through the years, APGO has evolved from its first small meeting with 11 department chairs in attendance, to today's highly respected organization representing 218 member and institutional departments in ob-gyn, and nearly 1300 individual members. APGO has achieved this growth through the vision of its dedicated, influential leadership, and its loyal and growing membership.

In 2006, APGO assumed the programs and projects of the newly dissolved APGO Women's Healthcare Education Office (WHEO). The APGO Interdisciplinary Women's Healthcare Education Committee now guides project development and educational programs for interdisciplinary women's health and produces APGO materials by collaborating across disciplines.

In 2007, APGO assumed the activities and operations of the APGO Medical Education Foundation. Over the 23 years of its existence, the foundation did an extraordinary job of fulfilling its mission as APGO's fund-raising arm. Its original goal of \$2.5 million was reached in 1991 and, when assumed by APGO, had a corpus of nearly \$4 million. A newly-formed Development Committee now provides the oversight for new project initiatives and seeks funds for identified projects.

## APGO Staff

APGO's six professional staff members value integrity, and employ vision and action to support the organization's mission:

Donna Wachter, Executive Director

Bonnie Fetsko, Membership Specialist

Kelly Collinson, Meetings Specialist

Pamela Johanssen, Communications Director

Adryon Montgomery, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Davis, Program and Grant Specialist



*Donna Wachter*  
*APGO Executive Director*

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## APGO Corporate Liaison Council (CLC)

When the APGO Corporate Liaison Council was established in 1995, it became the first of its kind - a collaborating council between industry and education. It has since become the benchmark for other organizations that are trying to merge these two relational components to further their missions.

The council meets with the APGO Board of Directors once a year to develop initiatives to ensure a bright and prosperous future for women's health education and, ultimately, for women. The council, which celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2005, is now in its 13th year of existence.

*"The partnerships and accomplishments that have been developed over the past 12 years are the foundation for which the CLC will continue its collaborations."*

*-Loretta Goodwin, CLC Chair*

The CLC and their companies are central to the vitality of APGO as we work together to identify new opportunities and creative solutions for the betterment of women's health education.



*Loretta Goodwin  
Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
CLC Chair*



## Corporate Liaison Council Mission

- Foster interaction between leaders in obstetrics and gynecology and industry;
- Collaboratively identify, develop and implement educational programs and activities in women's health care; and
- Provide early access to information regarding evolving trends in women's health care.

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## APGO Web Site...[www.apgo.org](http://www.apgo.org)

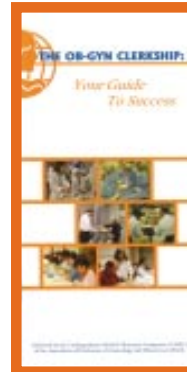
The Web site offers access to:

- Faculty development opportunities
- Meetings information and registration
- Access to grants and awards information
- Resource Network
- Opportunities for committee and task force involvement, CLC involvement
- Interdisciplinary activities
- Bookstore, housing books, videos, pamphlets, etc.
- eLearn, the newest section of the site housing all of APGO's electronic educational resources
- The Women with Disabilities Web site
- Membership information
- Medical student, resident and clerkship director information
- Residency Directory

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*Access APGO's Educational Series on Women's Health Issues on the eLearn page of our Web site... [www.apgo.org/elearn](http://www.apgo.org/elearn).*



*All APGO resources, including The Ob-Gyn Clerkship: Your Guide to Success, are sold at reduced cost to APGO members at: [www.apgo.org/bookstore](http://www.apgo.org/bookstore).*

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## APGO Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

The APGO Undergraduate Medical Education Committee (UMEC) is the “energy” behind APGO, and is committed to providing the best support and resources for women’s health care educators. By utilizing the most innovative approaches to teaching and learning, UMEC develops and makes available new educational tools to educators and students. Its extensive workload and highly visible outcomes are continually recognized by the APGO Board, and its resources are highly utilized by the APGO membership. Much of their work is published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

The fellowship and collegiality of the committee is central to the success of its goals and is a source of strength and satisfaction for its members.

### The UMEC works tirelessly to:

- Organize, plan and implement educational programs at the annual APGO Faculty Development Seminar, and the CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting, as well as Clerkship Directors’s Workshops for new and advanced clerkship directors;
- Develop educational materials for medical students, residents and faculty;

- Update APGO publications
- Participate in the Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE), a multidisciplinary group of undergraduate clinical teaching organizations; and
- Select recipient(s) of the annual APGO Web Site Award of Excellence.

### It’s latest achievements include:

- Completing the 529-question uWISE online quizzes to help medical students acquire the necessary basic knowledge in ob-gyn, regardless of future specialty choice;
- Completing the 10-pamphlet *Effective Preceptor Series*, designed to assist educators in their teaching endeavors;
- Performing a diagnostic organizational review of APGO from UMEC’s point of view; and
- Completed and published three new papers in the *To the Point: Reviews in Medical Education* series, published in AJOG

Maya Hammoud, MD  
UMEC Chair



# MEMBERSHIP

## APGO Membership

APGO membership is open to individuals with an interest in obstetrics and gynecology and women's health, including department chairs at universities and community-based teaching institutions, deans, program directors, faculty members and department managers. Members are encouraged to attend APGO's two annual educational meetings and to be active in the association. Membership in APGO opens up a world of valuable seminars, award grants, publications and other materials that offer the most current information about women's health care issues.

You may join online at [www.apgo.org](http://www.apgo.org), under Become a Member, or by contacting the APGO office at (410) 451-9560. The dues cycle runs from July 1 to June 30.

Detailed information may be found on the APGO Web site, [www.apgo.org](http://www.apgo.org), under "Welcome."

*A medical student learns ultrasound techniques at an APGO member institution.*



*A medical student at an APGO member department learns hands-on techniques from a physician-educator.*



## Membership Categories and Fees

**Member Departments - \$1250**

For university departments recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

**Institutional Department - \$1000**

For non-university teaching hospitals with active educational programs for undergraduate medical students in obstetrics and gynecology

**Individual Membership or Fellows - \$185**

For individuals with an interest in the objectives and activities of APGO and in academic obstetrics and gynecology.

**International Membership - \$270**

For international friends

## APGO Membership Benefits

### Subscription to *The APGO Reporter*

Published five times a year in electronic format, *The APGO Reporter* is the membership's collective source for current and upcoming APGO activities and information.

### APGO Membership Directory

The APGO Membership Directory is an annual listing of all university- and institution-based member departments, as well as individual members throughout the United States and Canada.

### Discounted or Free APGO Resources

APGO's publications and electronic resources that address women's health care issues and enhance medical student and resident training, and faculty development are discounted or free for members.

### APGO Meetings and Educational Programs

APGO holds several comprehensive educational meetings and scholarly programs, offered annually, that are designed to help ob-gyn physician-educators teach women's health more effectively. They are offered at discounted rates to members.

Find out more at [www.apgo.org/foreducators](http://www.apgo.org/foreducators).

### APGO Grants

APGO members are eligible to apply for annual APGO endowment grants and awards.

### APGO eBulletins

APGO members receive periodic e-mails from APGO, containing meeting updates, award deadlines and pertinent information on the latest APGO educational and teaching resources.

### Free Online Access to the *APGO Medical Student Educational Objectives*

Medical students and APGO members receive free access to the password-protected *Medical Student Educational Objectives*, which offers outlines, teaching tips and case studies ready for lecture use by faculty and for student learning. This resource is being updated, beginning in 2008.

### Access to eLearn Resources

The resources housed on eLearn, the Web site area housing all APGO's electronic teaching and learning resources, is accessible to APGO members, either free or at reduced rates.

### *AJOG*

A yearly subscription to the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* is included in your APGO membership.