

Successful Models of Collaborative Practice in Maternity Care

Invitation to submit papers:

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Nurse-Midwives are calling for papers describing successful and sustainable models of collaborative practice involving obstetrician-gynecologists and certified nurse-midwives/certified midwives. The impending maternity care workforce crisis necessitates focusing on best practices across the US; therefore, preference will be given to papers about successful collaborative practice and outcomes. Discussions of how physician and midwife collaborative practice models have affected maternity and women's health care in both community and academic settings are being sought. Papers will be evaluated based on thoroughness of description, sustainability, level of influence on access to care, health disparities, vulnerable populations, clinical outcomes, education or research. Papers may be selected for publication in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. Top papers from academic and community settings will receive a monetary award. The authors will be asked to present at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists 2011 Annual Clinical Meeting and at the American College of Nurse-Midwives 2011 Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Guidelines for paper submission:

1. Papers must be coauthored by at least one Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and one Certified Nurse-Midwife/Certified Midwife who is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.
2. Topics suggested for inclusion:
 - Background for the initiation of the collaborative practice,
 - The practice model, including how patient care decisions are made,
 - State, regulatory and credentialing issues that have been addressed,
 - Practice outcomes (using data if possible) related to women, providers and health care setting,
 - Challenges faced and solutions,
 - Interdisciplinary education and training,
 - Suggestions for model replication, and
 - Plans for any future initiatives.
3. Manuscripts may be prepared according to the Author Guidelines for *Obstetrics & Gynecology* for "Current Commentary" (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/ong/>) and be 10-30 pages in length.

Timeline:

Manuscripts due February 1, 2011. Notification of award will be March 15, 2011.

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