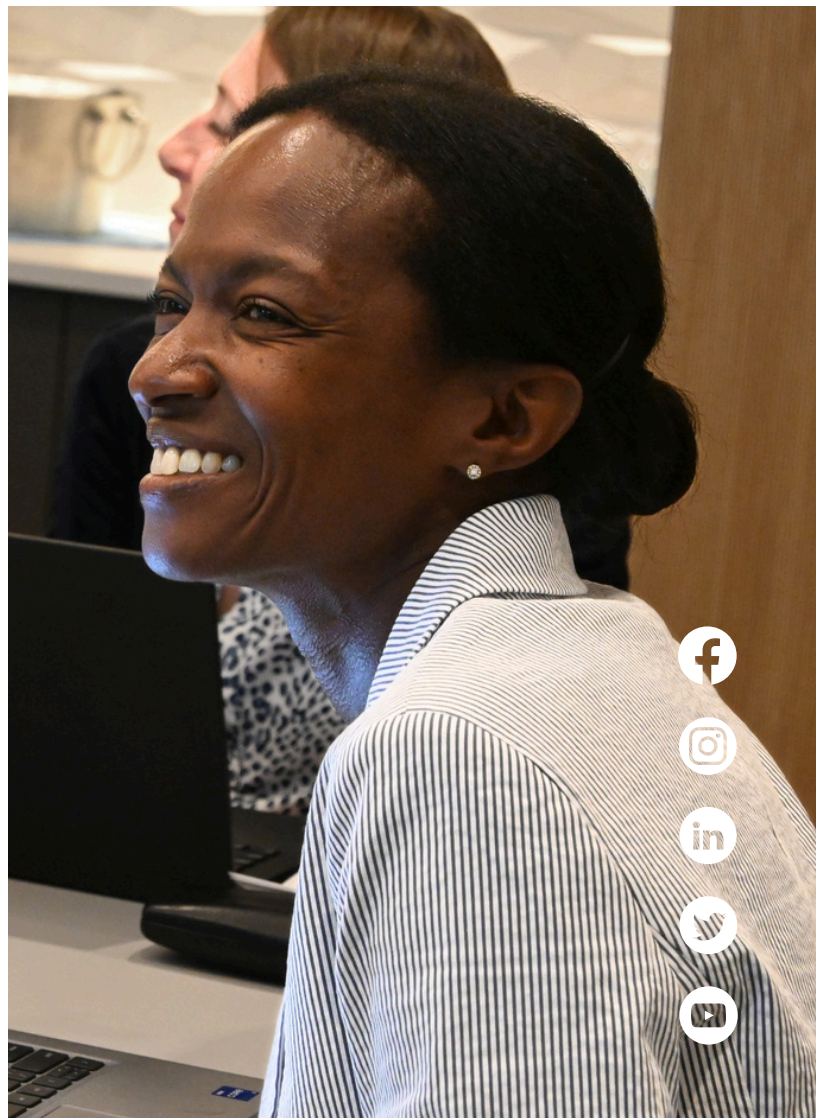
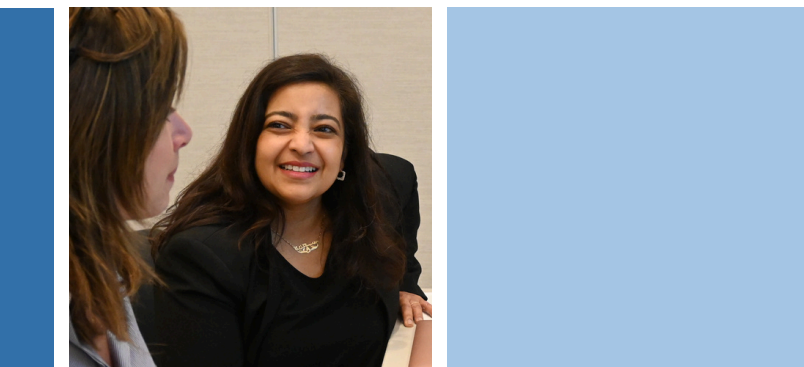




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## ABOUT ABOG

The **American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)** is a non-profit organization that board certifies obstetricians and gynecologists (OB GYNs) and offers continuing certification to OB GYNs in the United States and Canada. Board certification is a voluntary process for those physicians who choose to pursue certification.

In addition to offering board certification in the obstetrics and gynecology specialty, ABOG also administers board certification in five subspecialties:

- Complex Family Planning
- Gynecologic Oncology
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
- Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery

## OUR MISSION

To define standards, certify obstetricians and gynecologists, and facilitate continuous learning to advance knowledge, practice, and professionalism in women's health.



ABOG also offers a public website called **OB/GYN Health+**. Its mission is to serve as a resource for OB GYN patients, inspired by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology's quest to help them live their best lives. The purpose of the site is to educate, energize, and empower patients with information and resources across a broad spectrum of health topics.

OB/GYN Health+ also offers beneficial information about the importance of seeing a board-certified OB GYN provider and provides access to an online tool to verify whether an OB GYN is board-certified in the specialty, as well as in any subspecialty.

Visit [OB/GYN Health+](#) to learn more about this resource.



# Letter from ABOG Leadership

Dear Diplomates, Candidates, and Patients,

We are delighted to share with you our inaugural annual report. Our relationships with our stakeholders are incredibly important as they are paramount to our mission to define the standards, certify obstetricians and gynecologists, and facilitate continuous learning to advance knowledge, practice, and professionalism in women's health. In 2023, our mission became further bolstered by three primary pillars that we feel serve as a firm foundation for our organization's future and the future of OB GYN board certification: **Connection, Voice, and Mastery.**

## CONNECTION

As your Board President and Executive Director, and as clinically active diplomates ourselves, we are working to strengthen ABOG's connections with candidates, fellows, specialists, and subspecialists. Fortunately, this past year marked several milestones, and as a result, more opportunities to enable ABOG to begin fostering stronger connections.

We now reside in a new national center which provides not only state-of-the-art testing space, additional lactation rooms, and more functional work settings, but the new facility also offers multiple convening spaces that afford opportunities to bring various stakeholder groups together to more rigorously promote safe care for patients.

Another valuable aspect of connectivity that we can

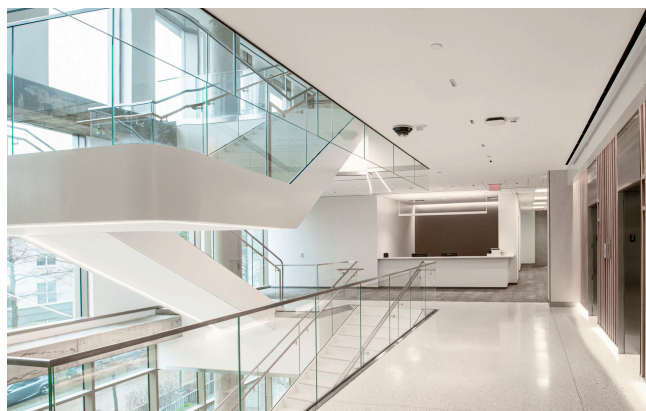
enhance revolves around our relationships with pertinent professional societies. As we gain valuable insights across the spectrum of OB GYN topics, we share those insights with societies to help advance delivery of pertinent educational materials and further guide the science to meet the needs of trainees and diplomates. To that end, we eagerly anticipate hosting more on-site events to optimize effective ideation, planning, and execution based on connection and shared intelligence.

## VOICE

Our national presence and perspective lend themselves to offering a synergistic voice, one that seeks to serve our populations of candidates and diplomates fairly, effectively, and ultimately with the goal of advancing health care for all our patients based on science and evidence-based medicine.

Across all our processes, from standard-setting to the careful selection of continuing education materials, ABOG works to support its stakeholders through an inclusive lens, one that thoughtfully considers how to best serve our diplomates across the country and offer our programming accordingly.

Our latest subspecialty addition, Complex Family Planning (CFP), exemplifies national collaboration among a broad coalition of experts who recognized the importance of delivering essential CFP subspecialty care to a patient population in need. We offered our first CFP Qualifying Exam for fellows in 2023 and are now building the blueprint for the Certifying Exam. We also have had



**LEFT:** Interior of second floor lobby at ABOG's new national center. This dynamic space is designed to facilitate seamless exam day operations, allowing candidates and examiners to move efficiently. The floor includes 59 exam rooms.

**RIGHT:** Interior of a conference room. The center includes 12 conference rooms, which aim to enhance collaboration among staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders.

*Photos by Jordan Fraker Photography.*





# Letter from ABOG Leadership

introductory meetings with our Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (PAG) colleagues as we move toward PAG subspecialty application, so that as an allied force we more vigorously address the needs of our country's pediatric and adolescent patients. Lastly, we expanded access to our volunteer opportunities to better represent the voices and diversity of our diplomates and the patients we serve.

## MASTERY

Finally, we come to mastery, which speaks to the vast knowledge that is integral to the practice success of residents, specialists, fellows, and subspecialists from residency to retirement. As clinically active diplomates, we know the diligent work that goes into caring for patients, particularly in an era that bears witness to faster advances in medicine. Keeping abreast of the latest diagnostic tools and treatment procedures across the OB GYN domain requires increased attention and commitment to continuing education.

With that in mind, in 2023, we set in motion the planning and development of new continuing certification initiatives, including Personalized Continuing Certification programming, which will cater to individual educational needs and deliver customized content recommendations to ABOG's 40K+ diplomates. Our popular continuing certification (MOC) programs consistently offer relevant information to aid in filling gaps in knowledge and deliver new material across a wide variety of emerging topics.

Also in 2023, we began development of a new resident portal – and aligning with the intent of our mastery pillar – the portal will make continuing certification articles available to residents to facilitate knowledge enhancement even prior to becoming board certified.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Throughout 2024 and beyond, we are committed to continue evolving, seeking innovative ways to elevate our initial and continuing certification offerings. In the spirit of transparency, we will keep you updated on activities and on our processes through several channels, including this new annual report.

2024 is turning out to be a remarkable year, filled with accomplishments and milestones, including the 50th anniversary of three out of five of our subspecialties: Gynecologic Oncology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Reproductive Endocrinology.

Lastly, and most importantly, we celebrate the unwavering commitment that all of us as diplomates deliver to ensure the health and safety of our patients. Earning and maintaining certification through ABOG, a founding member of the American Board of Medical Specialties, is evidence of that commitment. As we inch closer to ABOG's 100th anniversary (in 2027), we look forward to strengthening our partnerships with all of our stakeholders to advance ABOG's vision and enhance ongoing certification support for many years to come.

Sincerely,

**Amy E. Young, MD**

*Executive Director*



**George Macones, MD, MSCE**

*President*



# News Highlights

## ▶ ABOG Approves AAGL's EMIGS Training and Testing Program as Option to Meet Surgical Skills Program Standard

ABOG approved the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists (AAGL) Essentials in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (EMIGS) Training and Testing Program as an alternative option for candidates to meet the Surgical Skills Program standard for ABOG certification, which was initially announced in 2018.

This standard is part of a broader initiative by ABOG to incorporate simulation and standardize the knowledge and training completed by OB GYN residents. It also establishes an additional objective measure for all U.S. obstetricians and gynecologists applying for specialty certification.

[Read more](#)

## ▶ Kay Nelson, Exam Publisher, Retires After 30 Years at ABOG

ABOG announced the retirement of Kay Nelson, Exam Publisher, effective March 3, 2023.

Kay began her career at ABOG in March of 1993. Over the past 30 years, Kay has been an instrumental force in helping develop, deliver, and facilitate ABOG's annual Qualifying, Certifying, Continuing Certification (MOC), Focused Practice, and Re-Entry Exams.

Kay said she will miss her coworkers and the family atmosphere at ABOG. Her favorite parts of her job included collaborating with and working alongside OB GYN doctors, editing and developing test questions, and traveling and meeting new people.

Kay's tireless contributions and commitment to ABOG, its mission, and the field of women's health will be remembered by many. ABOG congratulates Kay on her 30 years of service, and we wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

[Read more](#)



## ▶ ABOG Appoints Amy Young, MD, as Executive Director

ABOG appointed Amy Young, MD, as its new Executive Director, effective September 13, 2023. Dr. Young is ABOG's first female Executive Director in its nearly 100-year history.



As Executive Director, Dr. Young will further ABOG's mission by partnering with the Board of Directors and staff to advance the organization's strategic goals, foster collaboration with stakeholders, and promote continuous development in the certification and continuous certification processes.

Prior to joining ABOG, Dr. Young served as the vice dean of professional practice for Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin and chief clinical officer for UT Health Austin, the medical school's clinical practice. She previously served as the inaugural Chair of Women's Health for Dell Medical School. She was also the interim chair of the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and continues as a distinguished professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Dell Med.

The appointment of Dr. Young as the new Executive Director represents a significant milestone for ABOG, and her vast experience and expertise will undoubtedly contribute to the organization's ongoing mission to facilitate continuous learning to advance knowledge, practice, and professionalism in women's health.

[Read more](#)

## ▶ ABOG Elects New Board of Directors Members and Members of Subspecialty Divisions

Two new Board of Directors Members and two new subspecialty Division Members for ABOG were elected and began their terms on July 1, 2023.

### *Board of Directors:*

- Joseph M. Gubern, MD, MBA
- Margareta D. Pisarska, MD

### *Subspecialty Divisions:*

- Jayanthi S. Lea, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
- Shani Delaney, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

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# News Highlights

## ► Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization Anniversary Statement

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States issued the *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision that overturned decades of constitutionally protected abortion access in the United States. This decision and subsequent changes in state laws have resulted in restricted rights to, access to, and provision of reproductive health care and abortion to the people served by obstetricians and gynecologists throughout the country. The decision has also led to regional variability in access and practice as well as created disparities in care and outcomes.

The patient-physician relationship has been strained as patients and physicians struggle to access and deliver evidence-based care. Pregnant patients have been denied timely and vital care until they develop severe, life-threatening complications that would have been prevented by early interventions. Patients must trust that their physicians can and will provide critical health care without legislative interference in personal decision making.

ABOG joins that collective voice of our specialty, board-certified diplomates, and the people we serve to reiterate its commitment that comprehensive family planning including abortion are essential to the practice of OB GYN, the patients that place their trust in us, and public health of our country.

[Read more](#)

## ► ABOG and ABU Rename Subspecialty to Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery

ABOG and the American Board of Urology (ABU) announced the name change of the jointly sponsored subspecialty of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) to Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (URPS), effective January 1, 2024.

The request for change was approved in June 2023 by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). The joint proposal went through a period of open public comment,



review by the ABMS Committee on Certification, and approval by the ABMS Board of Directors.

ABOG and ABU requested this change to more accurately describe the subspecialty and adopt a name that is more recognizable to the public, patients, and referring health care providers.

“Ultimately, the goal of this name change is to make it easier for patients to find the care that they need,” said Dr. Amy Young, ABOG Executive Director, and Dr. George Wendel, former ABOG Executive Director.

[Read more](#)

## ► ABOG Concludes a Successful 2023 Certifying Exam Cycle

The 2023 Specialty CE cycle marked a successful return to in-person exams in Dallas since 2019, with both examiners and candidates present at the temporary ABOG testing facility.

In April, ABOG hosted 122 examiners and 342 candidates for the Subspecialty Certifying Exams. In addition, ABOG welcomed a total of 420 examiners and successfully administered the exam to 1,452 candidates for the Specialty Certifying Exam over four non-consecutive weeks from October through December.

“The ABOG staff works tirelessly to ensure we develop and administer fair assessments, incorporating defensible processes that are seamless for both candidates and examiners,” said Pooja Shivraj, MS, PhD, Chief of Assessments. “We strongly believe our 2023 Certifying Exams maximized opportunities for fairness in every capacity to support women’s health care.”

ABOG extends its gratitude to all examiners for their dedication and time, and candidates for their unwavering dedication to their patients and profession by joining the elite ranks of board-certified physicians. Earlier in 2024, ABOG was excited to host its first cycle of exams in its new center, which opened in January 2024.

“The new facility is a testament to the ABOG Board and previous executive directors who had the vision to build toward a new future for women’s health care. We have built an incredible center to convene, educate, and certify obstetricians and gynecologists to promote safer care for women,” said Amy Young, MD, Executive Director.

[Read more](#)

# ABOG Completes Construction of National Center for OB GYNs



**ABOVE:** Exterior photo of ABOG's new national center for OB GYNs.

ABOG completed construction on its new facility in 2023.

Constructed over a two-year period, the new facility reflects ABOG's dedication to meeting the demands of today's complex and technology-focused certification processes and programs and is a testament to ABOG's commitment to advancing health care in the OB GYN community across North America.

Originally built in 1980, ABOG's previous testing center was purchased in the mid-90s upon moving its headquarters from Seattle, Washington to Dallas, Texas. ABOG was one of the first medical certification boards to move its oral Certifying Exams from hotels to a professional testing center location.

The aging infrastructure of the 40-year-old building posed challenges, including increased maintenance costs and inefficiencies in energy usage and technology delivery.

The new center enhances ABOG's ability to conduct certifying exams, item writing sessions, and large meetings with greater efficiency and effectiveness by providing increased capacity, flexibility, and functionality.

It includes 59 exam rooms, 54 offices, 12 conference rooms, 15 lactation/wellness rooms, and 5 breakout rooms. The new meeting spaces with enhanced technology and flexibilities will help facilitate efficient collaboration to improve the experience of ABOG volunteers, and the audiovisual-equipped exam

rooms, increased number of meeting rooms, orientation center, and wellness rooms will support certification candidates more fully throughout their testing experience.

"I feel very privileged to have this position and to build on the vision of previous executive directors and boards and to take it further into the future," said Amy E. Young, ABOG Executive Director. "The grand opening of our state-of-the-art testing center marks a momentous occasion of a decade-long process. The building not only serves as a hub to build connection and professional identity for our diplomates but also symbolizes a commitment to providing safe care for women nationwide."



**LEFT:** Interior of an exam room. The new national center includes 59 purposefully-designed exam rooms which will help facilitate the administration of ABOG's annual specialty and subspecialty certifying oral exams.



**MIDDLE:** Interior of a conference room. The center includes 12 conference rooms, which aim to enhance collaboration among staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders.



**RIGHT:** Interior of a lactation room. The center includes 15 lactation/wellness rooms, which are designed to provide a supportive and private space for nursing mothers and promote overall well-being.

*Photos by Jordan Fraker Photography.*



# Honoring George D. Wendel, MD

George D. Wendel, Jr., MD, completed his 12-year tenure at ABOG at the end of 2023 as Executive Director.

Dr. Wendel started his career at ABOG as the Assistant to the Director of Evaluation in 2012. In 2013, he became the Director of Maintenance of Certification. From 2017 to 2023, Dr. Wendel served as ABOG's Executive Director, where he was an integral leader in upholding and maintaining ABOG's certification processes and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.

Prior to his time at ABOG, Dr. Wendel was a professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical School, serving as a faculty member for 30 years. He was the Director of the Senior Medical Student Clinical Clerkship from 1986 through 1994 and the Residency Program Director from 1994 through 2012. He held the Bud Brekken Professorship and Norman Gant Chair and was the department's Vice-Chair for Education. Dr. Wendel's academic research expertise lies in the areas of infectious disease, STIs and HIV in women and pregnancy, maternal and perinatal infections, and drug addiction in pregnancy.

He was previously a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the NIH, and the NIAID regarding STI treatment guidelines and bioterrorism response and preparedness.



He was a member of the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology from 2007 to 2012 and served as Chair for three years.

Dr. Wendel was an ABOG Specialty

Certifying Examiner from 1995 through 2012 and a Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) Examiner from 1996 through 2007. He was a member of ABOG's MFM Division from 2000 through 2004, served as the MFM Division Director and Chair of the Subspecialty Committee from 2004 through 2007, and served on the ABOG Board of Directors from 2004 to 2012.

Dr. Wendel graduated from St. Louis University Medical School, earning his degree in 1978. Following that, he completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1982 and his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine in 1984 at UT Southwestern Medical School. Dr. Wendel became board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology from ABOG in 1985. He became MFM board-certified from ABOG in 1987.

ABOG would like to thank Dr. Wendel for his dedication and hard work over the last decade. He led the organization in improving its certification processes for OB GYNs to help improve women's health. We cannot thank him enough for all the work he did. He will be greatly missed at ABOG, and we wish him all the best.



**LEFT:** George D. Wendel, Jr., MD, pictured with his wife at ABOG's Annual Board of Directors Meeting in 2005.



**RIGHT:** George D. Wendel, Jr., MD, pictured with his wife, daughter, and son at ABOG's Annual Board of Directors Meeting in 2006.

# Education Grants

For the 2023–2024 academic year, ABOG awarded a total of **\$415,000** in grants to fund research fellows and to provide assistance to scholars in their research and career development.

These philanthropic initiatives organize educational opportunities, including scholarships and seminars relating to the obstetrics and gynecology (OB GYN) field for both existing physicians and students.

## ► THE REPRODUCTIVE SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RSDP)

Launched in 1988, RSDP is a national career development program with the goal of developing a body of reproductive physician-scientists based in academic departments who could employ cutting-edge cell and molecular technologies to address important problems in the OB GYN field.

In 2023, ABOG awarded **\$25,000** per scholar (**\$100,000** total) for research-related expenses:

- Dr. Erin George
- Dr. Tiffany Jones
- Dr. Katherine Kurnit
- Dr. Sarah Wernimont

Additionally, ABOG awarded **\$25,000** to underwrite the RSDP Annual Retreat.

[Learn more](#) about the Reproductive Scientist Development Program.

Since 2013, ABOG contributions have supported 11 RSDP Scholars, as well as numerous seed grants. Most notably, two of our recent graduates, who received ABOG support throughout their RSDP program, have been recipients of NIH R01 awards as well as numerous foundation grants.

ABOG support has contributed to our program success by providing RSDP graduates the ability to continue their research and their careers as physician/scientists.

**DANNY J. SCHUST, MD**

Board-certified in OB GYN and REI  
Director, RSDP

## ► AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNCOLOGISTS FOUNDATION (AAOGF)

ABOG is a proud partner of AAOGF. AAOGF's mission is to advance knowledge and care for women through the development of physician-scientists and innovative research in OB GYN.

**\$60,000** for research-related expenses and **\$10,000** for administrative support per scholar (**\$140,000** total):

- Dr. Melissa Frey
- Dr. Shuk On Annie Leung

ABOG also awarded AAOGF **\$150,000** to co-fund two Bridge Awards. These are one-year awards which help empower promising women's health investigators who otherwise may have moved on to strictly clinical careers.

[Learn more](#) about the American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecologists Foundation.

The AAOGF is incredibly grateful for the Board's continuing support of these programs and for their consideration.

The success of the scholars and this focused scholar support program would not be possible without the assistance we previously received from the Education Foundation of ABOG, and we are deeply grateful for this generosity.

**DONALD DUDLEY, MD**

Board-certified in OB GYN and MFM  
President, AAOGF



# Gilstrap and NAM Fellows

## GILSTRAP FELLOW

ABOG hosted the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Gilstrap OB GYN Fellow, Meryl Davis, MD, and CDC Health Scientist, Christina Sancken, MPH, CHES, in July as part of a collaboration to analyze Continuing Certification (MOC) article-based assessment questions.

This analysis focused on CDC articles distributed by ABOG in the 2022–2023 MOC years. Topics include syphilis, COVID-19, influenza, and mpox. Results from this analysis will inform the future efforts of the two organizations in pursuit of improving women's health and health care.



**LEFT:** ABOG team members pictured with Meryl Davis, MD, Christina Sancken, MPH, CHES, and Larry Gilstrap, MD.

**RIGHT:** Meryl Davis, MD (left) and Christina Sancken, MPH, CHES (right) pictured with Dr. Larry Gilstrap (middle).



## NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE FELLOW

In August, the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) selected the Norman F. Gant/ABOG fellow for the class of 2023 NAM Fellowships: Michelle Debbink, MD, PhD.

ABOG-certified in OB GYN and Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Dr. Debbink is an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, and is the Vice Chair for Equity,

Diversity, and Inclusion in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. She currently serves on the ACOG Committee on Indigenous Health, the Society for Reproductive Investigation's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and Utah's maternal mortality review committee (MMRC).

Dr. Debbink plans to build a research program that results in meaningful

change in the maternal mortality and morbidities that Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPI) and Native American/Indigenous communities face in Utah.

The Gant/ABOG Fellowship is awarded for a two-year period. During this time, the fellow is expected to continue to work at their main academic post, while being assigned to a health- and medicine-related board of the National Academies.



**MICHELLE DEBBINK, MD, PHD**  
Board-certified in OB GYN and MFM  
2023 NAM Norman F. Gant/ABOG Fellow

The Gant/ABOG fellowship offers an incredible opportunity to tie together so much of what brought me to medicine in the first place, weaving knowledge and advocacy to build a healthier nation.

I look forward to connecting with other fellows and the National Academy's committee members to learn new skills and forge partnerships to improve reproductive and maternal health.

# Publications & Presentations

ABOG conducts research, both internally and collaboratively with external partners, to assess the relevance and value of initial and continuous certification and to gain a better understanding of the relationship between certification, GME training, practice outcomes, and lifelong learning.

The following research papers, commentaries, and presentations were authored and/or presented by ABOG Executive Leadership and staff members from January 2023 through December 2023.

## ► Publications

- Becker, K., Ferris, M., Muckle, T., & Shivraj, P. (2023) Job analysis practitioner survey. Institute for Credentialing Excellence.
- Chadha, C., Shivraj, P., Hoffman, B., Larsen, W. I., & Wendel, G. D. (2023). Implications of excluding the assessment of thesis from the subspecialty certifying examinations on pass rates and reliability. *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. doi: 10.1016/j.ajog.2022.12.307.
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- Wozniak, P. S., Catney, J. B., Zeray, F., Leos, N. K., Michelow, I. C., Sheffield, J. S., Wendel, G. D., Sánchez, P. J. (2023) The Mortality of Congenital Syphilis. doi: 10.1016/j.jpeds.2023.113650.

## ► Presentations

- Chadha, R. & Kincaid, H. (May, 2023). Assessing and Accounting for Differential Rater Functioning in Oral Certifying Examinations. Virtual Symposium at the 2023 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.
- Kincaid, H., Shivraj, P., Chadha, R., Sparks, A., Wendel, G. D. (September, 2023). Investigating the Relationship Between ABOG Specialty Board Preparation and Performance. American Board of Medical Specialties Conference.
- Ramin, S., Ehrenfeld, J. M., Wynia, A. (September, 2023). Providing Health Care in Challenging Times. American Board of Medical Specialties Conference.

- Ramin, S., Meaney-Delman, D. (September, 2023). Collaborative Efforts of the CDC and ABOG in Continuing Certification. American Board of Medical Specialties Conference.



**TOP:** Susan M. Ramin, MD, presents at the ABMS Opening Plenary Session *Providing Health Care in Challenging Times* at the 2023 ABMS Conference in September. Photo credit ABMS.

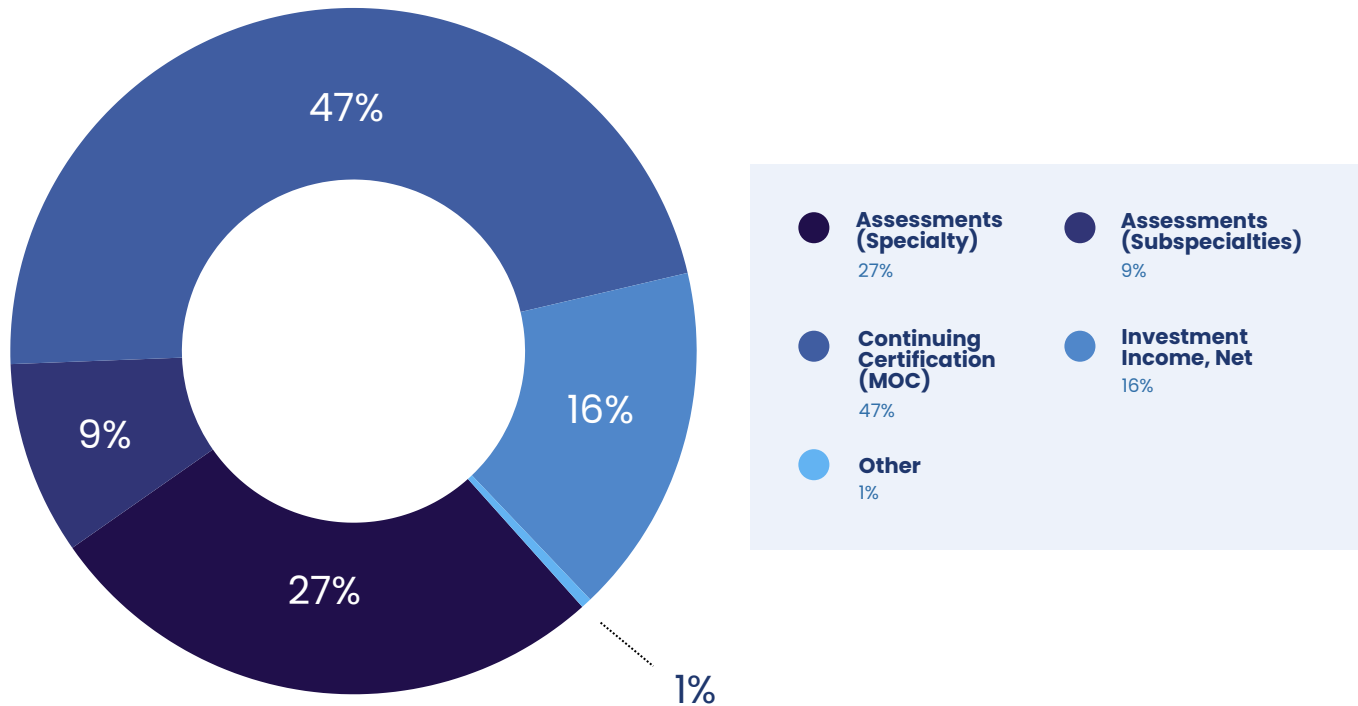
**MIDDLE:** Susan M. Ramin, MD, and Dana Meaney-Delman, MD, present their session *Collaborative Efforts of the CDC and ABOG in Continuing Certification* at the 2023 ABMS Conference in September. Photo credit ABMS.

**BOTTOM:** ABOG Statistical Data Analyst Heath Kincaid presents his poster titled *Investigating the Relationship Between ABOG Specialty Board Preparation and Performance* at the 2023 ABMS Conference in September.

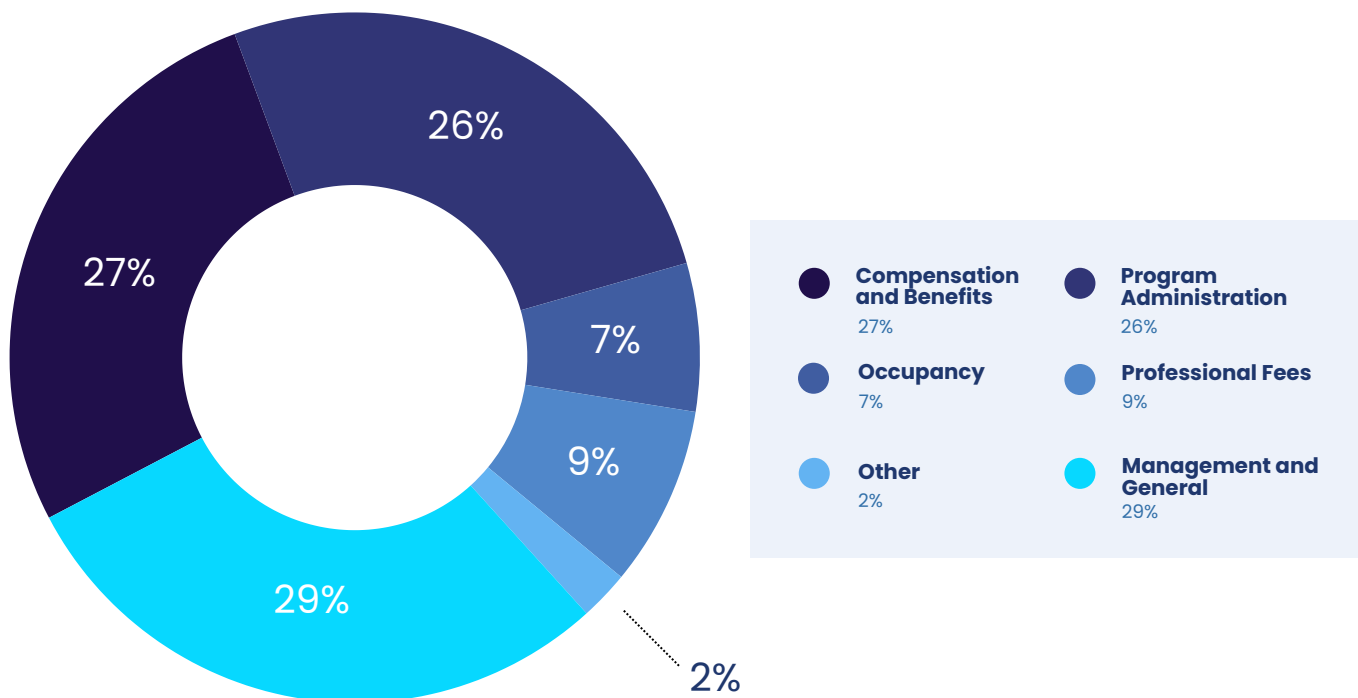


# Financial Overview

## ► 2023 Revenue



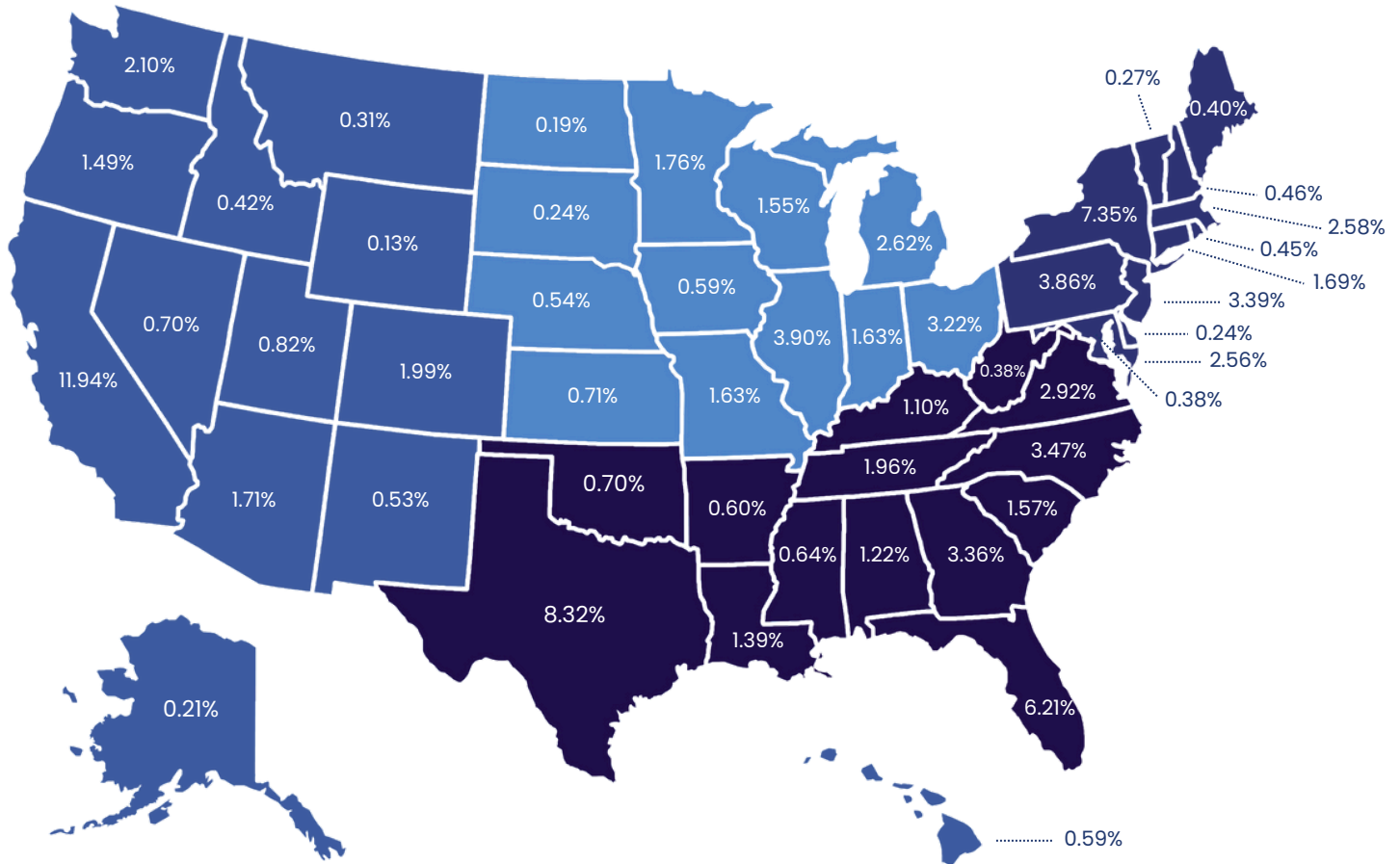
## ► 2023 Expenses



Data for the year ended December 31, 2023

# Diplomate Data

## ► DIPLOMATE GEOGRAPHIC DATA BY STATE (n = 38,198)



**South**  
34.24%

**Central**  
18.57%

**Northeast**  
23.62%

**Other\***  
0.21%

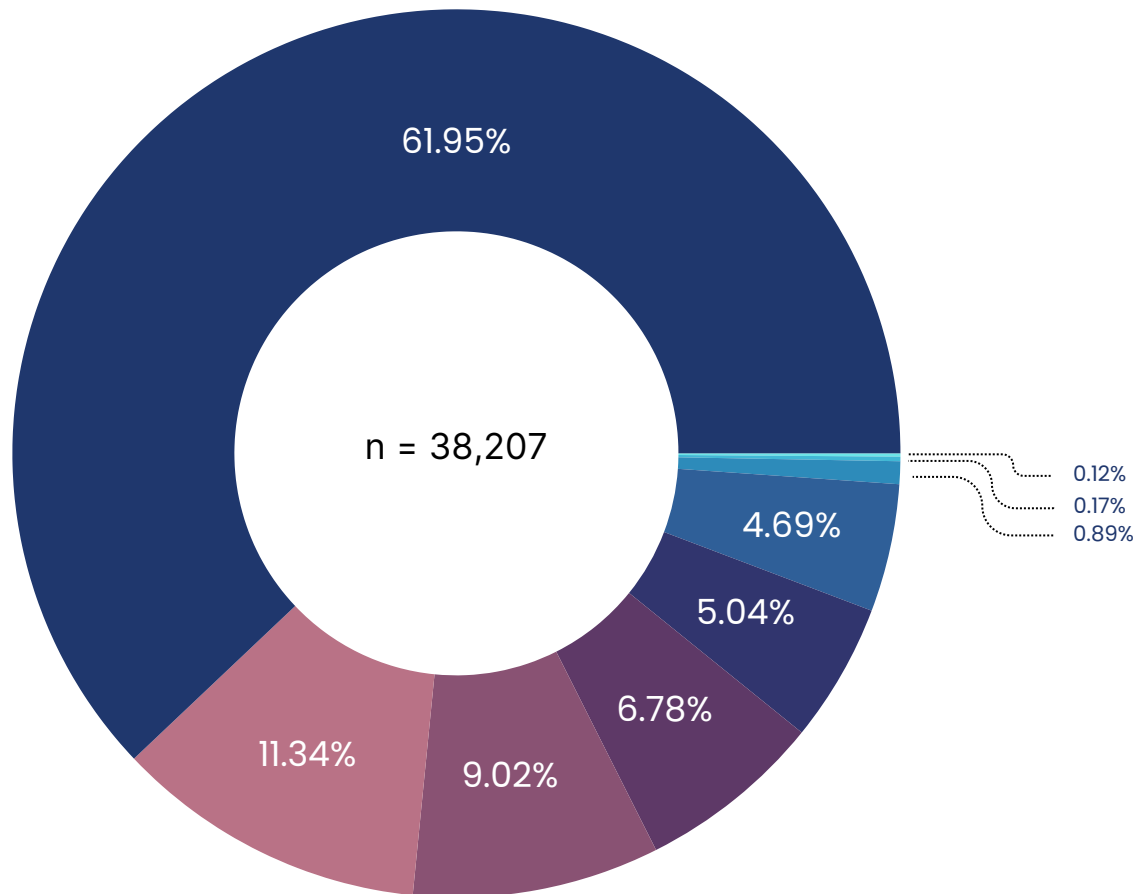
**West**  
22.95%


\*Includes Canada, Armed Forces, and U.S. Territories

Data as of 2024: Diplomate data may vary between geographic and demographic based on profile input

# Diplomate Data

## ► DIPLOMATE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA RACE/ETHNICITY



 <b>White</b> 23,669 (61.95%)	 <b>Decline to answer</b> 2,592 (6.78%)	 <b>Race Not Listed</b> 341 (0.89%)
 <b>Asian</b> 4,334 (11.34%)	 <b>Hispanic, Latinx, or Spanish Origin</b> 1,926 (5.04%)	 <b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b> 64 (0.17%)
 <b>Black or African American</b> 3,445 (9.02%)	 <b>Two or More Races</b> 1,792 (4.69%)	 <b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b> 44 (0.12%)

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# Certification Overview

In 2023, ABOG administered Specialty (OB GYN) and Subspecialty (Complex Family Planning (CFP), Gynecologic Oncology (GYN ONC), Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM), Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility(REI), and Urogynecology and Reconstructive Surgery (URPS)) Qualifying and Certifying Exams to over **3,800** OB GYN physicians.

## ► Initial Certification Process

The [Job Task Analysis](#) starts the process of creating a blueprint for ABOG's two-step certification process outlined below.

	Development	Administration	Scoring/Analysis	Reporting
QE	The Assessment Development Subcommittee (ADSC) Qualifying Exam members and Qualifying Exam Development Committee (QEDC) members develop items mapped to the blueprint.	Candidates take a four hour multiple-choice exam at a Pearson Vue testing center.	The Rasch Model is used to analyze items and candidate data, and poor performing items are deleted prior to releasing scores.	Candidates receive score reports three months after extensive analyses and quality checks. Program Directors receive Program Performance Reports two weeks later.
CE	The Assessment Development Subcommittee (ADSC) Qualifying Exam members and Certifying Exam Development Committee (CEDC) members develop items mapped to the blueprint.	Candidates take a three hour oral exam in person with examiners in Dallas.	The Many-Facet Rasch Model (MRFM) is used to analyze candidate data and adjust for case difficulty and examiner severity.	Candidates receive score reports six weeks after their exam. Program Directors receive Program Performance Reports two weeks later. Examiners receive feedback at the end of the cycle.

The process is cyclical to ensure rigor and relevance of the specialty.

## ► Time Limitation for Eligibility

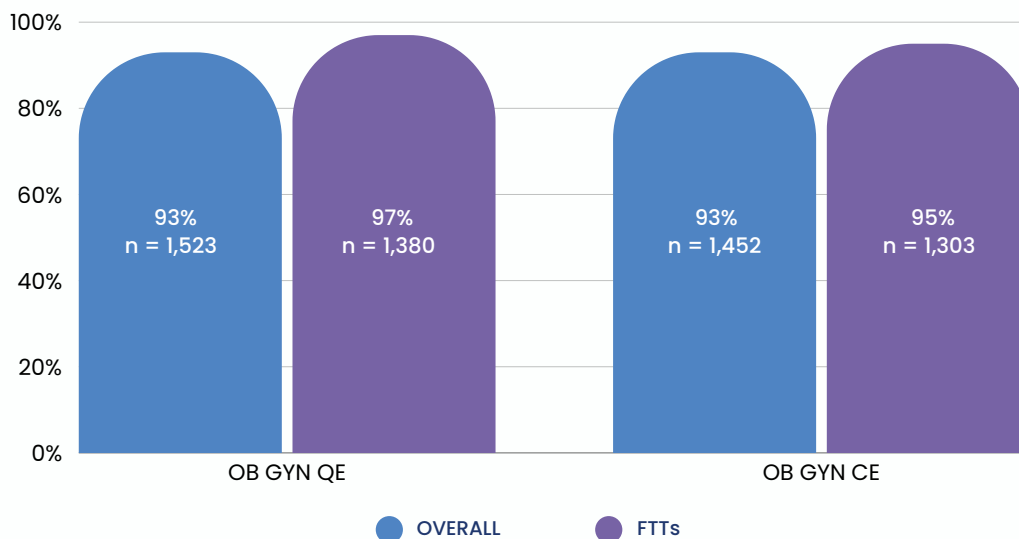


\*An additional year of eligibility will be added for each year spent in fellowship as long as the fellowship is completed

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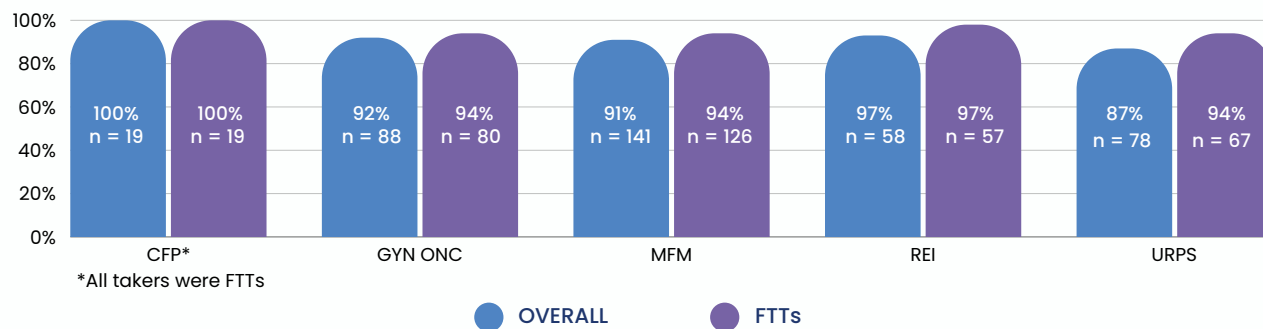
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Pass Rates: Overall and First-Time Takers (FTTs)



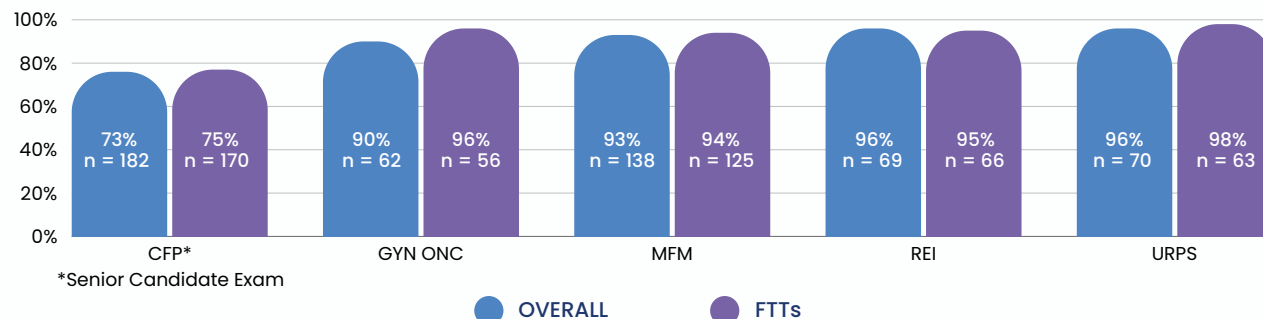
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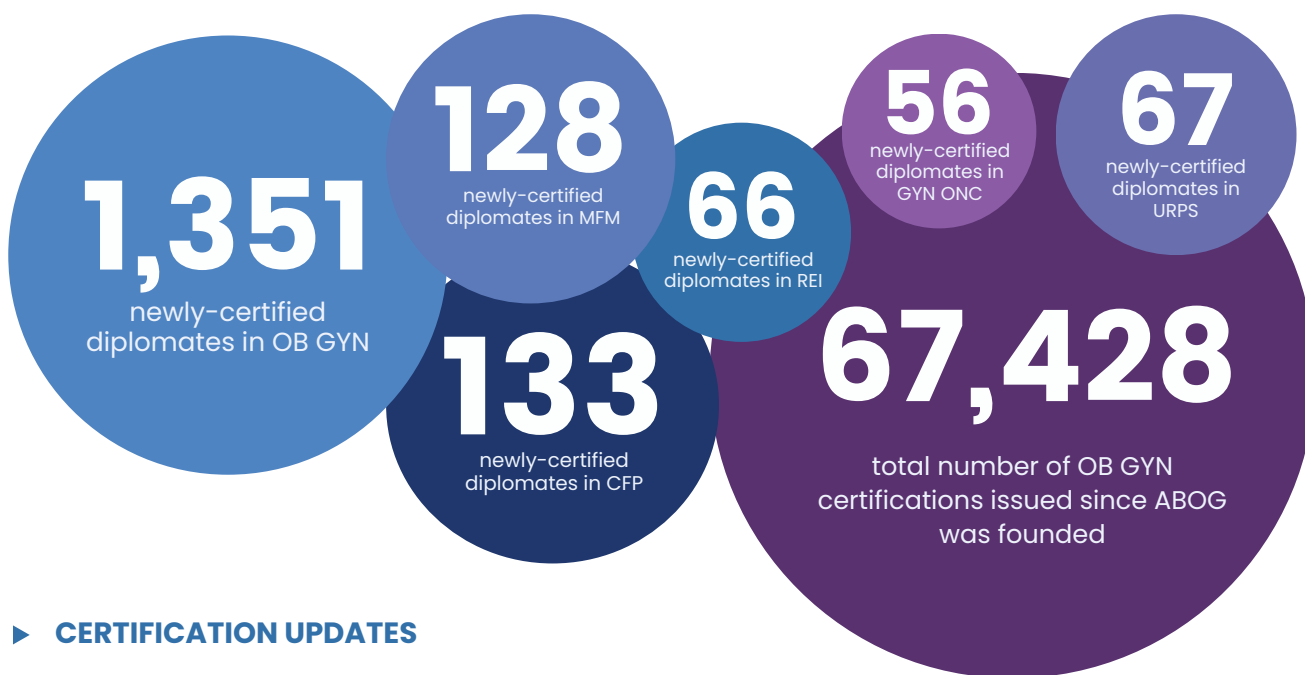
## ► 2023 SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFYING EXAMS (CE)

Pass Rates: Overall and First-Time Takers (FTTs)



# Certification Overview

## ► 2023 NEWLY-CERTIFIED DIPLOMATE DATA



## ► CERTIFICATION UPDATES

### CFP SENIOR CANDIDATE EXAM EXTENSION

In 2023, ABOG received ABMS approval to extend the Complex Family Planning (CFP) Exam. With this extension, a final senior candidate exam will be given mid-2025.

### URPS NAME CHANGE

The request to change the name of the jointly sponsored subspecialty of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) to Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (URPS) was approved in June 2023 by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). The joint proposal went through a period of open public comment, review by the ABMS Committee on Certification, and approval by the ABMS Board of Directors.

ABOG and ABU requested this change to more accurately describe the subspecialty and adopt a name that is more recognizable to the public, patients, and referring health care providers.

ABOG and ABU FPMRS certification was approved in 2011, and the first subspecialists were certified in 2013. Approximately 1,700 subspecialists have achieved this certification by the two boards. Subspecialists must also be specialists in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology or urology, and they seek subspecialty certification after completion of Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited fellowship programs.

"Ultimately, the goal of this name change is to make it easier for patients to find the care that they need," stated Dr. Amy Young, ABOG Executive Director, and Dr. George Wendel, former ABOG Executive Director.

### ENSURING RELEVANCE OF CONTENT ON THE EXAM: Revisiting the specialty and subspecialty blueprints

[Learn](#) about the JTA process that helps to inform development of the blueprint.

#### ● Phase 1: Blueprint Feedback Panel

- Met with subject matter experts in specialty and all 5 subspecialties
- Revised blueprints

#### ● Phase 2: Diplomate Survey

- Asks about the frequency and criticality of task from the blueprint
- Survey was representative of ABOG Diplomates

#### ● Phase 3: Reconciliation Panel

- Met with subgroup of original panel of subject matter experts
- Reconciled survey feedback to finalize blueprint

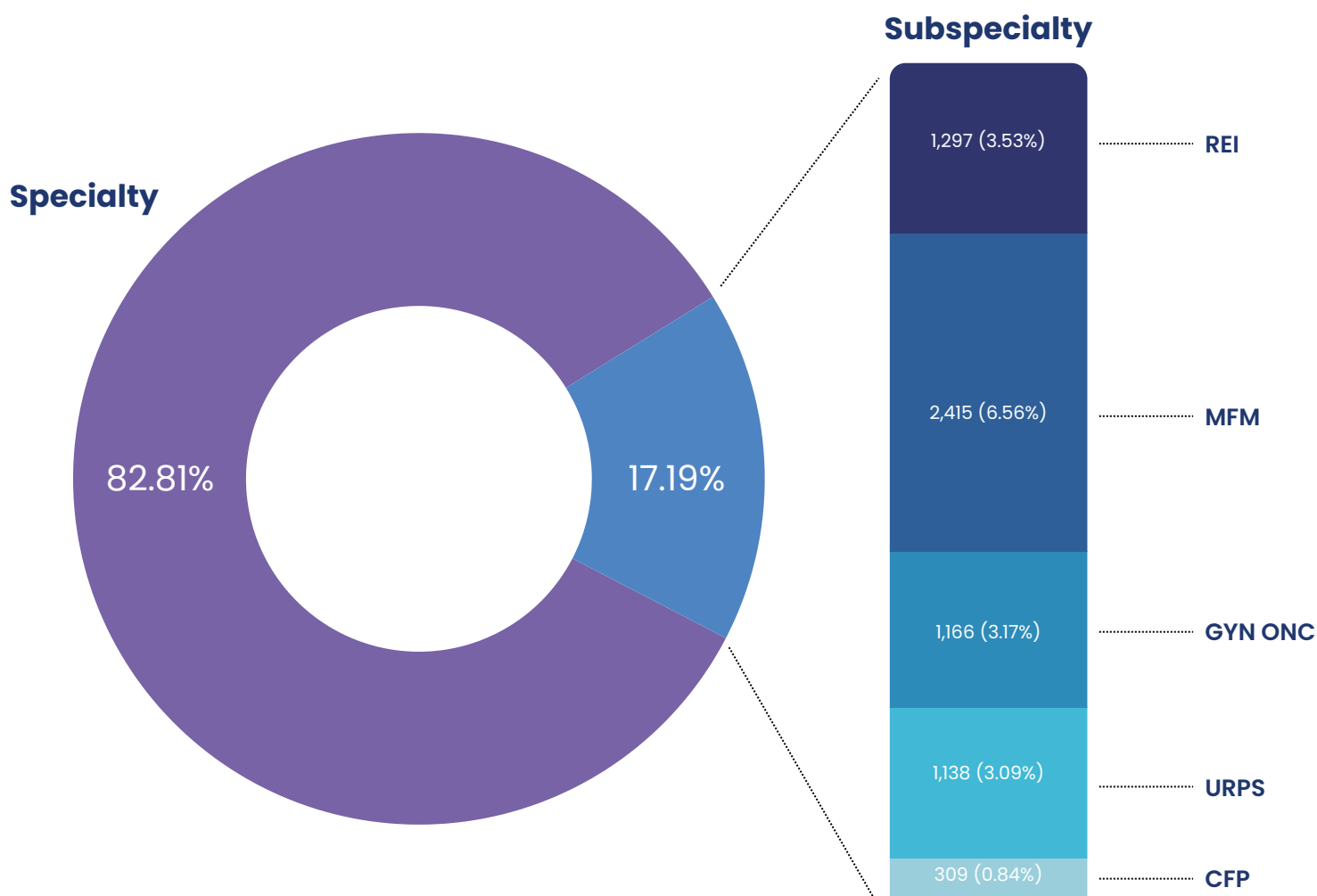


# Continuing Certification (MOC) Overview

The Continuing Certification (MOC) program is a continuing professional development process to support ABOG-certified physicians as they maintain a high level of knowledge, judgment, and skills in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health throughout their careers.

A total of **36,793** diplomates completed the 2023 MOC year. Of those, **30,468** diplomates are certified in OB GYN and **6,325** are also certified in an ABOG subspecialty: CFP, GYN ONC, MFM, REI, URPS. Additionally, **1,160** diplomates have Focused Practice Designations (FPDs) in MIGS or PAG.

## ► NUMBER OF DIPLOMATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN 2023 CONTINUING CERTIFICATION



# Continuing Certification (MOC) Overview

## ► PART II: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

TOP 5 MOST POPULAR ARTICLES

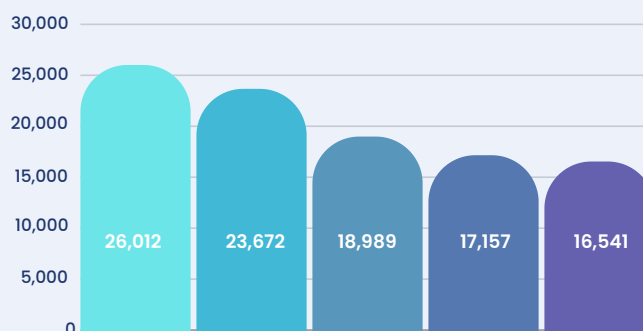
The Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment component contributes to better patient care by requiring ongoing participation in high-quality learning activities that assess current knowledge in obstetrics and gynecology and its subspecialties.

Part II consists of article-based assessments from peer-reviewed literature on clinically relevant patient-management information, best-practice guidelines, and important research and studies.

Diplomates read **15** articles and complete assessments in the categories of General Obstetrics, Gynecology, Office Practice, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, the five subspecialties, Health Equity and Patient Safety, or any of the other available article categories (for example, Emerging Topics).

In 2023, ABOG delivered approximately **110** article options through our diplomate portal. The top five articles that were chosen by diplomates were in the categories of health equity and patient safety, obstetrics, complex family planning, and office practice.

### TOP FIVE MOST POPULAR ARTICLES CHOSEN BY DIPLOMATES



- 1** *Estimated performance of transvaginal ultrasonography for evaluation of postmenopausal bleeding in a simulated cohort of Black and White women in the US*  
Journal: *Obstetrics & Gynecology*  
Health Equity and Patient Safety
- 2** *Pregnancy at age 35 years or older: ACOG Obstetric Care Consensus No. 11*  
Journal: *New England Journal of Medicine*  
Obstetrics

- 3** *Colorectal Cancer Screening*  
Journal: *Obstetrics & Gynecology*  
Complex Family Planning
- 4** *Obesity in Pregnancy*  
Journal: *Obstetrics & Gynecology*  
Obstetrics
- 5** *Endometrial Hyperplasia*  
Journal: *Obstetrics & Gynecology*  
Office Practice

## ► PART II: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

EMERGING TOPICS/SUBJECTS OF INTEREST

The Continuing Certification Department works with the CDC to provide diplomates with important and pressing articles each year. Below are the articles that appeared in the Emerging Topics category in 2023 for diplomates to read as part of their Part II Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment requirement.



*Mpox cases among cisgender women and pregnant persons - United States, May 11-November 7, 2022*

Journal: *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*



*Substance use among persons with syphilis during pregnancy - Arizona and Georgia, 2018-2021*

Journal: *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*



*ACOG Practice Advisory: Maternal respiratory syncytial virus vaccination*

Journal: *Obstetrics & Gynecology*

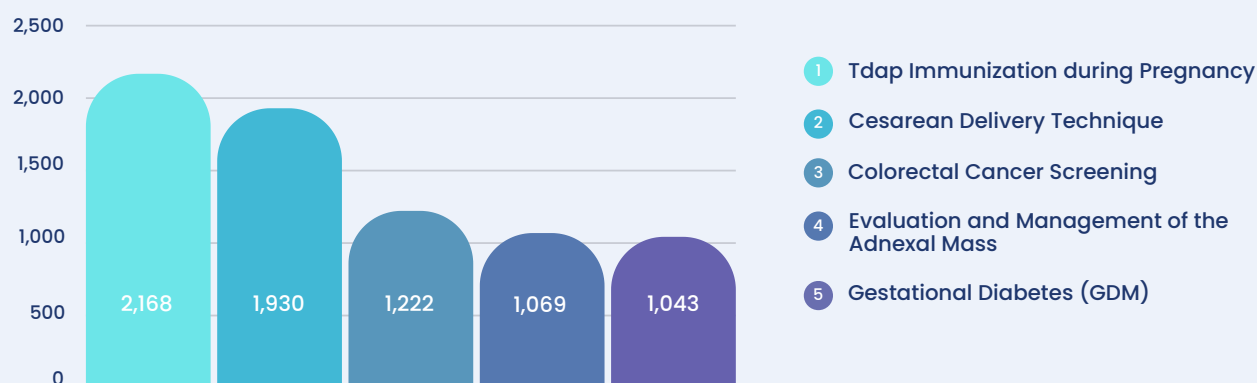
# Continuing Certification (MOC) Overview

## ► PART IV: PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT TOP 5 MODULES

Practice Improvement contributes to improved patient care through ongoing assessment and improvement in the quality of care in practices, hospitals, health systems, and/or community settings. This may include activities that result in improved patient or population health outcomes, improved access to health care, improved patient experience (including patient satisfaction), and increased value in the health care system.

Diplomates must choose one activity most relevant to their own practice and practice setting. Below are the top five most popular modules diplomates chose to complete their Part IV requirement.

### TOP FIVE MOST POPULAR MODULES CHOSEN BY DIPLOMATES



## ► NEW INITIATIVES

In 2023, the Continuing Certification Department introduced the following new initiatives to benefit diplomates:

### THE PERMANENT ADOPTION OF THE PART II COVID-19 ACCOMMODATION

During the pandemic, ABOG reduced the number of articles diplomates were required to read annually. Diplomates provided positive feedback, and ABOG officially made this accommodation permanent in 2023.

### SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFYING EXAM CME CREDIT

Diplomates who took and passed the Subspecialty Certifying Exam were given the option to receive CME credit for taking the exam.

### PART IV CREDIT GRANTED TO DEA-LICENSED DIPLOMATES

Diplomates can now receive Part IV Practice Improvement credit for their work by obtaining the license from the Drug Enforcement Administration for prescribing drugs/controlled substances.

### PART IV CREDIT FOR PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Diplomates who are Program Directors or Associate Program Directors can now receive Part IV Practice Improvement credit for their role as a PD or APD.



# 2023 Volunteers

Every year, board-certified OB GYNs dedicate their valuable time and expertise to help with ABOG's OB GYN certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) processes. All of us at ABOG appreciate and acknowledge their unwavering commitment in upholding the highest standards within the OB GYN specialty to ensure safe and high quality care for women.

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It's great to be able to meet my colleagues from all over the country, learn about what other people are doing, keep abreast of what's important in the field, and feel like I'm contributing to the future of our specialty.

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My absolute favorite part is also being able to hang out with this huge network of fantastic experts across our field, learning not just what's new in their niche of OB GYN, but also catching up and knowing them personally.



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To me, being an examiner signifies that I've reached a level of expertise within the field where I feel confident in ensuring others are trained effectively. When I help certify someone, I'm contributing to shaping the future of our specialty.

Each successful candidate represents a continuation of the legacy of quality care and dedication to our profession.

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It also gives us an opportunity to interact with our peers across the nation. Being together as a group of subspecialists creates a sense of community.

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**BOTTOM:** Members from the Certifying Exam Development Committee (CEDC) in July 2023.

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**LEFT:** Staff pictured at the annual Board of Directors meeting in January 2024 at ABOG's new building.

**RIGHT:** ABOG Executive Leadership team pictured at the annual Board of Directors meeting in January 2024.

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