



## CERTIFICATION STANDARDS UPDATE

### SUBSPECIALTY: MATERNAL-FETAL MEDICINE

Starting with Academic Year 2021 graduates, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) will be implementing important changes to the Maternal-Fetal Medicine certification standards to advance training and respond to the contemporary practice of the subspecialty.

Change #1:

**Renaming of the Clinical Experience certification standard to MFM Core Clinical Experience to emphasize the importance of these rotations and increase consistency among graduates' clinical experience.**

Change #2:

**Making the standards for Genetics and Genomics more consistent across programs.** Graduates will be required to complete a minimum of two months (or eight weeks) experience, and this standard will be part of the MFM Core Clinical Experience.

Change #3:

**Allowing flexibility in the implementation of the Genetics and Genomics experience, similar to the standard for Ultrasonography and outpatient MFM:**

*Ultrasonography, outpatient, and genetics and genomics requirements can be fulfilled by block time (e.g., one-month or four-week blocks) or by the cumulative experience of longitudinal experiences (e.g., half- or full-day sessions over time).*

Change #4:

**Increasing MFM Core Clinical Experience from 12 months to 18 months** with the inclusion of two months of Genetics and Genomics, two months of supervisory L&D experience, one month of ICU, and changing one elective month to this category. This emphasizes the importance of clinical training and the experiences that comprise the core knowledge, judgment, and skills needed to practice MFM. Now 10 of the 18 months of core clinical experience will have minimum experiences set as requirements.

Change #5:

**Reducing the elective months of training from nine to six.** In most programs, this impact will be minimal as some of the clinical electives will now be categorized as core clinical experiences.