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AMERICAN GYNECOLOGICAL CLUB 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

 **September 11-13, 2025**

 **The Rizzo Center
Chapel Hill, NC**



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Welcome to Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina!

We're delighted to welcome you to this year's AGC Annual Meeting and one of the most vibrant times of year on campus. Our students are back, the energy is high, and the mix of fall sunshine and Tar Heel spirit makes this an unforgettable place to be.

We've planned a weekend full of meaningful academic sessions led by leaders in OBGYN, engaging discussions about the future of women's healthcare, and plenty of time to connect with colleagues and friends. Beyond the sessions, look forward to relaxed afternoon outings and festive dinners, including our signature "fun" black-tie event on Saturday night.

Adding to the excitement, it's also a home football weekend at UNC. With Bill Belichick newly installed as head coach, expect extra energy (and traffic!) throughout town. Between the game day buzz and the rhythm of campus life, don't be surprised if you find yourself soaking up some Tar Heel vitality, I like to say it takes about five minutes here to feel ten years younger.

A quick pro tip for fall in Chapel Hill: While the weather is usually warm and sunny, many of our classrooms and meeting spaces tend to run cool, so it's smart to bring a light jacket. Comfortable shoes are also a must for exploring campus and getting around the Rizzo Center, where our meeting rooms and guest accommodations span three buildings.

Thank you again for making the trip to Chapel Hill. Now, take a moment to relax, soak it all in, and make the most of your time here. Enjoy the meeting, Go Heels!

- Genevieve Neal-Perry, MD

Helpful Information for the Weekend

All meeting details and property maps can be found on the AGOS website.

Thursday Welcome Reception - Will take place in the DuBose Library at the Rizzo Center from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

Breakfast Buffet - Each morning the breakfast buffet will be available in the Meadowmont Grill from 6:30 - 9:00 AM.

Meeting Sessions - Members will meet on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Meeting Room 240, McLean Hall.

Group Lunches - Members and spouses/guests will come together for lunch on Friday and Saturday from 12:15 - 1:15 PM at the Meadowmont Grill.

Transportation for Offsite Activities & Dinners

Shuttle service will be available to help you navigate the weekend with ease, including morning outings, afternoon activities, and evening group events.

Friday, September 12, 2025

- » NC Botanical Garden | Departure: 9:45 AM
- » UNC Visitors Center | Departure: 1:30 PM
- » Tandem Restaurant | Departure: 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 13, 2025

- » Carr Mill Mall | Departure: 9:45 AM
- » Ackland Art Museum | Departure: 2:00 PM
- » Carolina Inn | Departure: 5:30 PM

Events Schedule

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Time	Attendee Type	Item	Location
7:00-9:00 PM	Member & Guest	Arrival & Welcome Reception	DeBose Library

Friday, September 12, 2025

Time	Attendee Type	Item	Location
6:30 - 9:00 AM	Member & Guest	Breakfast Buffet	Meadowmont Grill
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Guest	Guest Activity	NC Botanical Gardens
12:15 - 1:15 PM	Member & Guest	Lunch	Meadowmont Grill
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Member & Guest	Afternoon Activity	UNC Campus Tour
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Member & Guest	Dinner	Tandem, Carrboro

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time	Attendee Type	Item	Location
6:30 - 9:00 AM	Member & Guest	Breakfast Buffet	Meadowmont Grill
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Guest	Guest Activity	Shopping at Historic Carr Mill
12:15 - 1:15 PM	Member & Guest	Lunch	Meadowmont Grill
2:30 - 4:00 PM	Member & Guest	Afternoon Activity	Ackland Art Museum
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Member & Guest	Cocktail Hour & Dinner	Carolina Inn

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Time	Attendee Type	Item	Location
6:30 - 9:00 AM	Member & Guest	Breakfast	Meadowmont Grill
12:00 PM	Member & Guest	Departure from Rizzo	Rizzo Center

Scientific Program

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:15 – 8:30 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Genevieve Neal-Perry, MD, PhD & Robert A. Ross
Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of
Obstetrics and Gynecology

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Science Talk 1

Big Data and Gynecologic Oncology Cancer Epidemiology

Ben Albright, MD, MS, Assistant Professor, Division
of Gynecology Oncology, Department of Obstetrics
and Gynecology

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Science Talk 2

Racial Disparities in Obesity-driven Endometrial Cancer

Victoria Bae-Jump, MD, PhD, Professor, Division
of Gynecologic Oncology, Director, Lineberger
Endometrial Cancer Center of Excellence,
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Science Talk 3

An Enemy with Benefits? HIV's Surprising Relationship to Preeclampsia

Katelyn J. Rittenhouse, MD, FACOG, Assistant
Professor, Division of Global Women's Health and
General Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Midwifery,
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 – 10:45 AM

Science Talk 4

Identifying Challenges and Addressing Barriers to Reproductive Genetic Care: From Diagnosis to Novel Therapeutics

Asha N. Talati, MD MSCR, Assistant Professor,
Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine and Clinical
Genetics & Genomics, Department of Obstetrics
and Gynecology

10:45 – 11:15 AM

Science Talk 5

Intervening on Stress Pathways: Allostatic Load, Molecular Signatures, and Treatment Outcomes in Endometrial Cancer

Olivia Lara, MD, MS, Assistant Professor, Division
of Gynecology Oncology, Department of Obstetrics
and Gynecology

11:15 – 11:55 AM

Keynote

Ethics and Research in Pregnancy: A Shifting Paradigm

Anne Drapkin Lyerly, MD, MA, Professor, Division
Global Women's Health and Social Med Medicine ,
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

11:55 – 12:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Benjamin Chi, MD, MSc & Annie Louise Wilkerson,
MD '36 Distinguished Professor, Vice Chair for
Research and Innovation, Division of Global
Women's Health, Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology

Scientific Program

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:10 – 8:15 AM

Welcome and Introduction

Benjamin Chi, MD, MSc & Annie Louise Wilkerson, MD '36 Distinguished Professor, Vice Chair for Research and Innovation, Division of Global Women's Health, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

8:15 – 8:45 AM

Science Talk 1

Effects of Ovarian Hormones on Brain and Mood Across the Reproductive Lifespan: Science and Practice

Crystal Schiller, PhD, Associate Professor and Director of the UNC Center for Women's Mood Disorders, Vice Chair for Psychological Services and Associate Vice Chair for Research, Department of Psychiatry

8:45 – 9:15 AM

Science Talk 2

Multi-Level Barriers to Equitable Postpartum Permanent Contraception

Kavita Arora, MD, MBE, MS, Professor and Director, Division of General Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Midwifery Fellowship Program Director, Rural Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

9:15 – 9:45 AM

Science Talk 3

A Multifaceted Approach to Recurrent UTIs in Women: Reimagining Possibilities Antibiotic Stewardship and Non-antibiotic UTI Prevention

Christine M Chu, MD, MSCI, Associate Professor, Division of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

9:45 – 10:15 AM

Science Talk 4

The Power of Process: Designing Health Solutions with—not for—Communities.

Ebony B. Carter, MD, MPH, Associate Professor and Director, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Science Talk 5

Breakthrough Relief for Pelvic and Sexual Pain: Transforming research into women's health innovation

Erin T. Carey, MD MSCR, Associate Professor and Director, Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, Fellowship Program Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Science Talk 6

The Study of Fecundity

Anne Z. Steiner, MD, MP, Charles H. Hendricks Distinguished Professor and Fellowship Program Director, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

12:00 – 12:05 PM

Closing Remarks

Genevieve Neal-Perry, MD, PhD & Robert A. Ross Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, September 13, 2025
7:45 AM – 8:05 AM

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order** Sarah Berga, MD
- 2. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members** Sarah Berga, MD
- 3. Secretary's Report** Jeffrey Peipert, MD
 - a. Membership Update (Total members)
 - b. Outstanding dues payments
 - c. Approval of new members
- 4. Treasurer Report** Steven Ory, MD
 - a. 2025 Budget
 - b. Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities
- 5. Report of Nominating Committee & Elections** Nanette Santoro, MD
Thomas Gellhaus, MD
 - a. 2025-2026 President Elect
- 6. Future Meetings**
 - a. September 24-26, 2026, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN Ted Anderson, MD
 - b. 2027 (Location TBD) Sarah Berga, MD
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Adjourn** Sarah Berga, MD

AGC Members

Ted Anderson

Guest: Cindy Anderson

Raul Artal

Matthew Barber

Robert Barbieri

Vanessa Barnabei

Michael Belfort

Jonathan Berek

Abbey Berenson**Sarah Berga**

Richard Berkowitz

James Breen

Daniel Breitkopf

Haywood Brown

Sandra Carson

Eva Chalas

Jeffrey Chang

Jeanne Conry

Donald Coustan*

Christos Coutifaris

William Creasman*

Mary D'Alton

Philip Darney*

Alan DeCherney*

Guest: DeeDee DeCherney

Mark DeFrancesco

Guest: Helen DeFrancesco

Erin Deverdis

Sharon Dooley*

Deborah Driscoll

David Eschenbach*

Guest: Ann Eschenbach

Steven Fleischman

Lisa Foglia

Norman Gant*

Thomas Gellhaus

Ronald Gibbs*

Larry Gilstrap*

Michael Greene

William Grobman

Elizabeth Howell

Denise Jamieson

Donna Johnson

Roger Kempers

Kevin Kiley

Guest: Babs Kiley

Lisa Landrum

Wilma Larsen**Hal Lawrence, III**

Guest: Betsy Lawrence

Charles Lockwood

Monica Lutgendorf

Frank Miller

Thomas Moore*

Amy Murtha**Genevieve Neal-Perry****Anita Nelson**

Guest: Diane Kessler

Kenneth Noller*

Guest: Mary Noller

Steven Ory

Guest: Kathy Ory

Valerie Parisi

Richard Paulson

Jeffrey Peipert

Guest: Joyce Peipert

Eva Pressman

Edward Quilligan

Susan Ramin

Robert Rebar

Guest: Margo Rebar

Gloria Richard-Davis

John Rock

Rebecca Rogers

Carolyn Runowicz

Nanette Santoro

Isaac Schiff

Christina Scifres

Catherine Spong

Ralph Tamura*

Hugh Taylor

Michael Thomas

Mark Turrentine

James Whiteside

Christopher Zahn

Stanley Zinberg*

Bold names are meeting attendees and an * after a name indicates a Past President.

In Memoriam



Gerson Weiss, MD
July 29, 2025

Gerson Weiss was Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. He was an internationally renowned researcher in the field of relaxin biology and was continuously funded by the NIH for 28 years. He held numerous executive leadership roles, among them President of the American Board of OBGYN, the Society for Reproductive Investigation, and the Council of University Chairs of OBGYN.

He was a powerful advocate for women's health and reproductive rights, an avid scuba diver and a naturalist who personally landscaped his second home in Falls Village, CT.

Submitted by Nanette Santoro, MD



John "Jack" Joseph Sciarra, MD, PhD
July 6, 2025

A visionary leader in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Sciarra served as Chair of the departments at the University of Minnesota and later at Northwestern University for nearly three decades. His legacy includes more than 250 published papers, 18 edited books, and over 20 years as Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics (1985–2006).

As President of FIGO from 1991 to 1994, he championed global women's health and mentored countless physicians around the world. He was honored internationally with numerous fellowships and awards and remained actively involved in international service well into retirement.

Dr. Sciarra is remembered not only for his extraordinary professional achievements, but also for his generosity as a mentor, his passion for travel and teaching, and his deep devotion to family. His impact on the field—and on those he guided—will be felt for generations.



Michael Mennuti, MD
April 7, 2025

Dr. Michael T. Mennuti was a distinguished leader in obstetrics, gynecology, and human genetics. A longtime faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, he served as Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1987 to 2002 and held emeritus professorships in human genetics and pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine.

A pioneer in maternal-fetal medicine and clinical genetics, Dr. Mennuti advanced the fields of prenatal screening and genetic counseling. He directed Penn's genetics program and cytogenetic laboratory and played an influential role in both state and national health initiatives.

Renowned for his mentorship, leadership, and dedication to academic medicine, Dr. Mennuti left a lasting impact on generations of trainees and colleagues. In 2019, the Michael T. Mennuti Associate Professorship was established in his honor, recognizing nearly 50 years of clinical excellence, teaching, and service.

In Memoriam



Robert Resnik, MD

April 8, 2025

Dr. Robert Resnik was a renowned leader in maternal-fetal medicine, an exceptional educator, and a beloved mentor. After completing his medical training at Case Western Reserve and a maternal-fetal medicine fellowship at the University of Colorado, he joined the faculty at UC San Diego in 1974. He later served as Chair of the Department of Reproductive Medicine and as Associate Dean for Admissions at the UCSD School of Medicine.

Dr. Resnik was widely recognized for his contributions to obstetrics, particularly as co-editor of *Maternal-Fetal Medicine: Principles and Practice*, a foundational textbook in the field. He held leadership roles in several national organizations, including the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, and received numerous honors, including the SMFM Lifetime Achievement Award and teaching awards from UCSD and national societies.

Known for his warmth, humor, and dedication to mentorship, Dr. Resnik inspired generations of physicians and left an indelible mark on academic medicine and women's health.



Irwin R. Merkatz, MD

October 31, 2024

Dr. Irwin Merkatz was a visionary in maternal-fetal medicine and a lifelong advocate for women's health. As Chair of the Department of OB/GYN at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center for over three decades, he dedicated his career to improving outcomes for women and families, especially in underserved communities.

His groundbreaking research linking low maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein levels to genetic disorders transformed prenatal screening. A passionate educator and mentor, he championed diversity in medicine and inspired generations through his legendary Grand Rounds and global initiatives, including maternal health programs in Rwanda.

Dr. Merkatz's legacy lives on through the thousands of lives he touched as a clinician, scientist, and teacher.



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