

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

93rd Annual Meeting

Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (CAOG)

Meliá Caribe Beach Resort · Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY

OCTOBER 21-24, 2026

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CAOG Officers and Trustees Annual Meeting *Senate Boardroom*

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

General Registration *Isabela Foyer*

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception *Cape Nao Pool Area*

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. General Registration *Isabela Ballroom*

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Industry Exhibits Open

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Scientific Poster Session Open

FIRST SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION | Isabela Ballroom

Moderators: Thomas F. Arnold, M.D., CAOG President & Catherine L. Van Hook, M.D., CAOG President Elect II

8:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Hot Topic #1

“Viral Infections: They Can Really Affect Your Life and Pregnancy – An Update on Zika, COVID, etc.”

David F. Lewis, M.D. · Louisiana State Univ. Health Sciences Ctr. Shreveport, Louisiana

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Paper #1 DR. KERMIT E. KRANTZ MEMORIAL PAPER AWARD

“A Study of Phthalates in Association With Cardiovascular Biomarkers and Reproductive Hormones in a Hispanic Community”

Heba Ahmed, B.S. · Texas Tech Univ. Health Sciences Center, El Paso, Texas

Discussant: David M. Haas, M.D., M.S., Indianapolis, Indiana

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Paper #2 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR'S AWARD

“Evaluation of Fertility Counseling at the Initial Oncologic Visit”

Nikita R. Peramsetty, M.D. · University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri

Discussant: Sarah Morgan Carpenter, M.D., Carmel, Indiana

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Paper #3 DR. JACK A. PRITCHARD MEMORIAL PAPER AWARD

“Evaluation of Saposin C-Dioleoylphosphatidylserine Nanovesicles for Drug Delivery to the Placenta”

Ameya Gourisetty · University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

Discussant: Jean R. Goodman, M.D., MBA, Columbia, Missouri

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Short Oral Presentations / Poster Session *Isabela Ballroom*

(Concurrent with Refreshments and Exhibits)

SECOND SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION | Isabela Ballroom

Moderators: Shilpa Babbar, M.D., CAOG Trustee & Michael R. Handler, M.D., CAOG Trustee

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Hot Topic #2

“The Quagmire of Medico-Legal Exposure”

Mark I. Evans, M.D. & Ralph F. Valitutti, J.D. · Comprehensive Genetics, New York, NY; Kitch Attorneys & Counselors, Mount Clemens, MI

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

Paper #4 CENTRAL PRIZE AWARD

“Irritable Bowel Syndrome–Like Presentation of Ovarian Cancer and Associated Secondary Health Outcomes in a National Propensity-Matched Study”

Varsha K. Vedapudi, B.S. · University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

Discussant: Angelina K. Gangestad, M.D., Cleveland, Ohio

12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

Paper #5 PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

“Cervical Screening Inequities in AI/AN Women: Comparing IHS and Private Insurance Coverage”

David A. Billings, M.D. · UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Minot, North Dakota

Discussant: Elliot M. Levine, M.D., Chicago, Illinois

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Hot Topic #3

“Medical Education Challenges in 2026”

Catherine L. Van Hook, M.D. · University of Toledo, College of Medicine & Life Sciences, Toledo, Ohio

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8:00 a.m. General Registration *Isabela Ballroom*

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Industry Exhibits Open

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Scientific Poster Session Open

THIRD SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION | Isabela Ballroom

Moderators: Jean R. Goodman, M.D., CAOG Past President & Luissa V. Kiprono, D.O., CAOG Trustee

8:00 a.m. Announcements

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Hot Topic #4

“The New Era of Academic Medicine: Technology, Transformation, and Trust”

Marjorie R. Jenkins, M.D. · UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks, North Dakota

8:45 – 9:15 a.m.

Paper #6 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AWARD

“Evaluation of the Adherence to Established Guidelines for Labor Arrest Disorders and Category II Fetal Heart Tones in Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex Cesarean Births”

Laurel L. Pietrzak, D.O. · Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Advocate Health, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Discussant: Luissa V. Kiprono, D.O., San Antonio, Texas

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Paper #7

“Speech Communication Interference in the C-Section Operating Room”

Gary Sutkin, M.D. · University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri

Discussant: Martin J. Caliendo, M.D., Buffalo, New York

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Paper #8

“Impact of Structured Trial of Labor After Cesarean Training on Rates of Uterine Rupture at an Academic Institution”

Rachel L. Hartman, M.D. · University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

Discussant: Emmet Hirsch, M.D., Evanston, Illinois

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Paper #9

“The Association of Water Source and Consumption Type with Urine Pesticides in a Midwest Pregnancy Cohort”

Lucy Salter, B.S. · Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana

Discussant: Lisa E. Moore, M.D., Santa Teresa, New Mexico

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Short Oral Presentations / Poster Session *Isabela Ballroom*
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FOURTH SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION | Isabela Ballroom

Moderators: Emily A. DeFranco, D.O., CAOG President Elect I & Teresa Tam, M.D., CAOG Trustee

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Address

“What is Your Legacy?”

Thomas M. Gellhaus, M.D. · Univ. of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Presidential Address

“Ob-Gyn Care in Rural America”

Thomas F. Arnold, M.D. · UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Dickinson, North Dakota

1:30 p.m.

Installation of New President

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting CAOG

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Annual Gala Reception · Buffet Dinner · Awards *Cape Nao Beach Area*

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

FIFTH SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION | Isabela Ballroom

Moderators: Thomas F. Arnold, M.D., CAOG President & David A. Billings, M.D., CAOG Vice President

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Hot Topic #5 <i>“Perivable Birth: Counseling and Management”</i> Emily A. DeFranco, D.O., M.S. · Univ. of Kentucky College of Medicine, Lexington, Kentucky
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Paper #10 <i>“Cultural Competency and Communication with VR: A Training Intervention to Address Bias in Medical Education”</i> Julia S. LaForce, B.A. · Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Paper #11 <i>“The WHO Therapeutic Definition of Postpartum Hemorrhage and First-Line Drug Treatment, Real-World Implications for an Urban Practice”</i> Elise A. Patrick, M.D. · Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Paper #12 <i>“Maternal RSV Vaccines Knowledge, Attitudes, Mistrust, and Decision-Making: A National Survey”</i> Camille F. Bratton, M.D. · University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Paper #13 <i>“Bridging the Gap in Prenatal Education: Patient Preferences, Disparities, and Opportunities for Intervention”</i> Rebecca L. Anderson, M.D. · University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Paper #14 <i>“Post-Legalization Cannabis Use During Pregnancy and Its Effects on Neonatal Outcomes”</i> Gabrielle F. Thro, M.D. · Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Paper #15 <i>“Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine Acceptability Following Recent FDA Approval of Abrysvo®”</i> Summer Lawrence, M.D. · Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine, Springfield, Illinois

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Break · Refreshments** Isabela Ballroom

SIXTH SCIENTIFIC ORAL SESSION | Isabela Ballroom

Moderators: Angelina Gangestad, M.D., CAOG Trustee & Theresa L. Robinson, M.D., CAOG Trustee

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Hot Topic #6 <i>“When Love Hurts: Endometriosis and Female Sexual Dysfunction”</i> Teresa Tam, M.D. · Director, Minimally Invasive Gyn. Surgery, Prime Healthcare/Saint Francis Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
12:00 – 12:15 p.m.	Paper #16 <i>“Social Drivers of Health Associated with Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy”</i> Sara C. Ueland, B.A. · Univ. of Kentucky College of Medicine, Lexington, Kentucky
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Paper #17 <i>“Latency after Preterm Prelabor Rupture of Membranes (PPROM) and Outcomes at Single Community Hospital”</i> Ciera M. Danen, M.D. · Aurora Sinai Med. Center, Advocate Health, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
12:30 – 12:45 p.m.	Paper #18 DR. GEORGE W. MORLEY MEMORIAL PAPER AWARD <i>“Is There a Need for Vaginitis Screening in the Era of Preoperative Antibiotics?”</i> Aaron D. Adams, M.D. · Univ. of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky
12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Paper #19 <i>“Establishing a Multidisciplinary Placenta Accreta Spectrum Taskforce to Improve Care: A Quality Improvement Initiative”</i> Elizabeth L. Mirsky, M.D. · Univ. of Kentucky College of Medicine, Lexington, Kentucky
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Paper #20 <i>“Persistent Gaps in Addiction Care for Pregnant Patients with Opioid Use Disorder in Appalachia”</i> Idhaya S. Vasu, M.P.H. & Elizabeth Lepovsky, M.P.H. · Univ. of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Paper #21 DR. BRYAN D. COWAN FAR RESEARCH NETWORK AWARD <i>“The Association of Urine Glyphosate Concentrations with Pregnancy Loss in Nulliparas”</i> Leah Bode Langford, M.D. · Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana