PROGRAM SCHEDULE

93rd Annual Meeting

Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (CAOG)

Meliá Caribe Beach Resort · Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

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