



## Conference Description

The 40th Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Obstetrics and Gynecology will provide evidence-based updates on a wide range of topics in obstetrics and gynecology, while highlighting our commitment to improving the health of our patients and the dissemination of medical knowledge to healthcare professionals. Conference faculty consists of UT Health Science Center faculty and guest speakers. Content is chosen based on surveys from our previous meetings and literature updates on current and emergent topics. Topics will be presented to address common knowledge gaps and will include skills and methodologies within the practice environment. A panel discussion at the end of each session will allow interaction between faculty and participants.

## Educational Objectives

- Describe new therapeutic options for menopause
- Explore innovations in medical genetics
- Review the medicolegal implications of OB/GYN care
- Recognize the challenges of periviable pregnancies

## Desired Outcome

This conference is designed to provide interactive educational activities that discuss complicated case scenarios that have been shown to improve participant application of evidence-based medicine for obstetric and gynecologic patients. Providing a format for adult learning that includes lectures, case-based studies, interactive question-and-answer sessions, collaborative sharing of patient care issues, and networking with other healthcare professionals has been shown to improve participant knowledge and competency.

## Target Audience

Obstetrics and Gynecology Physicians, Family Medicine Physicians, Primary Care Physicians, Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) and Certified Midwives (CMs), Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners (APNPs), Physician Assistants (PAs), Residents and Fellows, and other professionals in the field of women's health

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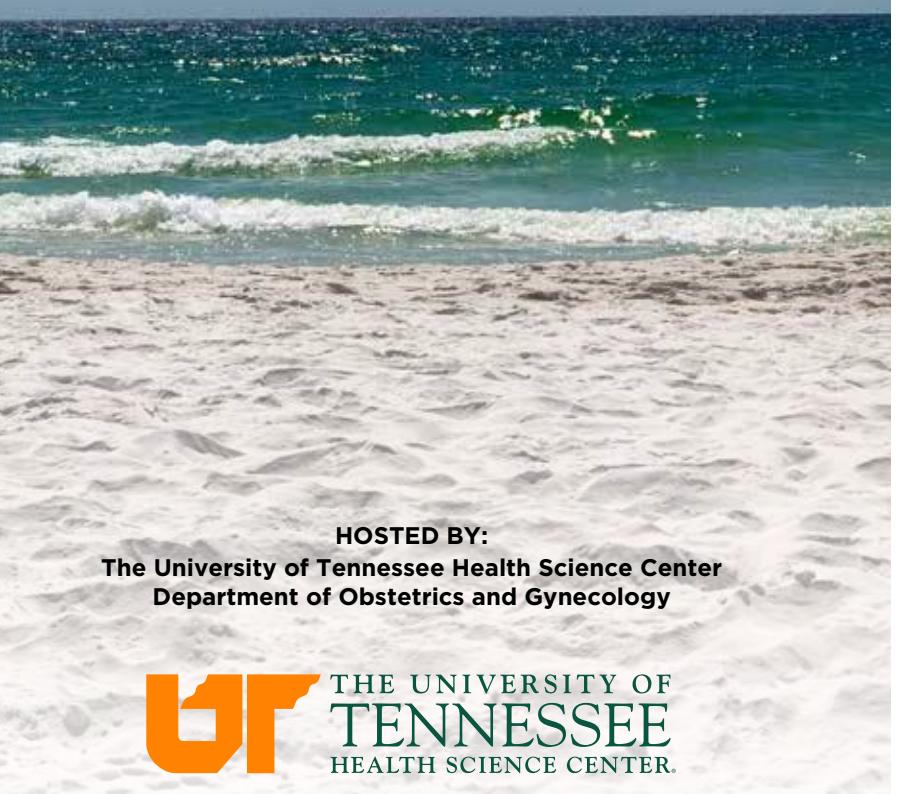
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IN OBSTETRICS AND  
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**Golf Resort & Spa**  
**Destin, Florida**



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**Monday, July 20, 2026**
**Gynecology Part I**

7:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:25 AM	Welcome and Introduction John O. Schorge, MD
7:30 AM	<b>Nuances of Contraceptive Management</b> Alexa Swailes, MD
8:00 AM	<b>Lost and Found: Mastering Non-Palpable Implant Care</b> Molly Houser, MD
8:30 AM	<b>Morbid Obesity in the GYN Space: It's a Big Deal</b> John Schorge, MD
9:00 AM	<b>The Modern Menopause: What You Need to Know in 2026</b> Pallavi Khanna, MD
9:45 AM	Questions
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	<b>If I Live to Tell: Ectopic Pregnancy and PUL</b> Brandon Bell, DO
11:00 AM	<b>Genetics for the OB/GYN Provider</b> Sierra Bishop, MD
11:30 AM	<b>Putting a Stop to Amenorrhea</b> Raymond Ke, MD
12:15 PM	Questions
12:45 PM	Adjourn

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026**
**Gynecology Part II**

7:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:25 AM	Moderator John O. Schorge, MD
7:30 AM	<b>Beat the Clock: Best Practices for Emergency Contraception</b> Molly Houser, MD
8:00 AM	<b>Updates on Recurrent Pregnancy Loss</b> William Kutteh, MD
8:30 AM	<b>Patient-Centered Pregnancy Options: Counseling for Adolescents</b> Lauren Bell, MD
9:00 AM	<b>Legal Considerations in Gynecology</b> Jeff Woods, JD
9:45 AM	Questions
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	<b>Occam's Razor and the Adnexal Mass</b> John Schorge, MD
11:00 AM	<b>The Therapeutic Pill: Using Contraception as Medicine</b> Pallavi Khanna, MD
11:30 AM	<b>Hopelessly Infertile: Are there any Miracles?</b> Raymond Ke, MD
12:15 PM	Questions
12:45 PM	Adjourn

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026**
**Gynecology Part III**

7:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:25 AM	<b>Moderator</b> John O. Schorge, MD
7:30 AM	<b>Update on Management of Uterine Fibroids</b> Brandon Bell, DO
8:00 AM	<b>The Ovarian Vein Thrombosis Paradox</b> Alexandra Fairchild, MD
8:30 AM	<b>Fertility Evaluation for the Generalist</b> William Kutteh, MD
9:15 AM	<b>Questions</b>
9:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Obstetrics Part I</b>
9:55 AM	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Paul Wendel, MD
10:00 AM	<b>Hyperemesis Gravidarum: New Paradigms for Management</b> Paul Wendel, MD
10:30 AM	<b>Obesity in Pregnancy</b> Michael VanDillen, MD
11:00 AM	<b>Getting Back to TOLAC</b> Benjamin Dorton, MD
11:30 AM	<b>Legal Considerations in Obstetrics</b> Jeff Woods, JD
12:15 PM	Questions
12:45 PM	Adjourn

**Thursday, July 23, 2026**
**Obstetrics Part II**

7:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:25 AM	<b>Moderator</b> Paul Wendel, MD
7:30 AM	<b>Trauma in Pregnancy</b> Michael Junior, MD
8:00 AM	<b>The Integrated OB: Managing Perinatal Anxiety and Depression</b> John Rocco M. Rodney, MD
8:30 AM	<b>Peripartum Cardiomyopathy</b> Michael VanDillen, MD
9:00 AM	<b>Perivable Pregnancies: Decision-Making Under Uncertainty</b> Aaron Caughey, MD
9:45 AM	Questions
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Overview and Options for Cervical Ripening</b> Amanda Williams, CNM
11:00 AM	<b>Getting Unstuck with Shoulder Dystocia</b> Stephen Rauls, MD
11:30 AM	<b>Circulating Cell-free Nucleic Acids: Beyond Screening for Fetal Aneuploidy</b> Owen Phillips, MD
12:15 PM	Questions
12:45 PM	Adjourn

**Friday, July 24, 2026**
**Obstetrics Part III**

7:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:25 AM	<b>Moderator</b> Paul Wendel, MD
7:30 AM	<b>Beyond the Bump: Managing Opioid Use Disorder with Buprenorphine</b> John Rocco M. Rodney, MD
8:00 AM	<b>Building Safe Spaces: Practical Pearls for Trauma-Informed Obstetric Care</b> Alexa Swailes, MD
8:30 AM	<b>Fluid Management in the Pregnant Patient</b> Paul Wendel, MD
9:00 AM	<b>Fetal Monitoring in the Second Stage: Practices and Pitfalls</b> Aaron Caughey, MD
9:45 AM	Questions
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Avoiding the Birth Plan Curse</b> Amanda Williams, CNM
11:00 AM	<b>Common Pain Problems in Pregnancy</b> Stephen Rauls, MD
11:30 AM	<b>Are We Ready for Genetic Miracles?</b> Owen Phillips, MD
12:15 PM	Questions
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