

ACOG Presentation

Rachel Tetlow

Senior Director, Government and Political Affairs

March 22, 2024

Conflicts of Interest

I have no conflicts.





MISSION

ACOG's mission is to support our members to improve the lives of all people seeking obstetric and gynecologicare, their families, and communities



VISION

ACOG's vision is an equitable world in which exceptional respectful obstetric and gynecologic care is accessible to



CORE VALUES

Excellence	Integrity	Accountability	Respect	Equity
------------	-----------	----------------	---------	--------



ACOG GUIDANCE

- The potential for pregnancy should not mean automatic exclusion
- Pregnant individuals should be defined as "scientifically complex"
- Should not require participation consent from an intimate partner
- Balance risk of fetal harm with potential for benefit and importance of information to be gained on the health of pregnant individuals and fetuses
- Address obstacles to participation, including lack of childcare



COMMITTEE OPINION

Number 646 • November 2015

(Replaces Committee Opinion No. 307, December 2004) and Committee Opinion No. 377, September 2007)

Committee on Ethics

The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and Society for Maternal–Fetal Medicine endorse this document. This Committee Opinion was developed by the Committee on Ethics of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as a service to its members and other practicing clinicians. While this document reflects the current viewpoint of the College, it is not intended to dictate an exclusive course of action in all cases. This Committee Opinion was approved by the Committee on Ethics and the Executive Board of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Ethical Considerations for Including Women as Research Participants



ACOG'S 2024 COMMITMENT TO POLICY ACTION



Drive Policies to Promote Equity in Health Care Access and Services and Improved Health Outcomes



Support the Practice of Obstetrician-Gynecologists and Ensure Fair and Equitable Payment



Shape Public Discourse and Policies to Promote Science and Respectful, Inclusive Care



ADVOCATE, ADVOCATE, ADVOCATE,

Coalition to Advance Maternal Therapeutics

- Founding member
- Steering Committee

Women First Research Coalition

Friends of NICHD

- Chair
- Standing member of Executive Committee

[Advancing] Safe Medications for Moms and Babies Act



Recommendations from the Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women

Expand

3. Expand the workforce of clinicians and research investigators with expertise in obstetric and lactation pharmacology and therapeutics

Create

5. Create a public awareness campaign to engage the public and health care providers in research on pregnant women and lactating women

Develop and implement

6. Develop and implement evidence-based communication strategies with health care providers on information relevant to research on pregnant women and lactating women



THANK YOU!

Rachel Tetlow
Senior Director, Government and Political Affairs
rtetlow@acog.org

