

## ACOG Junior Fellow Activity

The junior fellows in the Iowa section have had an exceptionally successful year. Section Chair Dr. Rachel Mejia and Vice Chair Dr. Amandeep Mahal attended the Annual District Meeting for District VI. The junior fellows worked with other representatives within the district to develop and promote medical student recruitment, networking, transition to practice, and fundraising. This past year District VI began building a mentor system for junior fellows to connect with current fellows within the District. We are

hopeful this will aid future junior fellows with the transition to practice and fellowship as well as foster continued ACOG participation. On a national level, Drs. Mejia and Mahal attended the National Congressional Leadership Conference as representatives from Iowa. This meeting brings together obstetricians and gynecologists from around the nation to advocate for Women's Health issues in Washington, D.C., on behalf of all obstetricians and gynecologists.



*Iowa section representatives to American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Congressional Leadership Conference, Washington DC lobby for women's health on Capitol Hill.*

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At the local level, the Iowa Section committed to performing community service and successfully revived a diaper drive in October in conjunction with a Halloween party. We “scared” up over 2000 diapers that were donated to Operation Threshold, which helps local women and infants in need. We hope to continue with a holiday diaper drive in the future. Dr. Mahal had the honor of attending the Annual Clinical Meeting this year in San Diego as part of the Residency Reporter Program. He attended several poster sessions and lectures on cutting-edge practice techniques and research. The Iowa Fellow Section, in conjunction with the

Iowa Medical Society, invited ACOG Junior Fellows, Dr. Mejia and Dr. Mahal, to attend a “Day on the Hill” in Des Moines, IA. This event included ACOG fellows, junior fellows and other mid-level providers for a day of campaigning on important women's health issues, including the opportunity to meet with several Senators and Congressmen. In summary, it has been a very productive year for the Iowa Section Junior Fellows and we are looking forward to continuing to promote medical student and junior fellow involvement in ACOG, community service and political activation.

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