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## OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY SUBSPECIALTY FELLOWSHIPS

*Frequently Asked Questions  
answered by*

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING

1. **What subspecialty fellowships are available in Obstetrics & Gynecology that are sponsored by the ABOG?**
  - Maternal-Fetal Medicine
  - Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
  - Gynecologic Oncology
  - Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery
  - Currently ABOG approves fellowship programs in the above subspecialties, and has examinations and certification for graduates in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and Gynecologic Oncology.
2. **What subspecialty fellowships are available in Obstetrics & Gynecology that are sponsored by the AOA?**
  - Maternal-Fetal Medicine
  - Gynecologic Oncology
  - Currently AOA, upon recommendation of the Residency Evaluation Committee of the ACOOG, approves fellowship programs in the above subspecialties as well as Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. ABOG has examinations and certification for graduates in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and Gynecologic Oncology.
3. **Who is eligible to apply for ABOG Obstetrics & Gynecology subspecialty fellowships?**
  - Any resident who has graduated from an approved ACGME or AOA Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program.
4. **When do you apply for an ABOG Obstetrics & Gynecology subspecialty fellowship?**
  - Contact individual programs for application information. Interviews generally are conducted in July through September. The match occurs in November.
  - The ABOG is not involved in subspecialty fellowship match.
5. **Where is there information about subspecialty fellowship programs available?**
  - All currently approved subspecialty fellowship programs in Obstetrics & Gynecology are listed on the ABOG website at <http://www.abog.org> or the ACOOG website at <http://acoog.org>
  - Subspecialty societies coordinate the fellowship matches. Information in greater detail about fellowship training programs also is available from:  
The Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM): <http://www.smfm.org>  
The Society for Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO): <http://www.sgo.org>  
The Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM): <http://www.socrei.org>  
The American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS): <http://www.augs.org>
6. **Are all ABOG programs required to use the NRMP matching service?**
  - Yes. Call and inquire about the application process for the program you are applying to.
  - Fellowship match information is available through the Specialty Matching Services of the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) at <http://www.nrmp.org>.
7. **Will ABOG fellowship programs experience any adverse or diminished funding if they accept residents who are eligible for ABOG subspecialty certification?**
  - No.
8. **Who can take the ABOG subspecialty certification examinations?**
  - Any ABOG-certified specialist who has successfully completed an ABOG-approved subspecialty fellowship.
  - Information is available from ABOG at <http://www.abog.org>
9. **Who can take the AOBG subspecialty certification examinations?**
  - Any AOBG-certified specialist who has successfully completed either an ABOG-approved or AOA approved subspecialty fellowship.
  - Information is available from AOBG at <http://www.aobog.org>

Summary of Abbreviations – ABOG – American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education  
ACOOG – American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
AOA – American Osteopathic Association  
AOBog – American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
NRMP – National Residency Match Program