The Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and its leadership in the promotion of women's health

La Sociedad Peruana de Obstetricia y Ginecología y su liderazgo en la promoción de la salud de la mujer

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The Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (SPOG, for its acronym in English) was founded on June 30, 1947, by Dr. Constantino José Carvallo Alzamora. In its 76 years of fruitful existence, it is an organization recognized for its important contributions to the quality and humanistic care of Peruvian women's health.

It is a specialized group associated with the Latin American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Societies (FLASOG, for its acronym in English), the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), in which it actively participates to ensure the academic and scientific level of its members, in addition to contributing to the training of high-quality medical specialists.

SPOG is an advocate for the sexual and reproductive rights of Peruvian women, acting in the prevention of obstetric complications and access to safe and quality health services. It coordinates and promotes activities and awareness campaigns as an advisor and consultant to the Peruvian Ministry of Health (MINSA, for its acronym in English) and other civil society organizations.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology has played an important role in ensuring timely care of pregnant women and promoting their vaccination. SPOG is a leader in the proposal and training of new specialists in obstetrics and gynecology, promoting scientific and technological training programs and research. It also participates in the development and publication of care guidelines for the specialty.

In addition, the institution participates in the defense of the development of our specialty and is attentive to the fight against attempts of illegal practice of medicine, together with the Medical College of Peru.

Since research is a fundamental part of SPOG’s mission, it encourages the development of projects and their publication in the various areas of the specialty. Recently, SPOG’s dissemination organ -the Peruvian Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics- has achieved an important indexing by entering Scopus, the largest database of scientific literature worldwide, which means an opportunity to make visible the Peruvian and Latin American scientific production in obstetrics and gynecology. Its articles are open access, which will make them available to a global audience and will considerably increase the prestige of the Journal.
This achievement is the result of the institution’s commitment to promote academic excellence and quality research in women’s health.

The new board of directors of the Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology is taking on the challenge of continuing to improve the organization’s image and maintaining its leadership in the promotion of women’s health. It has set on the horizon to incorporate new members to the society, encouraging the entry of resident physicians of the specialty as assigned members, in addition to increasing the number of associate and full members.

It can be affirmed that the Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology continues to be an organization committed to the health care of Peruvian women through the training of specialists, the promotion of appropriate health policies and research in the area.