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# The Minnesota Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

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Dear Perinatal Hospital Leadership Summit Attendees:

As the Chair of the Minnesota Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, I am writing to you in support of the 2016 Perinatal Hospital Leadership Summit. As a professional organization representing Minnesota's Ob/Gyns, we see great value in the program and its focus on mother-baby care.

ACOG and its members have seen the evidence showing the value of breastfeeding for both women and their infants. We strongly support breastfeeding and the women who choose to provide this invaluable care to their babies. Just this month, ACOG released a new Committee Opinion *Optimizing Support for Breastfeeding as Part of Obstetric Practice*. The Opinion states that, "Obstetrician-gynecologists and other obstetric care providers should be in the forefront of policy efforts to enable women to breastfeed, whether through individual patient education, change in hospital practices, community efforts, or supportive legislation." We envision your Summit as part of that effort.

Your Summit will fill an important need in Minnesota by providing a venue for an exchange of information between providers, administrators, and policy makers - all necessary players in assuring the best outcomes for women and babies.

We applaud your efforts and wish you great success at your event.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas Creedon, MD  
MNACOG Chair