

## **FIGO Global Webinar Series During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Dear Colleagues

The COVID-19 outbreak is considered an ongoing serious global public health threat, not only affecting the health of individuals and communities, but keenly challenging lives in an unprecedented manner. The COVID-19 crisis transcends medicine and public health and is affecting women's health and sexual and reproductive health and rights to a greater extent than men's. FIGO is a global leader and voice on women's health and well-being, the Trustees have agreed that FIGO should conduct a series of webinars to address women's health care practices, the role of the OBGYN community, and future practice.

These activities will be overseen by a small group Chaired by FIGO VP Faysal El Kak. It is important that we have a clear strategy and programme set out to span the next 12-18 months. It is likely that the initial Webinars will focus on COVID 19 but we must also look into the future and assess the impact of it on our Women's Health Services world-wide.

We must be at the forefront of providing up to date information for our Member Societies, particularly in the Lower and Middle income countries. We are determinate to provide information on good clinical care in low resource settings, the status of Women's health services and how best to support our members in trying to improve them. Also, we must take advantage of the opportunity that the pandemic has afforded of developing telemedicine.

The Webinar Organizing Committee will be looking to FIGO Committees and Working Groups, Advisory Council members, the FIGO federations and our National Societies, and global partners, to coordinate various types of webinars tailored to global, regional and national needs as well as those of the OBGYN staff themselves. We have access to experts from all over the world who will be able to provide insights into how to achieve best practice and we are sure, will be keen to share these widely.

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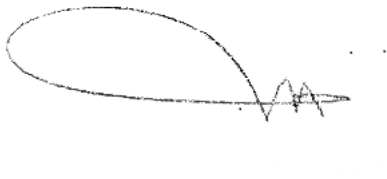
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The webinar themes will be constructed based on your suggestions and feedback regarding:

- Modality: Lectures, workshops, interactive sessions, QAs, etc)
- Themes: Pregnancy and childbirth, essential services, gynecological care and surgery, cancer, ethics, SRHR, others) through collective committees efforts that share common areas
- Speakers: Committees experts and FIGO pool of speakers
- Frequency: Every 3-4 weeks in principle to catch up with the fast updates and practices

We look forward to working together to promote FIGO's educational and training activities at this difficult time and also going forward and will enjoy and appreciate listening to your recommendations



Regards

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On behalf of the Webinar Organising Committee.