

**The Formation of the Accreditation Committee of
The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Ecuador and
The Ecuador ACOG Section.**

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The Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Ecuador (FESGO) first requested assistance from ACOG in 2011 for the formation of an accreditation committee and to establish an ACOG Section. The ACOG Latin American Consultant, Luis B. Curet MD, the Officer for Global Women's Health, Janet Chapin RN, MPH, and the Latin American Examination Consultant, Otto Rego MS, have provided technical assistance since that time. The process used to develop the needed structures in Ecuador followed the document approved by the ACOG Executive Board in July 2008. Dr. Curet and Ms. Chapin first met in January 2013 in Quito with the FESGO leadership, members of the proposed Accreditation Committee of Ecuador, and representatives from the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health. Several subsequent meetings have been held to assist the Federation to establish the Accreditation Committee and Subcommittees. The most recent visit was held January 29-30, 2015. The list of the current Ecuador Accreditation Committee members as assigned to the two subcommittees is attached to this report.

The Accreditation Committee decided to base its work on the Central American Accreditation Committee (CAFA) Educational Objectives (adapted from CREOG objectives.) The Accreditation Committee is functioning well. Presently, two residency programs in Quito are working with the committee; the other residency programs are preparing to join in the future. The two initial participating programs are the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Ecuador (PUCE), which is private, and the Universidad Central de Ecuador (UCE), which is run by the government. Each of these residency programs is based in a university education system, although the clinical experiences are in a variety of hospitals. Both of these residency programs are authorized by the Consejo de Educacion Superior (CES) and the Consejo de Acreditacion de la Calidad de la Educacion Superior (CAACES). The government of Ecuador uses these two entities to accredit all institutions of higher education. All ob-gyn residency programs in Ecuador require three years of training plus one year of national service.

The Examination Subcommittee has adequate diversity, including representatives from university educational leadership, residency program directors, and government officials. They already have generated over 200 exam items and plan to administer the first certification exam in September 2016 to practicing ob-gyns. The quality of the items is quite good. The two ACOG consultants will review the final group of items and from those prepare a 220 question exam of which 180 items will be evaluative and 40 items will be piloted. The members of the Accreditation Committee and particularly the Examination Subcommittee understand that the process of

generating items has no end and are prepared to generate new ones every year. The subcommittee has developed a matrix or blueprint for the examination and will work with the Educational Consultant, Otto Rego, to set the passing score at the appropriate time. They understand these issues quite well

The Residency Review Subcommittee also decided to base its work on the materials developed by the Central American Accreditation Committee (CAFA) including, the educational objectives mentioned above, the CAFA Residency Program Requirements, the CAFA Program Information Forms (FIP) for site visits, and the CAFA Evaluation Manual for conducting and reporting the site visit. All the documents have been carefully reviewed and adapted to the needs in Ecuador. The Accreditation Committee decided that, while the government accredits the universities, the level of review for the residency programs needs to be more specific to obstetrics and gynecology and performed at agreed upon intervals to assure that the requirements are met consistently. Therefore, the subcommittee will develop a schedule to review all ob-gyn residency programs, and plans to conduct the first evaluation visit in June.

The provisionally approved Section is organized with 30 founding members, who have applied and been approved as Fellows of the College (and are all members of the Accreditation Committee.) The Section has elected officers and the chair of both the Accreditation Committee and the Section is Dr. Alfredo Jijon who is devoting all the necessary time and effort to bring this project to a successful completion. Almost all of the Founding Members plan to attend 2016 ACSM and will participate in the Induction Ceremony during the convocation. The Founding Members have developed criteria for Historical Fellows, assuring that those members are an asset to the Section, and they are prepared to begin recruiting these individuals immediately. The Historical Member Application is ready for them to use. They will continue to recruit Historical Members until the certification exam is given.

It is the assessment of consultants and staff that the Ecuador Accreditation Committee and its subcommittees are well established and sustainable. The ACOG Ecuador Section also is well organized and can be submitted for Executive Board final approval and assignment to ACOG District IX.

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