

Stronger Together? Attitudes of Residency Program Directors Toward Group Prenatal Care

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Abstract:

Objectives: We sought to determine the prevalence of group prenatal care training across the US and attitudes of Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program directors toward the value of group prenatal care training for resident learning.

Study Design: We administered an online survey to residency program directors at 249 accredited Obstetrics and Gynecology residency programs. The survey was designed to assess program director level of familiarity with group prenatal care, exposure to group prenatal care, interest in training residents in this practice model and perception of barriers to this training.

Results: 132 program directors responded (53%). 89% reported familiarity with group prenatal care, and of these, 79% reported good or excellent knowledge of this practice model. 83% responded that training in group prenatal care provides an opportunity for faculty to better assess residents with regard to core competencies. The most common barriers to resident training identified were lack of space, cost and scheduling difficulties.

Conclusion: In a sample of 132 Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program directors, the majority recognized an opportunity for better assessment of residents with regard to core competencies through training in group prenatal care.