



## **SGO 2021 HPSE Advocacy/Health Policy Priority Areas as of January 2021**

### **Advance Research to Improve Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers**

- Support robust funding for ovarian cancer research and endometrial cancer research under the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program.
- Increase funding at the National Cancer Institute for basic research and clinical trials on gynecologic cancers.
  - Prioritize research to enhance scientific understanding about the significant disparities in incidence rate and patient outcomes.
  - Remove barriers to clinical trial enrollment for all women, including women of color.

### **Improve Patient Access to High Quality Gynecologic Cancer Care**

- Preserve and expand health insurance subsidies under the Affordable Care Act to ensure all Americans have access to affordable health care.
- Pursue solutions to the high cost of prescription drugs.
- Support adequate payment policies for gynecologic cancer care to maintain the viability of gynecologic oncology practices and the future gynecologic oncology workforce.
- Explore Value-based care models for gynecologic cancer care.

### **Tackle the COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on SGO members and their Patients.**

- Advocate for early access to COVID-19 vaccines for patients with gynecologic cancers who are at high-risk of getting the virus.
- Increase funding for COVID-19 disaster assistance to protect health care providers and sustain physician practices.
- Promote the value of telehealth by making permanent the flexibilities in telehealth policies issued under the current public health emergency, removing geographic and site of service barriers, and continuing to cover services provided by telehealth for optimal patient and provider safety.
- Promote policies that enhance domestic manufacturing and improve distribution pathways to ensure sufficient medical supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

### **Address Health Care Delivery System Reforms**

- Eliminate burdensome prior authorization and other restrictive policies that impede and limit patient access to high quality gynecologic cancer care.
- Reform the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) to support clinicians pursuing quality care improvement by strengthening incentives for and eliminating barriers to participation in alternative payment models.
- Ensure access to high quality gynecologic cancer care in any government proposed alternative payment models.