Society of Gynecologic Oncology Health Policy Priorities
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Pass the Jeanette Acosta Invest in Women’s Health Act (H.R. 2216/S. 1063).
- This legislation would expand access to preventive, lifesaving women’s health screenings, with a focus on breast and gynecological cancer screenings, through safety net and reproductive health care providers.
- The bill would also create new grant and pilot programs to expand access to preventive services and help train health care practitioners, especially in treating low-income and minority patients.

Pass the Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education and New Treatments (PREVENT) HPV Cancers Act (H.R. 1550).
- The goal of this legislation is to prevent human papillomavirus (HPV)-related cancers by providing new resources to address HPV, a common sexually transmitted infection that causes 90% of all cervical cancers and also contributes to other genital tract cancers.
- The bill directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create a national campaign to increase HPV vaccination rates and understanding of HPV-associated cancers.
- It increases funding at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to expand research on HPV-associated cancers. It also gives states resources to improve their immunization information systems.
- Lastly, it focuses on early detection by expanding funding for the CDC’s Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program with an emphasis on underserved communities.

Pass the Improving Seniors Timely Access to Care Act (H.R. 3173/S.3018).
- This legislation calls for practical prior authorization reforms under Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans to ensure patient access to high quality, medically necessary gynecologic cancer care.

Urge Congress to bring stability to the Medicare payment system.
- This initiative calls on Congress and the Administration to work with the surgical community to find a sustainable long-term solution to Medicare physician payment that does not threaten patient access to care year after year.

Maintain/increase funding for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP).
- The DoD OCRP addresses critical gaps in ovarian cancer research by supporting high-impact, cutting-edge research. It funds research from bench to bedside (basic, translational, and clinical) to advance the field of ovarian cancer care towards elimination of the disease.
- By increasing Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 funding for this program to $45 million, Congress would significantly help to advance discovery science and ovarian cancer care.

Maintain endometrial cancer as a research priority under the DoD Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program.
- This advocacy effort directs the DoD to add endometrial cancer as a research priority under its Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program to enhance the pool of endometrial cancer scientists, reduce the risk of endometrial cancer and improve outcomes, specifically for Type 2 and later stage cancers.

Increase funding and research opportunities for endometrial cancer and cervical cancer at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), NCI, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- The goal of this initiative is to expand research on the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic disparities in gynecologic cancers, specifically endometrial and cervical cancers, which disproportionately affect low-income patients and patients of color.