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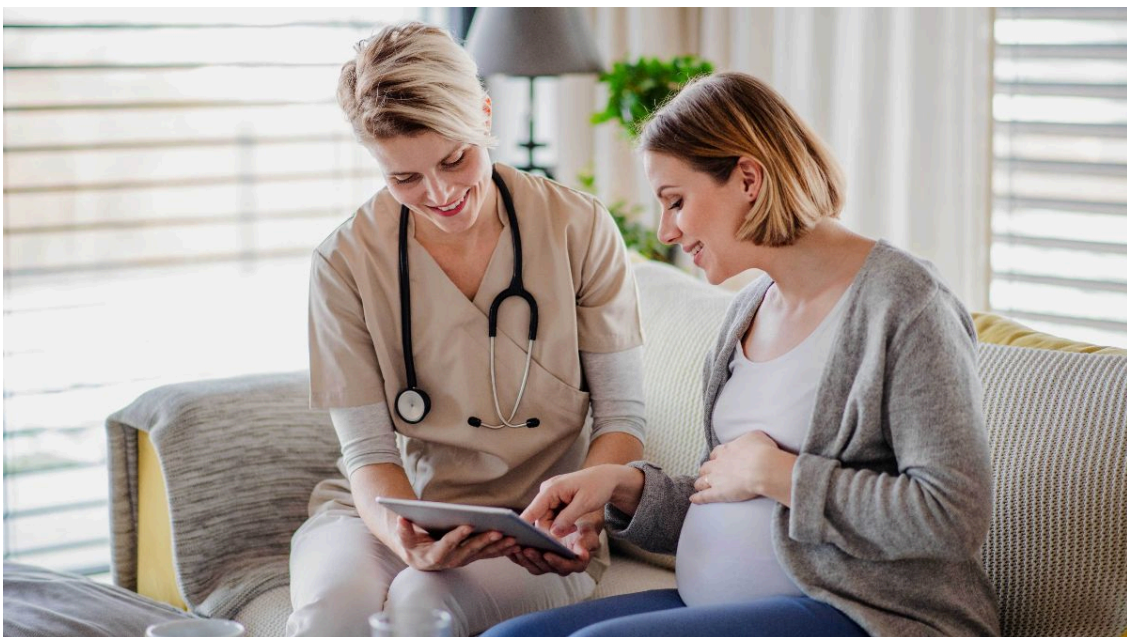
MEET OUR PRESIDENT



Dear colleagues,
I am delighted and honored to step into the role of president of Georgia Perinatal Association. This professional organization has had such an impactful, positive influence on my professional career.

As we look forward to our annual conference in September, I am excited by the forward movement for perinatal health that not only GPA is making, but the state of Georgia is making. Perinatal healthcare has gotten a lot attention recently and there are programs and laws being put into place that will improve the outcomes of our mothers and infants in the state. What a great time to be in perinatal healthcare and a part of this wonderful organization! I look forward to working with all of you and thank you for this opportunity to serve as GPA's president.

Sincerely,
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GPA President



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The Georgia Department of Public Health has recently instituted a new program throughout the state to support high-risk mothers and infants. The program is titled Perinatal Health Partnership (PHP) and is run through local health departments. The PHP program offers home visits to high-risk mothers during their pregnancy and through the first year postpartum. There is an extensive list of women and infants that can qualify for home visits with the hopes of decreasing maternal mortality rates and potential negative outcomes. The state of Georgia has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the nation and this program was specifically designed to decrease those rates and better support mothers and infants during the postpartum period. For further information or to see if this program is offered in your area, please check out their website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/healthy-pregnancy/php>.



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