

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020–2021



Society of Gynecologic Oncology

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# LETTER FROM THE 2020–2021 SGO PRESIDENT



David E. Cohn, MD, MBA

In many ways, the Society of Gynecologic Oncology's 2020–2021 Annual Report is a record of the first full year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Years from now, I believe that many of us will look back upon this time as a moment when SGO members rose to the occasion and faced our challenges head on. Collaborating with our staff professionals, we were able to pivot from our scheduled live meetings and turn them into successful virtual events. We began to develop a robust pipeline of online education in the face of stringent travel restrictions. We conducted online “Casual Catch-Ups” to stay connected with peers and mentors that we couldn't see in person. Most importantly, we continued to treat gynecologic cancer patients who entrusted us with their care.

During the tumultuous summer of 2020, SGO leadership took a look at the world around us and strengthened our commitment to diversity, inclusion and health equity. The SGO bylaws were changed to be inclusive of all members by expanding the Board of Directors to include a diversity chair, community oncologist, associate (non-physician) member, and early career member. Then after looking internally, SGO leadership examined and developed the 2021–2023 Strategic Goals and Supporting Initiatives. The three pillars of our strategic plan are as follows:

1. Advance the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of gynecologic cancers by establishing and promoting standards of excellence;
2. Foster greater diversity, equity, inclusion and accountability within the society and the larger healthcare community to improve health outcomes for all patients; and
3. Support the membership through operational excellence, innovation, engagement and efficiency.

I truly appreciated everyone's understanding and flexibility as we navigated the unique challenges of the past year. We made the difficult decision to cancel the SGO 2021 Winter Meeting for the first time in 25 years.

SGO finished 2020 with \$2.9 million in net assets and a positive change in net assets of \$1.1 million. The main revenue generator of the year, the Annual Meeting, was cancelled due to COVID-19, however, the year remained positive due to prudent actions by the Board of Directors and a favorable insurance settlement due to the cancelled Annual Meeting. FWC finished 2020 with \$4.7 million in net assets, \$2 million without donor restrictions. The investment funds benefitted from the strong overall investment returns, ending the year with an investment balance of \$4.3 million.

Although the pandemic forced us to reimagine the 2021 SGO Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer as a fully virtual event, it ultimately resulted in the highest registration numbers of any SGO Annual Meeting to date. During the opening ceremony, we shared dozens of photos of SGO members wearing masks and rolling up their sleeves for the COVID vaccine. It was a sign of solidarity that I won't forget, and I am proud to have shared that moment with my fellow SGO members.

Thank you for your perseverance and dedication during this time. Your commitment to your patients and to each other give me tremendous confidence in the future of our subspecialty.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Cohn', written in a cursive style.

David E. Cohn, MD, MBA  
52nd President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO)

# SGO 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

The SGO 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting had a record attendance of participants March 22-25, 2021, with a total of 2,606 attendees representing 52 countries. The previous registration record for an SGO Annual Meeting was 2,541 attendees at the 50th Anniversary SGO 2019 Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI.

Presented research included 105 oral abstracts, 8 surgical films and 610 posters. The virtual event platform captured data including:

- 7,911 session chats posted
- 2,419 private messages sent
- 493 banner ad clicks
- Nearly 400,000 desktop/mobile page views
- 3,448 unique exhibit booth visitors



# SGO ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS MEETING



SGO Allied Health Professionals Meeting for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) was held completely virtually on Oct. 17-22, 2020. This marked the first official virtual meeting for SGO, and for the first time, a full planning committee hosted the event. Attendance was a record-breaking 187 registered participants.

Quinn Capers, MD, from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, OH, opened the conference with an enlivening talk about implicit bias and racism in health care. The weekend continued with discussions about sexual health, dermatology and lower genital tract diseases.

Additional highlights included a palliative care presentation featuring a live role play session focused on critical conversations, and a patient-provider panel speaking to the impact of historical bias on current gynecologic oncology practice. Enduring content such as [Turnover Talks](#) are available on SGO ConnectEd.

## SGO GENDER EQUITY TASK FORCE

The SGO Gender Equity Task Force was formed in June 2020 in response to results from the SGO 2020 State of the Society Survey. SGO's practice survey provides detailed information on the practice characteristics, activities, professional liability, revenues and wellness, as it relates specifically to the subspecialty of gynecologic oncology. Over the last year, the task force was focused on drafting a Gender Equity manuscript for journal publication.

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### 2020–2021 SGO GENDER EQUITY TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- Stephanie V. Blank, MD (Chair)
- Eloise Chapman-Davis, MD
- Elise Kohn, MD
- Navya Nair, MD
- Sarah Temkin, MD

## DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND HEALTH EQUITY COMMITTEE

The SGO Diversity, Inclusion and Health Equity Committee was elevated to full committee status in July 2020. The Diversity and Inclusion Task Force was created in 2017 to identify and execute strategies to increase diversity and inclusion in SGO membership, staff, committee participation and gynecologic oncology professions and to improve clinical care and outcomes of historically underrepresented patient groups. Committee projects included the development of monthly columns in the SGO Issues newsletter and securing funding for two Diversity and Inclusion research grants for the Foundation for Women's Cancer.

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### 2020–2021 DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND HEALTH EQUITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Eloise Chapman-Davis, MD (Chair)
- Sandra E. Brooks, MD, MBA (Vice-Chair)
- Allison Asante, PA-C
- Carol L. Brown, MD
- Christina Chu, MD
- Tiffany Epps, MSN, AANP, FNP
- John Farley, MD, COL, FACOG, FACS
- George S. Hagopian, MD
- Jeffrey F. Hines, MD
- Gloria S. Huang, MD
- Elise C. Kohn, MD
- Angela Kueck, MD
- Carrie L. Langstraat, MD
- Nita K. Lee, MD
- Navya Nair, MD
- Lucybeth Nieves-Arriba, MD
- Alexander B. Olawaiye, MD
- Janet Osborne, MD
- Christine Rojas, MD
- Travis T. Sims, MD
- Jeanine Staples, MD
- Ana I. Tergas, MD
- Joyce Varughese, MD
- Christina R. Washington, MD
- Marian Y. Williams-Brown, MD, MMS, FACOG



# CLINICAL PRACTICE DOCUMENTS

The clinical practice documents published in the SGO Journal *Gynecologic Oncology* during 2020-2021.

- [Use of cannabinoids in cancer patients](#)  
Clinical Practice Statement – May 2020
- [Hormone therapy \(HT\) in women with gynecologic cancers and in women at high risk for developing a gynecologic cancer](#)  
Clinical Practice Statement, endorsed by The North American Menopause Society – May 2020
- [Managing opioid use in the acute surgical setting: A society of gynecologic oncology clinical practice statement](#)  
Clinical Practice Statement – June 2020
- [Endometrial cancer: A society of gynecologic oncology evidence-based review and recommendations](#)  
Evidence-based Review – March 2021

# CONTINUING TO EXPAND THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

## NEW ONLINE EDUCATION AND WEBINARS

The restraints of the pandemic did not keep our members apart as we navigated the virtual world to create space and connection in uncertain times, while also pushing forward science. SGO launched several live webinars covering topics from wellness to coding, as well as converting these live events into webinars, creating new educational materials and compelling podcasts. SGO ConnectEd is home to this enduring content for SGO members.



## LATEST COVID-19 COVERAGE

Covid-19 coverage extended through 2020 and keeping SGO members aware of federal changes, clinic recommendations and technical resources.

[HHS Releases Second Wave of Funding From the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund and Existing Programs Are Replenished](#) – May 2020

[Survey Results: Impact of COVID-19 on the Practice of Gynecologic Oncology](#) – June 2020

[Telemedicine Coding Examples](#) – Sept. 2020

[ASCO/IDSA Webinar: The COVID-19 Vaccine and Patients with Cancer](#) – Dec. 2020

[COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Vulnerable Cancer Populations: How SGO Members Can Contribute to the Solution](#) – Jan. 2021



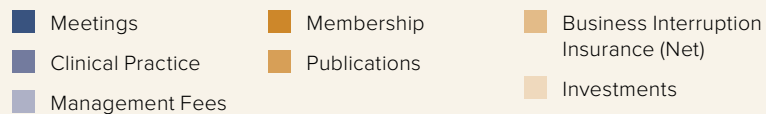
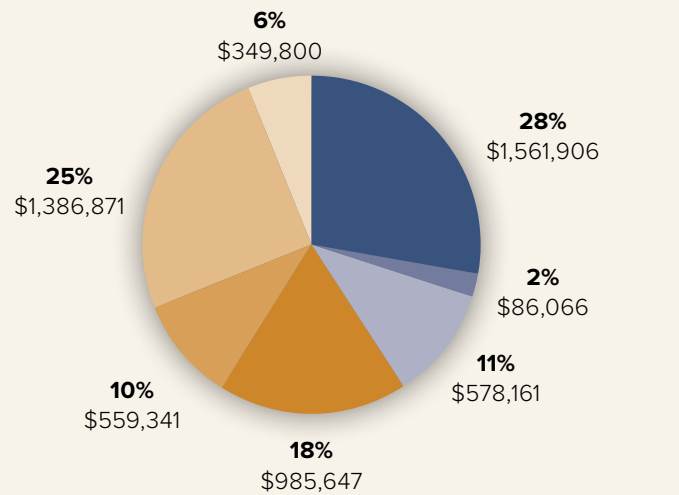


# FINANCIALS

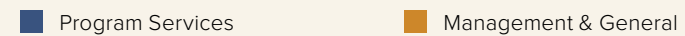
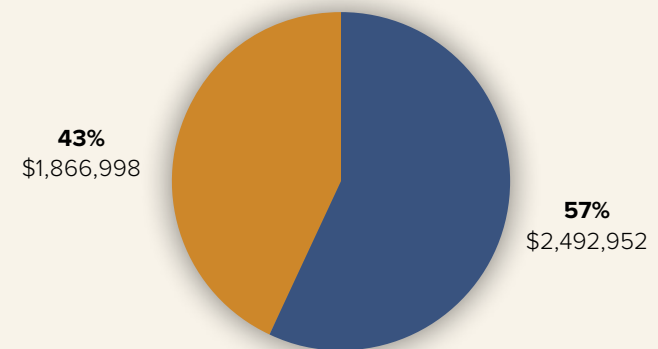
The following reports are audited financials approved by the SGO and FWC Board as of Dec. 15, 2021.

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## 2020 SGO REVENUE \$5,507,792

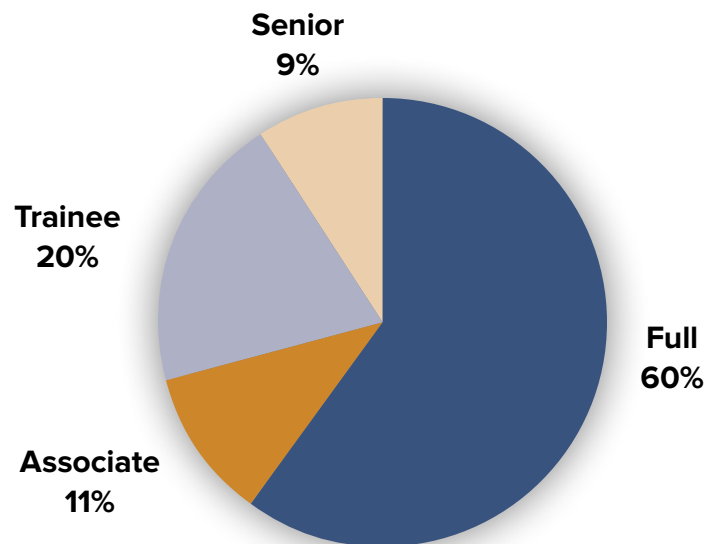


## 2020 SGO EXPENSE \$4,359,950

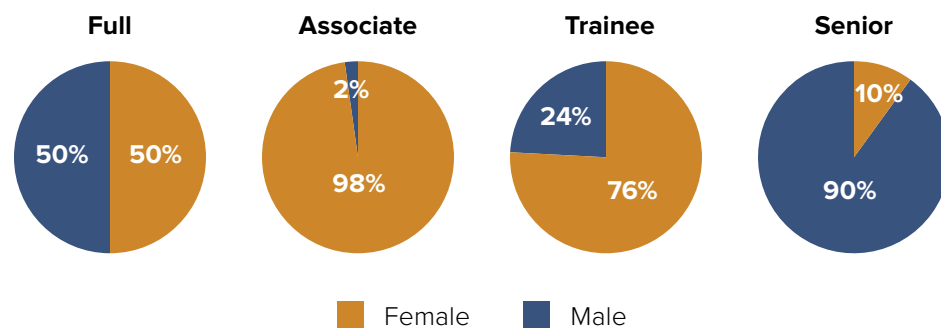


# MEMBERSHIP

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP

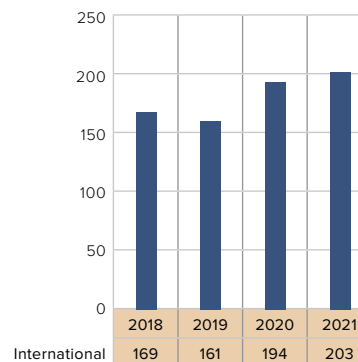


## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND GENDER



## INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Membership Trend



Top 7 Countries (non-US)	Members
Canada	52
Brazil	18
Australia	11
South Korea	11
Turkey	10
Japan	7
Cameroon	7

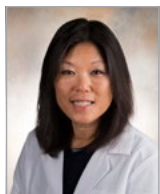
International membership is 8% of 2021 total membership

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## SGO 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**President**  
David E. Cohn, MD,  
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S. Diane Yamada, MD



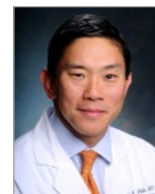
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