



## SOGH Statement on the Withdrawal from the World Health Organization

The Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists stands with the World Health Organization (WHO) and strongly disagrees with the edict to withdraw the existing half a billion dollars in US support over the next twelve months. The WHO serves as a science-informed agency, free from industry bias and accountable to all member countries to effect coordinated, data-driven healthcare policy, research, and intervention. In the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic, withdrawing US government funding and membership is a significant deterrent to care and cure.

As women's health specialists, we further support the WHO's reach and leadership in fighting sex trafficking and worldwide maternal morbidity and mortality, as well as the agency's advocacy in promoting gender equality in healthcare, access to contraception, and identification and trauma-informed care of victims of sexual violence, among other aims. Maintaining support of these indispensable international efforts is critical to women's health in the U.S. and worldwide.