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To foster collegiality, share expertise, and improve the health of women by promoting equity, compassionate and evidence-based care, education, advocacy, and scholarly endeavors in women's health

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President's Message



Preventing lawsuits and defending care

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With spring in the air and the days growing longer, there's a renewed sense of energy—not just outside, but within the OB Society as well. Over the past several meetings, we have seen attendance steadily grow and become the strongest it has been in years. It has been incredibly encouraging to see so many colleagues coming together to reconnect, learn, and share ideas. Your participation is what makes our society vibrant, and I'm grateful to everyone who has taken the time to be part of it.

One important strength of our society is its ability to create a safe space where physicians at every stage of their careers can gather to discuss the issues that shape and challenge our daily practice—from clinical advances to the complex obstacles that come with caring for patients in today's medical and legal landscape. Obstetrics carries the highest litigation rate of any medical specialty. Yet many lawsuits do not arise from medical errors, but from how we communicate—with patients, families, and colleagues—and how we document and defend our decisions. Our upcoming meeting will feature an especially compelling and timely presentation by **Heather Hansen: "Beyond Communicating to Advocating: How to Prevent Lawsuits When**

You Can and Defend Them When You Must."

For more than two decades, Heather Hansen has been an award-winning medical malpractice trial attorney, helping physicians explain complex medical decisions to juries who often arrive in the courtroom skeptical and unfamiliar with the realities of medical care. Her work focuses on helping healthcare professionals go beyond simply communicating their decisions to truly advocating for them. Heather brings a unique perspective through her background in psychology, her training as a certified mediator, and her extensive courtroom experience. Her interactive session promises to be both engaging and immediately applicable to our daily practice. Attendees will leave with practical tools to help prevent lawsuits when possible and to defend their care with confidence when necessary.

Thank you again for your continued support and engagement. I hope we can continue this momentum and fill the room on Thursday, April 9. I always enjoy seeing everyone outside the workplace and connecting on a different level, and I look forward to seeing you again. Please encourage your residents and your physician, CNM/APN/NP and PA colleagues to join us as well."

Upcoming Lecture

Beyond Communicating to Advocating: How to Prevent Lawsuits When You Can and Defend Them When You Must



Heather Hansen
Attorney

Thursday, April 9, 2026

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Beyond Communicating to Advocating:
How to Prevent Lawsuits When You Can
and Defend Them When You Must

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:00 PM Cocktails and buffet • 7:00 PM Program



HEATHER HANSEN

Attorney

— LOCATION —

Rodeph Shalom Community Room
615 North Broad Street, Philadelphia

FREE PARKING ON SITE

— REGISTRATION —

\$65.00 Members • \$85.00 Non-Members

<https://obphila.org/events/>

RSVP BY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

2025-26 Meeting Schedule



Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Beyond Communicating to Advocating:
How to Prevent Lawsuits When You Can
and Defend Them When You Must**
Heather Hansen

Friday, May 1, 2026

Resident Education Day at Lankenau Medical Center

Thursday, June 4, 2026

President's Night: Luisa Galdi, DO



Photos from February Meeting



Vaginal Breech Birth: From Decision Making to Delivery

Dominic J. Cammarano, DO and Katrina Lipinsky, CNM, WHNP-BC



Collegiality!



Photos from February Meeting



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Another Full House!



Photos from February Meeting



Signing the Book



Katrina Lipinsky, CNM, WHNP-BC



Dominic J. Cammarano, DO

S. Leon Israel Award

THE S. LEON ISRAEL AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE
IN RESEARCH IN THE DISCIPLINE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.

The award is open to all current obstetrics and gynecology residents in programs associated with the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia.

Original research manuscripts not published prior to April 1, 2026 will be accepted for review.

The resident must be the first author, but not necessarily the only author of the paper. It is expected that that resident will have primary responsibility for the literature review, implementation of the study and final drafting of the discussion section. Review articles will not be accepted. Papers should be written in a scientific format to include title, authors, institution, abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results, and discussion and should conform to the instructions for the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Manuscripts must be received no later than April 1, 2026 to allow adequate time for review. Any manuscripts received after April 1, 2026 will be ineligible for consideration.

**Two copies should be submitted to info@obsociety.org.
One copy should have all institution and author information removed.**

The award and stipend (\$500.00) will be conferred in May 2026.

Manuscripts should be submitted to:
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