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North America's Ob/Gyns release joint statement affirming that birth control is preventive care; Zika virus outbreak provides confirmation

Ottawa - The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC), The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and The Federation of Latin American Societies of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (FLASOG) have released a Joint Statement regarding Zika Virus, highlighting the need for universal access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services for all women.

Recognizing that contraception is essential health care, the needs of reproductive age and pregnant women go further. The Zika virus outbreak provides confirmation that birth control is preventive care.

The SOGC, ACOG, and FLASOG jointly call for immediate action on the part of governments, donors, and health care providers to ensure that all women at risk for pregnancy have access to affordable effective contraception; that all pregnant women have access to appropriate prenatal care and counselling; and that the risk of mosquito-borne disease is reduced.

[Read the Joint Statement by SOGC, ACOG and FLASOG](#)

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About the SOGC:

The SOGC is one of Canada's oldest national specialty organizations. Established in 1944, the Society's mission is to promote excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology and to advance the health of women through leadership, advocacy, collaboration, and education. The SOGC represents obstetricians/gynaecologists, family physicians, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals working in the field of sexual reproductive health. For more information, visit www.sogc.org.

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