Conclusions

- Men and women consider the gender gap in Ob-Gyn a negative factor but women still enter Ob-Gyn at significantly higher rates, suggesting that apprehension about the gender gap is not ultimately the deciding factor in specialty choice.
- Women may prefer to work in a more gender-balanced specialty, but also consider the gender gap in Ob-Gyn a manifestation of female empowerment.
- Men are more concerned about how their gender affects career opportunities and are more likely to perceive stigma against male Ob-Gyn generalists.
- No gender difference in how students perceive gender gap affecting work environment.
- Men are more likely than women to decide against Ob-Gyn before entering medical school, possibly highlighting the influence of attitudes about gender and Ob-Gyn outside of the medical community.

Limitations

- Single site survey with modest response rate
- Limited sample of men who decided to pursue Ob-Gyn prevents balanced analysis of how gender confounds decisions favoring this specialty

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