

OB/GYN Clerkship - Learning Objectives

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is an introductory experience in the provision of comprehensive medical care and counseling services to elderly, adult and adolescent female patients. The obstetrical conditions and gynecological problems commonly encountered by the physician provide the primary focus for this clerkship experience, but knowledge of serious or less common conditions is also available. Therefore the basis for the clerkship is to introduce the clinical information thought to be fundamental in the education of all physicians.

EXPECTATIONS

The expectation for the basic clerkship in obstetrics and gynecology is that you begin to build the foundation of knowledge and skills that you will need in the area of obstetrics and gynecology, regardless of the specialty you decide to enter. This foundation is described in the learning objectives listed below. In addition to the general categories, there are representative samples of competencies you are expected to demonstrate by the end of the clerkship. It is recognized that in a six-week clerkship with all its activities, mastery of all the goals will be difficult. However, through efficient use of your time and sound planning, along with the mentoring and teaching you will experience, you will progress on your journey into women's health care.

Ob/Gyn Core Rotation

- Demonstrates adequate knowledge by answering questions related to Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Asks insightful questions and contributes to the care of their patient.
- Demonstrates competency of basic skills appropriate for this clerkship.
- Effectively works with health care professionals to provide patient-focused care.

Professionalism

- Displays respect for others.
- Actively seeks responsibility beyond the scope of expectations.
- Recognizes limitations of knowledge and incorporates feedback.
- Demonstrates integrity in all interactions.

Patient Care

- Obtains accurate obstetric and gynecologic.
- Performs both a complete physical exam including a pelvic exam and an organ-system specific examination.
- Orders commonly used diagnostic procedures and accurately interprets results.
- Exhibits effective problem solving skills.
- Provides care that is psychosocially appropriate.

Medical Knowledge

- Exhibits a satisfactory fund of knowledge and an understanding of basic pathophysiological processes concerning to Ob/Gyn problems.
- Demonstrates ability to apply knowledge to clinical situations.

- Demonstrates an understanding of the influences of patient's age, sex, socio-economic conditions, culture, race and ethnicity in the perception of illness and its treatment.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

- Uses evidence-based approaches.
- Can organize and discuss literature related to this specialty.
- Demonstrates use of information technology.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Creates and sustains a therapeutic and ethically sound relationship with patients, families, and colleagues.
- Possesses effective listening skills.
- Clearly documents and presents patient data and clinical information.

Systems-Based Practice and Population Health

- Practices cost-effective health care and resource allocation that does not compromise quality of care.
- Functions as patient advocate.
- Can function effectively in different types of delivery systems, i.e. Clinic, Labor and Delivery, Inpatient setting, OR, etc.
- Demonstrates awareness of social and community issues related to Ob/Gyn.