

OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP YEAR 3

Clerkship Director: Bruce J. Mabine, MD

Clerkship Duration: 6 weeks

Medical students will achieve the following competencies:

- Perform a complete history and physical examination of women (both pregnant and not pregnant) and produce a problem list and a differential diagnosis
- Synthesize the data obtained from the history and physical examination to arrive at a diagnosis and management plan for patients presenting in the typical manner with the following conditions: menstrual irregularity, menopause, osteoporosis, vaginitis, common sexually transmitted diseases, pelvic or abdominal pain, pelvic mass, common gynecological malignancies (cervix, endometrium, ovarian), normal pregnancy, abnormal pregnancy including ectopic pregnancy and abortion, bleeding in pregnancy, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and diabetes in pregnancy.
- Communicate about a new patient in both oral presentation and a written note that presents subjective and objective data in a succinct and organized manner and is followed by a realistic assessment and plan
- Perform an uncomplicated vaginal delivery
- Describe the components of prenatal care
- Describe the physiologic changes associated with pregnancy
- Prescribe various forms of contraception
- Evaluate a female patient for domestic violence

All third year medical students are required to do a 6-week clerkship in obstetrics and gynecology. This can be done at Temple University Hospital or at one of our educational affiliates (West Penn Hospital, Abington Memorial Hospital, Crozer-Chester Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital and Geisinger Medical Center). The students spend a minimum of 2 weeks on the inpatient obstetrical service and 2 weeks on the gynecology service. The remaining 2 weeks can be spent in gynecologic oncology, outpatient obstetrics and gynecology or an additional one week each on the inpatient obstetrics and the inpatient gynecology services, respectively.

The rotations across all sites can be summarized as follows:

- Inpatient obstetrics 2-3 weeks
- Outpatient gynecology 2-3 weeks
- Gynecologic oncology 0-2 weeks
- Ambulatory Ob/Gyn 0-2 weeks

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All the sites that participate in the clerkship have adequate patient volume to provide an adequate amount of clinical exposure to the students assigned to each site. All of the sites have well-established, fully functional Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology. All sites have ACGME-approved residency programs in Ob/Gyn. The students are given a case log that sets goals for clinical exposure to a number of OB/GYN topics. This log lists the types of encounters and the minimal number of each encounter the student should experience. The student is expected to meet this minimal goal for each procedure/experience. The clerkship director at each site reviews the log before the end of the rotation. The students' clinical experience and midterm performance are reviewed by the clerkship site directors at the half point of the rotation. At the end of the clerkship block the entire clinical performance and final exam performance are evaluated by the clerkship site directors. For the students to receive a passing grade, they must have achieved the general educational objectives described above and have had at least the minimum patient encounters listed in the case log.