

## **Clerkship: Obstetrics and Gynecology**

### **Description**

We are excited you will be with us for the next 6 weeks. Ob-Gyn is, to us, the very best specialty - combining medicine, surgery, radiology, a little bit of pediatrics, preventive medicine and many other aspects of human biology. Our big picture is health care for women - and this can take on many different paths, whether in a general sense or a sub specialty. We hope you get to experience some of the amazing things we do in Ob-Gyn and appreciate their diversity and complexity. The clerkship is offered at three sites – NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens (a major affiliate of WCMC), and Houston Methodist Hospital (a major affiliate of WCMC). All three sites will provide an equal, but different, experience for our clerkship students. At each site, students will spend time on obstetrics/labor & delivery, general gynecology, gynecologic oncology, and ambulatory care. Each area at each site varies somewhat regarding what the student's role is, and we encourage you to ask if you're not sure of what is expected of you. In some areas, night call is also part of the required activities for the students. Sometimes it's short call (until 10 or 11 PM) or a night shift only, and other times it will be a 24-hour call. All of the on-call schedules will be discussed on your first day at orientation. Please note that the work day is from 7:00 am until 6:30 pm, unless otherwise specified, even for PBL days. Occasionally it will become necessary to move lectures and PBL topics around (due to patient care, administrative meetings, vacation, etc.), given unforeseen circumstances.

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### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of the Obstetrics & Gynecology Clerkship, the student will be able to:

- Describe the pathophysiology, epidemiology, etiology, clinical features, laboratory findings, imaging, pathology, and prognosis of diseases commonly encountered in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Perform a complete and focused history and physical examination for patients in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Identify the differential diagnosis and diagnostic approach to commonly presenting signs and symptoms in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Interpret diagnostic and imaging tests for diseases commonly encountered in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Demonstrate skills in diagnostic reasoning and clinical problem-solving, cognizant of ambiguity and uncertainty, and applying the skills of evidence-based medicine.

- Outline preventive and management strategies for diseases commonly encountered in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Write complete and accurate clinical notes.
- Communicate effectively with patients, families, and the medical team.
- Identify contextual factors that affect care, including psychosocial determinants of health.
- Recognize the limits of one's knowledge and skills, seeking consultation with more experienced physicians or specialists when indicated.
- Apply the principles of patient safety, healthcare quality, and minimizing medical error.
- Identify and respond appropriately to urgencies and emergencies in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Demonstrate a high level of responsibility, including attendance, reliability, accurate reporting, and personal comportment.
- Demonstrate a commitment to self-directed learning by engaging in self-improvement, accepting constructive criticism, and modifying behaviors appropriately.
- Demonstrate professional relationships with patients by establishing rapport, showing sensitivity to patient needs and perspectives, advocacy, and confidentiality.
- Demonstrate professional relationships with colleagues, the healthcare team and systems by showing respect for, and cooperation with, all colleagues, and by using medical records appropriately.
- Explain the central issues of pregnancy and childbirth before, during, and after parturition, including medical complications and anti-natal counseling.
- Describe normal and abnormal female sexual development throughout life.
- Describe the physiology of lactation and the importance of lactation counseling.
- Outline basic issues of women's health and well-being.
- Describe screening, prevention and counseling for major medical conditions in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Participate in surgical operations, having reviewed the proper steps of the procedure beforehand.
- Apply the principles of nutrition in Obstetrics and Gynecology.