



OBGY 500

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Clerkship Description

During this clerkship, students are introduced to the principles of caring for the OBGYN patient and participate in the various stages of evaluation and treatment of patients. Students will begin to understand the general process of the application of OBGYN specific therapies to patients in a wide variety of settings and participate as a member of a multidisciplinary team for patient care.

Credit: 6 credits

Clerkship Overview: The goal of the Obstetrics and Gynecology clerkship is to introduce the student to the principles of caring for the OBGYN patient. This goal is accomplished by allowing the student to participate in the care of patients in the various stages of evaluation and treatment by OBGYN physicians. These stages include but are not limited to the initial office, emergency department, or clinic visit, routine and/or high-risk prenatal care, in-patient admission, diagnostic testing, inpatient care, discharge planning, and outpatient follow-up.

Through this exposure, the student will begin to understand the general process of the application of OBGYN specific therapies to patients in a wide variety of settings. Furthermore, by participating as a member of the OBGYN team, the student will observe the role of the Obstetrician Gynecologist as a member of the multidisciplinary team that provides care for the patient.

Clerkship Structure: The clerkship is structured upon the principle that learning is a process which can be accomplished only by active participation by the student. The role of the faculty preceptor is to provide guidance, stimulation, support and example.

Entrustable Professional Activities

As a fourth-year student, the focus of skills development are those tasks important for entering residency training:

- Gather a history and perform a physical exam
- Prioritize a differential diagnosis following a clinical encounter
- Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests
- Enter and discuss orders and prescriptions
- Document a clinical encounter in the patient record
- Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter
- Form clinical questions and retrieve evidence to advance patient care
- Give or receive a patient handover to transition care responsibility
- Collaborate as a member of an inter-professional team
- Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care and initiate evaluation and management
- Obtain informed consent for tests and/or procedures
- Perform general procedures of a physician
- Identify systems failures and contribute to a culture of safety and improvement

General Clerkship Objectives

Medical Knowledge

- Understand the physiology of the female pelvic anatomy with an emphasis on reproductive development and changes in endocrinology across a woman's lifespan
- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of primary and preventive care for women across the lifespan with appropriate screening tests, exams, and treatments at each stage
- Develop an evidenced-based understanding of the pathophysiology of conditions and common disorders that affect women, tests to diagnose, and the appropriate management options for these conditions
- Understand the course of a normal pregnancy and effective healthcare during pregnancy to ensure the health of the mother and fetus
- Understand the proper management of labor and delivery and the management of common medical complications that occur during and after pregnancy
- Recognize common obstetric and gynecological surgical procedures in terms of patient selection, pre-operative concerns, and the risks and benefits for each procedure

Patient Care

- Demonstrate the initial development of the clinical skills required for women's routine health maintenance including: taking an effective history and physical, developing a differential diagnosis, and developing a management plan for common disorders and conditions
- Demonstrate the initial development of the clinical skills required for providing appropriate assistance in the OR for gynecological surgeries and C-sections
- Evaluate surgical patients pre-operatively and post-operatively in terms of common complications and explain proper management of these complications
- Demonstrate the ability to provide non-directive counseling to patients regarding pregnancy options and various methods of contraception with their benefits and risks
- Demonstrate the ability to assess the health of the mother and fetus health during pregnancy and labor and demonstrate the proper technique for delivering the baby

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Contribute to effective teamwork by communicating with the healthcare team in a timely, thorough, and accurate manner
- Document patient information with logically organized, concise, accurate written notes
- Develop patient-centered communication skills to effectively convey healthcare information to patients
- Use a respectful non-aggressive manner in counseling patients regarding life style choices that contribute to optimal health

Professionalism

- Accomplish tasks in a way that demonstrates that patient well-being is always paramount
- Demonstrate professionalism by interacting respectfully with the healthcare team, patients and families regardless of differing beliefs, culture or status
- Develop management plans for patients considering the physical, emotional, social and financial costs that the condition and its treatment impose on the patient
- Take responsibility for accomplishing assigned tasks in an effective and punctual manner
- Demonstrate trustworthiness by maintaining patient confidentiality at all times

Systems-Based Practice

- Recognize hospital and community resources available to support quality patient care
- Understand how multiple systems – hospitals, insurance carriers, government

agencies - often intersect in the clinical setting to impact patient care

- Document the major public health issues impacting women's health care today
- Recognize the effect social and cultural factors have on the provision of quality patient care
- Demonstrate the ability to be an effective team member by assuming an appropriate role in any clinical situation in order to support quality patient care

Practice-Based Learning

- Demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning by using evidence-based resources to better understand the condition and treatment of patients under your care
- Use instructional feedback from the faculty, residents, and healthcare professionals as a tool to improve performance as a medical student
- Reflect on your performance as a medical student and identify individual learning goals to accelerate your development as a physician

Expected Skills for Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship

Introduced/practiced

- Give/receive patient handover

Expected to perform

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| • History and physical | • Gloving |
| • History of present illness | • Suturing |
| • Obtain past medical history | • Differential diagnosis |
| • Obtain family history | • Interpret lab tests, imaging studies, basic EKG |
| • Obtain personal and social history | • Discuss orders/prescriptions |
| • Review of systems | • Assist with delivery |
| • Obtain vital signs | • Formulate treatment plan |
| • Patient presentation | • Demonstrate evidence-based medicine |
| • Focused Exam (H&N, ENT, cardiovascular/respiratory, gynecologic, breast exam) | • Collaborate as a team member |
| • Fundoscopy | • Demonstrate appropriate behaviors of a physician |

Textbooks and Resources

Horsager R, SW Roberts, VL Rogers, PC Santiago-Munoz, KC Worley. 2014. *Williams Obstetrics Study Guide*, 24th edition. McGraw-Hill Publishers [ISBN-13: 978-0071793278, ISBN-10: 0071793275]

Werner CL, DL Richardson, SY Chang, WF Griffith, C Hamid, et al. 2016. *Williams Gynecology Study Guide*, 3rd edition. McGraw Hill Publishers [ISMB-13: 978-0071849944, ISBN-10: 9780071849944]

Toy EC, JT PJ Ross, B Baker, J Jennings. 2016. *Case Files Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 5th edition. McGraw-Hill Lange Publishers [ISBN-13: 978-0071848725 ISBN-10: 007184872X].

Students have access to online reference resources through the Trinity Medical Sciences University Library and Access Medicine. Medical libraries and other learning resources are available at all hospital-based clerkship sites. Students also have access to the comprehensive Kaplan Step 2 CK preparatory materials which include lecture notes and instructional videos.

Evaluation

The evaluation will include the entrustable professional activities. The Obstetrics and Gynecology preceptor will evaluate the following.

- EPA 1: Gather history and perform a physical examination

- EPA 2: Prioritize a differential diagnosis
- EPA 3: Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests
- EPA 4: Enter or discuss orders and prescriptions
- EPA 5: Document a clinical encounter in the patient record
- EPA 6: Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter
- EPA 8: Give or receive a patient handover to transition care responsibility
- EPA 9: Collaborate as a member of an inter-professional team
- EPA 10: Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care and initiate evaluation and management
- EPA 13: Identify systems failures and contribute to a culture of safety and improvement

GRADES

Core clerkships are graded Pass, High Pass, Honors, and Fail. Components of the final grade include:

- Evaluations (mid-clerkship, final, student)
- Case Logs (NI)
- Patient Encounters
- Attendance
- NBME Shelf Score

A student who does not pass the NBME shelf exam will receive an Incomplete in the clerkship. See the Clerkship Manual for additional information.

POLICIES

For a complete discussion of clerkship policies, refer to the [Clerkship Manual](#) and the [University Catalog and Student Handbook](#).

STUDENT GRIEVANCE POLICY

Trinity Medical Sciences University (TMSU) is committed to treating all members of the academic community fairly with regard to their personal and professional concerns. The student complaint policy and procedure ensure that concerns are promptly dealt with and resolutions reached in a fair and just manner. The University's procedure enables students to bring complaints and problems to the attention of the TMSU's administration.

A grievance is a complaint arising by an action by an individual and may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Academic programs or courses
- Discrimination
- General mistreatment
- Harassment, including sexual violence
- Mentoring
- Privacy of student educational records
- Privacy of student health records
- Security and safety
- Research
- Student health

The process for filing a grievance is found in the Clerkship Manual and the University Catalog and Student Handbook. For additional questions and guidance, contact the Sr. Associate Dean for Clinical Clerkships or the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs. TMSU forbids any retaliatory action against students who present concerns and complaints "in good faith"

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to be present (and early) at clerkship sites as scheduled by the preceptor. Night call, weekend coverage, and holiday assignments may be included. Absences, for any reason, must be reported immediately to the Clerkship Administrator and preceptor. Absences may have disciplinary actions if not reported as outlined in the Clerkship Manual and by the preceptor.

CONDUCT

The University expects all students to be responsible individuals who possess the highest standards of integrity, honesty and personal conduct. These traits are prerequisites to independent learning, professional development, the successful performance of academic and clinical assignments, and the conduct of one's personal life. Accordingly, students are expected to adhere to a standard of behavior consistent with the University's high standards at all times off and on campus. Compliance with institutional rules and regulations, in addition to city, state and federal laws, is expected.

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