

## Competency-based Objectives

### Medical College of Georgia OB-GYN Clerkship

**Medical Knowledge: Students will acquire and master a foundation of clinical knowledge in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology**

1. Identify the maternal physiologic and anatomic changes of pregnancy and the postpartum period.
2. Recognize normal labor and delivery, steps of a normal vaginal delivery, indications for operative delivery, and routine postpartum care.
3. Identify common medical and surgical conditions in pregnancy and the postpartum period.
4. Recognize symptoms, physical findings, evaluation, and management of common benign gynecologic conditions.
5. Understand menstrual cycle physiology and menstrual disorders.
6. Understand methods of contraception and sterilization.
7. Understand infertility, including the causes, evaluation, and initial management of infertility.
8. Recognize benign and malignant breast conditions, and discuss the evaluation of common breast complaints.
9. Recognize risk factors, signs and symptoms, and initial evaluation of gynecologic malignancies.
10. Recognize age and risk-appropriate screening recommendations and procedures for identification and prevention of disease, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

**Patient Care: Students will provide patient and family centered care to women in the OB-GYN setting that is compassionate and effective for the promotion of health and the management of illness.**

1. Treat patients using a patient and family centered care approach.
2. Demonstrate the ability to perform a comprehensive female-specific history.
3. Demonstrate the ability to perform a complete breast and pelvic examination and collect and interpret gynecologic specimens.
4. Identify and interpret gestational-age appropriate diagnostic studies during pregnancy.
5. Perform at least two vaginal deliveries.
6. Recognize the components of preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative care, and participate in common gynecologic procedures.
7. Construct an appropriate differential diagnosis of a GYN problem in women of reproductive age based on clinical findings.

**Practice-based Learning: Students will engage in ongoing investigation and evaluation of their patient care practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence relevant to the field of OB-GYN, and improve their practice of medicine.**

1. Assess his/her own strengths and weaknesses with regard to interaction and communication skills.
2. Use feedback to identify areas for improvement and modify behaviors.
3. Develop clinical questions related to patient problems, use information technology to access medical information, and critically assess current literature.

**Communication: Students will engage in effective communication and collaboration with OB-GYN patients and their families, as well as other members of the healthcare team.**

1. Establish rapport with patients, demonstrating effective interpersonal and communication skills.
2. Work cooperatively and compassionately with patients, their social supports, and other members of the health care team.
3. Communicate the findings of the medical interview and physical examination in well-organized written and oral reports.
4. Recognize the importance of counseling patients regarding cancer prevention guidelines, and other health maintenance concerns.

**Professionalism: Students will demonstrate professional behavior, commitment to ethical principles, and sensitivity to diverse patient populations.**

1. Demonstrate personal integrity, ethical behavior and altruism.
2. Exhibit dependability and responsibility in patient care and educational activities.
3. Acknowledge and accept personal limitations and seek assistance when appropriate.
4. Demonstrate the ability to develop effective therapeutic relationships with patients, showing compassion and respect for privacy, dignity, and beliefs.

**Systems-based Practice: Students will develop an awareness of available health care system resources and demonstrate an ability to use them appropriately to provide optimal quality patient care.**

1. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively with other health care professionals to provide patient-focused care.
2. Demonstrate an ability to respond appropriately to medical errors if they arise.