Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship (OBG CL)
OB 300, 8 weeks

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship is for third year medical students at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and successful completion of the clerkship is required for graduation. The clerkship is comprised of clinical experiences in the outpatient and inpatients settings, the operating room and labor and delivery; face-to-face didactic sessions; and online supplements in Blackboard.

After completion of the OB/GYN Clerkship, the MS3 will be able to:
1. Perform a thorough breast and pelvic exam on a standardized patient with assessment from the SP (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
2. Demonstrate the ability with the supervision of precepting faculty to perform five bimanual and speculum exams (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
3. Obtain an obstetrical and gynecological history as measured by performance in the end-of-clerkship OSCE (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver and Communicator)
4. Demonstrate their ability in patient education and modern contraceptive technology by correctly educating a standardized patient about contraceptive options as measured by the end-of-clerkship OSCE (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver and Professional)
5. Acquire data gathering and problem-solving skills necessary for the diagnosis and management of common conditions that all physicians may encounter (Physician as a Communicator and Clinical Problem Solver)
6. Present two complete H&Ps of high risk obstetrical patients seen during the clerkship and answer questions with an attending physician as measured by the end-of-clerkship oral exam (Physician as a Communicator and Clinical Problem Solver)
7. Demonstrate the appropriate use and limitations of Pap smears and other gynecologic tests as measured by performance in the end-of-clerkship OSCE (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
8. Generate differential diagnoses, including supporting evidence from history and physical exam, in female patients with lower abdominal pain and or abnormal uterine bleeding as measured by performance in the end-of-clerkship OSCE and the CCCA (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
9. Demonstrate knowledge of physiologic adjustments that accompany normal gestation as measured by performance on the NBME OB/GYN subject exam (Physician as a Scientist)
10. Recall knowledge of embryonic and fetal development including potential teratogens as measured by performance on the NBME OB/GYN subject exam (Physician as a Scientist)
11. Apply understanding of social and health policy aspects of women's health via case-based discussion and on-line modules (Physician as a Professional and Person)
12. Explain endocrine topics important in OB/GYN, including the menstrual cycle, puberty, menopausal issues, polycystic ovarian syndrome, and infertility via small group presentations (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
13. Demonstrate their understanding of reproductive cancers via case-based discussions with a gyn oncologist and as measured by performance on the NBME OB/GYN subject exam (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
14. Apply understanding of intrapartum care and common problems in obstetrics via case-based discussions with a perinatologist and as measured by performance on the end-of-clerkship OSCE and the NBME OB/GYN subject exam (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
15. Demonstrate understanding of vaginal and vulvar disorders as measured by performance on end-of-clerkship OSCE and the NBME OB/GYN subject exam (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
16. Recognize common presentations and treatments of incontinence and prolapse as measured by performance in the end-of-clerkship OSCE and the NBME OB/GYN subject exam (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)

The course consists of a breast and pelvic exam with a standardized patient, face-to-face case-based discussions, clinical experiences at assigned clinical sites, night and weekend call (Maximum of 16 hours per shift), reflective writing project 19 required uWISE modules, OSCE and NBME shelf exam.

Clerkship Director
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