

**Obstetrics & Gynecology: Core EPA #5**

**Diagnosing and managing postpartum complications**

Key Features:

- This EPA includes recognition, prevention, and management of postpartum complications.

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation or case discussion, with review of clinic notes by OBGYN faculty, subspecialty trainee, TTP trainee, simulation educator, or other specialists

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Patient presentation (select all that apply): delayed postpartum hemorrhage; infection; perineal complications, vaginal hematoma; mastitis; endometritis; venous thromboembolism/pulmonary embolus; septic thrombophlebitis; psychosocial comorbidities; postpartum psychiatric disorders (e.g., psychosis, depression)
- Observation: direct; indirect
- Setting: office setting; postpartum ward; triage/ER; simulation

Collect 5 observations of achievement

- At least 1 wound complication
- At least 1 delayed postpartum hemorrhage
- At least 3 observed by OBGYN faculty
- At least 2 different observers

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 ME 1.4** Apply a broad base and depth of knowledge in clinical and biomedical sciences to manage the breadth of patient presentations in obstetrics and gynecology
- 2 ME 1.7** Adapt care as the complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of the patient's clinical situation evolves
- 3 ME 1.5 Perform clinical assessments that address all relevant issues**
- 4 ME 2.4 Develop and implement patient-centred management plans that consider all of the patient's health problems and context**
- 5 COM 1.5** Recognize when strong emotions (such as anger, fear, anxiety, or sadness) are impacting an interaction and respond appropriately
- 6 COM 3.1 Convey information about diagnosis and prognosis clearly and compassionately**
- 7 COM 5.1 Document clinical encounters to adequately convey findings, clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions**
- 8 COL 1.3** Communicate effectively with physicians and other colleagues in the health care professions

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- 9 ME 4.1 Determine the need and timing of referral to another physician or health care professional**
- 10 HA 1.1 Facilitate timely patient access to services and resources**