Providing care for patients with complex gynecologic conditions and/or medical comorbidities

Key Features:
- This EPA includes providing medical care and surgical counselling to patients presenting with gynecologic problems from initial presentation through and including appropriate follow-up. At this stage, the trainee is entrusted with complex clinical presentations with uncertainty in diagnosis and/or management. The trainee is also entrusted to recognize when patients require subspecialty care.
- This EPA includes patients with high complexity, defined as: those with multiple conditions that co-exist and/or interact; an atypical or refractory presentation of a common condition; contraception in patients with comorbidities; or management challenges including those due to social determinants of health and/or cultural complexities.
- This EPA may be observed in the inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room settings.

Assessment Plan:
Direct and indirect observation by OBGYN faculty, or subspecialty trainee

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Focus of encounter: [free text]
- Medical comorbidities: [free text]
- Complex gynecologic condition: menstrual disorder; complex menopausal complaint; pre-invasive gynecologic condition; complex gynecologic infection; pelvic mass; vulvar dystrophy; other
- Procedure: endometrial biopsy; cervical biopsy; vulvar biopsy; loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP); not applicable

Collect 10 observations of achievement
- At least 3 different medical comorbidities
- At least 3 different complex gynecologic conditions
- At least 5 observed by faculty
- At least 3 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 1.5** Perform clinical assessments that address all relevant issues
3. **ME 1.7** Adapt care as the complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of the patient’s clinical situation evolves

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4 **ME 2.1** Consider clinical urgency, feasibility, availability of resources, and comorbidities in determining priorities to be addressed during the current encounter or during future visits or with other health care practitioners

5 **ME 2.4** Develop and implement patient-centred management plans that consider all of the patient’s health problems and context

6 **ME 3.1** Determine the most appropriate procedures or therapies for the purpose of assessment and/or management

7 **ME 3.1** Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and alternatives for a given procedure or therapy

8 **ME 3.4** Perform common procedures in a skilful, fluid, and safe manner with minimal assistance

9 **COM 4.1** Facilitate discussions with the patient and family in a way that is respectful, non-judgmental, and culturally safe

10 **COM 5.1** Document clinical encounters to adequately convey findings, clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions

11 **COL 1.2** Consult as needed with other health care professionals, including other physicians

12 **L 2.1** Use clinical judgment to minimize wasteful practices

13 **L 2.2** Apply evidence and guidelines with respect to resource utilization in common clinical scenarios

14 **HA 1.3** Incorporate disease prevention, health promotion, and health surveillance activities into interactions with individual patients

15 **S 3.3** Evaluate the applicability (external validity or generalizability) of evidence from resources