

Obstetrics & Gynecology: Foundations EPA #7

Providing consultation and initial management for patients with urgent and emergent gynecologic presentations

Key Features:

- This EPA includes assessment, counselling, and timely initial management for patients with urgent and emergent gynecologic conditions including: acute abdominal/pelvic pain (including ovarian cyst/torsion, pelvic inflammatory disease, or tubo-ovarian abscess); vulvar abscesses/Bartholin's cyst/abscess (including catheter placement or marsupialization); wound infections; septic abortion; first trimester pregnancy complications (including pregnancy of unknown location, ectopic pregnancy, first trimester loss, or hyperemesis gravidarum).
- This includes obtaining consent for an operative procedure such as laparoscopy, D and C, wound debridement or marsupialization in the OR.

Assessment Plan:

Direct and/or indirect observation by the OBGYN faculty, Core or TTP trainee, or subspecialty trainee

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Setting: emergency department; outpatient clinic; inpatient ward
- Presentation: first trimester complications; pregnancy of unknown location (PUL); ectopic pregnancy; first trimester loss; hyperemesis; acute abdominal/pelvic pain; ovarian cyst/torsion; vulvar abscesses/Bartholin's
- Management (select all that apply): not applicable; catheter placement; marsupialization; initial management for an unstable patient; wound infection
- Counselling and consent discussion: yes; no

Collect 5 observations of achievement

- At least 3 different patient presentations
- At least 3 OBGYN faculty
- At least 2 different observers

CanMEDS milestones:

- 1 ME 1.4** Apply clinical and biomedical sciences to manage presentations in gynecologic care
- 2 ME 1.5** **Recognize an urgent or difficult problem that may need the involvement of more experienced colleagues and seek their assistance**
- 3 ME 1.6** Maintain a duty of care and patient safety while balancing multiple responsibilities
- 4 ME 1.7** Identify clinical situations in which complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity play a role in decision-making
- 5 ME 2.2** **Perform a patient assessment including history and physical exam**
- 6 ME 2.2** **Select appropriate investigations and interpret the results**
- 7 ME 2.2** **Synthesize patient information to determine diagnosis**
- 8 ME 2.4** **Develop and implement an initial management plan for urgent and emergent gynecologic presentations**

*ENTRUSTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
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- 9 ME 3.1** Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and alternatives for a given procedure or therapy
- 10 COM 1.6** **Assess a patient’s decision-making capacity**
- 11 ME 3.2** **Obtain and document informed consent, explaining the risks, benefits, alternatives and the rationale for the proposed treatment options**
- 12 ME 4.1** **Ensure follow-up on results of investigation**
- 13 COM 2.3** Seek and synthesize relevant information from other sources, including the patient’s family, with the patient’s consent
- 14 COM 3.1** **Use strategies to verify and validate the patient’s understanding**
- 15 COM 5.1** Document the clinical encounter to adequately convey findings, clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions
- 16 COL 1.3** **Engage in respectful shared decision-making with physicians and other colleagues in the health care professions**
- 17 HA 2.2** Identify patients or populations that are not being served optimally in their clinical practice