

**Obstetrics & Gynecology: Foundations EPA #10**

**Performing minor gynecologic operative procedures**

Key Features:

- This EPA includes obtaining consent, performing the procedure, and providing immediate post-operative care, including recognizing complications of the following procedures: simple laparoscopic tubal ligation (clips, electrocautery); basic laparoscopy (port placement, closing incisions); diagnostic hysteroscopy; global endometrial ablation; surgical management of Bartholin's abscess; dilatation and curettage.
- To achieve this EPA the trainee will perform the above uncomplicated procedures under the direct guidance and assistance of a skilled assistant, while requiring minimal redirection or assistance with the procedure.
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: direct observation of surgical skills; and a log of procedures to demonstrate the breadth of experience.

Assessment Plan:

Part A: Procedural skills

Direct observation by OBGYN faculty, subspecialty trainee, or Core or TTP trainee

Use Form 2: Form collects information on:

- Procedure (select all that apply): basic laparoscopy (port placement, electrocautery, closing incisions); diagnostic hysteroscopy; global endometrial ablation; surgical management of Bartholin's abscess; dilatation and curettage

Collect 5 observations of achievement

- At least 1 basic laparoscopy
- At least 1 diagnostic hysteroscopy
- At least 1 global endometrial ablation
- At least 1 dilatation and curettage
- At least 1 surgical management of Bartholin's abscess

Part B: Maintaining a logbook

Submit logbook of procedures

Logbook tracks:

- Procedure: basic laparoscopy (port placement, electrocautery, closing incisions); diagnostic hysteroscopy; global endometrial ablation; surgical management of Bartholin's abscess; dilatation and curettage

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CanMEDS milestones:

Part A: Procedural skills

- 1 ME 1.4 Apply knowledge of surgical anatomy, steps of the procedure, potential intraoperative risks and means to avoid/overcome them**
- 2 ME 1.4 Apply knowledge of the principles of electrosurgery**
- 3 ME 3.1 Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and alternatives for a given procedure or therapy**
- 4 ME 3.2 Obtain and document informed consent, explaining the risks, benefits, alternatives and the rationale for the proposed treatment options**
- 5 ME 3.4 Demonstrate effective procedure preparation, including the use of a pre-procedure time-out or safe surgical checklist as appropriate**
- 6 ME 3.4 Assemble required equipment**
- 7 ME 3.4 Interpret findings of examination under anesthesia**
- 8 ME 3.4 Place laparoscopic ports**
- 9 ME 3.4 Orient spatially without hesitation and position instruments where intended**
- 10 ME 3.4 Perform safe dissection of relevant structures and tissue layers with gentle tissue handling**
- 11 ME 3.4 Demonstrate intraoperative judgment, fluidity of movement, and forward progression**
- 12 COL 1.2 Communicate effectively and professionally with the OR team**
- 13 ME 3.4 Establish and implement a plan for post-procedure care, including post-operative orders**
- 14 COM 5.1 Document the surgical encounter to adequately convey the procedure and outcome**
- 15 P 4.1 Demonstrate an ability to regulate attention, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours while maintaining capacity to perform professional tasks**