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
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