

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the clerkship is to educate third-year medical students and provide them with the basic skills needed to provide primary health care to women. Over the course of this six-week clerkship, it is our goal to provide you with clinical and didactic experiences in a variety of women's health care settings that will enable you to begin to appreciate the positive effects of long-term relationships with patients and the interdisciplinary approach to the care of women of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Obstetrics and Gynecology combines areas of medicine, which include: pediatrics, surgery, embryology, genetics, endocrinology, radiology, oncology, urology, human sexuality and preventive medicine into or field, which provides total health care for women during their lifetime.

OBJECTIVES

During the course of the clerkship, students will work in the delivery room, operating room, and outpatient settings. Students will also attend clinical conferences that address medical and surgical management of gynecologic problems, high-risk obstetrics, and issues in prenatal diagnosis. Every attempt is made for students to experience all areas of obstetrics and gynecology - from basics of well woman care to the delivery of infants. There is a lot to learn in six weeks and our goal is to give the students the basic skills and knowledge to be able to approach any field of medicine and be confident about their ability to perform a pelvic exam or answer basic questions about women's health.

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Students will be integrated into the team of health care professionals. They will be expected to:

- Attend and observe the delivery of babies and gynecology operative procedures.
- Perform a select number of procedures under appropriate supervision.

CONFERENCES/ROUNDS/LECTURES

The clerkship is devoted to core lectures encompassing obstetrics, gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine, and gynecologic oncology. This core material is presented through the formal lecture and seminar system. During the remainder of the clerkship, supplemental instruction is carried out with daily departmental reports, daily clinical conferences (with students presenting interesting cases for discussion), weekly grand rounds and walking rounds.

The program is conducted in the Outpatient Department, Obstetrical Floors, Labor and Delivery rooms, and the operating rooms. Medical students are expected to attend all lectures, rounds and conferences.

EVALUATION AND GRADING

The Course Director and the Chief Resident will assess each student's performance using the appropriate Medical School's evaluation form. For more information about your evaluation, please visit your school webpage or the student's catalog.