

## OB-GYN COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course objectives are designed to achieve the clinical competencies and objectives of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine. These objectives incorporate the educational objectives of a third year clinical clerkship as defined by the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

By the completion of the clerkship in Obstetrics and Gynecology, the student will be able to:

### Patient Care

- Demonstrate the ability to take an appropriate and thorough history; examine patients with appropriate thoroughness
- Identify and prioritize patients' problems; develop a thorough differential diagnosis
- Develop appropriate plans for laboratory and radiologic evaluation
- Develop appropriate plans for management and be able to communicate the plan effectively to the team.
- Formulate a differential diagnosis of the acute abdomen and chronic pelvic pain.
- Describe common breast conditions and outline the evaluation of breast complaints.
- Demonstrate knowledge of perioperative care and familiarity with gynecological procedures

### Medical Knowledge

- Students must acquire knowledge of basic disease processes encountered in Obstetrics and use this knowledge to counsel patients:
  - Preconception care including genetics, medical conditions and environmental factors on maternal health and fetal development
  - Intrapartum care
  - Postpartum care of mother and newborn
- Explain the normal physiologic changes of pregnancy including interpretation of common diagnostic studies.
- Describe common problems in obstetrics.
- Describe menstrual cycle physiology, discuss puberty and menopause and explain normal and abnormal bleeding.
- Describe the etiology and evaluation of infertility.
- Develop a thorough understanding of conception, including sterilization and abortion.
- Demonstrate knowledge of common benign gynecological conditions.
- Describe gynecological malignancies including risk factors, signs and symptoms and initial evaluation.

### Practice Based Learning and Improvement

- Apply recommended prevention strategies to women throughout the life-span.

### Interpersonal Relationships and Communication

- Develop competence in the medical interview and physical examination of women and incorporate ethical, social, and diversity perspectives to provide culturally competent health care.
- Demonstrate knowledge of how to effectively communicate with patients in challenging situations such as pregnancy complication or diagnosis of malignancy.
- Provide a preliminary assessment of patients with sexual concerns.

### Professional Behavior

- Students conduct themselves with honesty and integrity respecting diversity and cultural beliefs of patients, family members, and team members.
- Students understand their limits and ensure their own competence.

**Systems Based Practice**

- Students recognize how their patient care decisions and professional behaviors affect the healthcare and educational systems in which they work.
- Students demonstrate an understanding of the healthcare system, including utilization of resources.

**Interprofessional Collaboration**

- Students establish trust and maintain a climate of respect while working in collaborative teams on the labor and delivery unit.
- Students engage other members of inter-professional teams to in order to provide care that is safe, effective, and efficient.

**Personal and Professional Development**

- Students assess their learning needs, knowledge, emotional needs, and the limitation of their skills in order to improve.
- Recognize his/her role as a leader and advocate for women.
- Students demonstrate flexibility, maturity, and the ability to utilize appropriate resources in the face of uncertainty.
- Students engage in activities that promote their personal and professional growth during their obgyn clerkship.

I have received and reviewed the LSUHSC OB-GYN Course Objectives.

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Printed Name

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