Elective: Obstetrics & Gynecology/Gynecology

OVERVIEW

The elective student participates as part of the gynaecological team under the direction of the assigned preceptor, and senior resident. The 2-week elective will provide an opportunity for the student to help diagnose, treat and advise women presenting with gynecological complaints. Learning will take place in inpatient, emergency and clinic environments. This experience will be of interest to the student considering a career in Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Sports Medicine, Endocrinology, Dermatology, Sexual Medicine or Obstetrics and Gynecology.

INTRODUCTION

Location(s):
Women’s Hospital, SBGH, Private practice offices

Preceptors:
Will be determined based on availability

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES (CanMEDS)

Medical Expert
As Medical Experts, physicians integrate all of the CanMEDS Roles, applying medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes in their provision of patient-centered care.

- Diagnose and understand treatment approaches for patients with common gynecological conditions (abnormal uterine bleeding, menopause, contraception, amenorrhea, vulvovaginal complaints, etc).
- Perform basic gynecological procedures under supervision while minimizing discomfort to the patient (speculum examination, bimanual examination, pap smear, endometrial biopsy, IUCD insertion, pessary insertion and removal).

Communicator
Physicians effectively facilitate the doctor-patient relationship and the dynamic exchanges that occur before, during, and after the medical encounter.
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- Take a skillful, focused history using both open-ended and directed questions.
- Inform patients about their findings, diagnoses and interventions using language that is appropriate to their level of understanding.

Collaborator
Physicians effectively work within a healthcare team to achieve optimal patient care.

- Interact with all members of the health care team in a respectful, inclusive manner acknowledging the importance of the team approach in optimal patient care.
- Understand one’s own limitations and seek timely assistance/consultation/referral when appropriate.

Leader
Physicians engage with others to contribute to a vision of a high-quality health care system and take responsibility for the delivery of excellent patient care through their activities as clinicians, administrators, scholars, or teachers.

- Develop an understanding of the life/work balance, practice management, administrative responsibilities, and remuneration available in gynecological practice.

Health Advocate
Physicians responsibly use their expertise and influence to advance the health and well-being of individual patients, communities and populations.

- Recognize the social determinants of health and take these into account when recommending diagnostic and treatment approaches.
- Advocate for culturally competent, patient-centered care for each patient in your care.

Scholar
Physicians demonstrate a lifelong commitment to reflective learning, as well as the creation, dissemination, application and translation of medical knowledge.

- Practice evidence-based medicine. Use on-line resources to enhance patient care.
- Teach others. Engage in active discussion regarding alternative approaches based on the available evidence.

Professional
As Professionals, physicians are committed to the health and well-being of individuals and society through ethical practice, profession-Led regulation, and high personal standards of behaviour.

- Develop the habit of life-long learning and commitment to excellence in the practice of medicine.
- Demonstrate a high level of ethical, honest, professional behaviour both inside and outside the clinical environment.
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INFORMATION

Evaluations

Assessment will be based on demonstrated achievement of the Learning Objectives. The assigned preceptor will be responsible for completion of the final assessment report using direct observation and information gleaned from the SAR, other physicians and health care providers.

Expectations

- Each elective student will be assigned to a consultant gynecologist and expected to be available to attend clinics, surgeries and on-call activities with that preceptor.
- Students should contact their assigned preceptor well in advance of the elective to arrange their schedules and discuss their personal learning objectives.
- University of Manitoba students should identify the meeting place for the first day of the elective.
- Visiting Elective students should report to the Women’s Hospital Senior Administrative Resident (SAR) on Gynecology for sign-over rounds at 0700 on the first day of the elective.
- After rounds and orientation, visiting students must obtain photo identification, activated swipe cards and verification of compliance with the Manitoba Personal Health Information Act (PHIA).

WARD ACTIVITIES

Teaching Sessions

Preceptor assignments, contact information and directions are available from the Undergraduate Medical Education office of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Service Rounds

- Grand Rounds Wednesday morning 0745-0900 Frederic Gaspard Theatre linked to SBGH-NG002.
- Impossible Case Rounds Women’s with Dr. Burnett, Tuesday’s 0730-0830, WT557.
- Attending rounds is dependent on schedule with assigned preceptor.