

Elective: Obstetrics & Gynecology – Obstetrics

OVERVIEW

The 2-week elective will provide an opportunity for the student to participate in the care of obstetrical patients. Learning will take place in hospital and clinic environments. This experience will be of interest to the student considering a career in Family Medicine, Pediatrics, General Surgery, Anesthesia or Obstetrics and Gynecology. The elective will be offered at St. Boniface Hospital and Women's Hospital.

INTRODUCTION

Location(s):

Women's Hospital
St. Boniface General Hospital

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.

- Understand diagnostic and treatment approaches for patients presenting with common antepartum problems (abdominal pain, cystitis, vaginitis, antepartum bleeding, threatened premature labour, musculoskeletal pain, etc.).
- Participate in intrapartum care and perform normal deliveries under supervision while minimizing discomfort to the patient.
- Participate in the care of post partum patients including management of postpartum hemorrhage, infections, contraceptive counseling and breastfeeding support.

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Communicator

Physicians effectively facilitate the doctor-patient relationship and the dynamic exchanges that occur before, during, and after the medical encounter.

- Take a skillful, focused history using both open-ended and directed questions.
- Inform patients about their findings, diagnoses and interventions using language that is respectful of and appropriate for 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 value of the team approach in optimal patient care.
- Develop an awareness of 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 obstetrical 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.

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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.

WARD ACTIVITIES

Expectations

- Each elective student will be assigned to a consultant obstetrician 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 St. Boniface Hospital or Women's Hospital Senior Administrative Resident (SAR) on Obstetrics 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).

Service Rounds

- Grand Rounds Wednesday morning 0745-0900 Frederic Gaspard Theatre linked to SBGH NG002
- High Risk Rounds, Women's Thursday 0800-0900
- Perinatal Rounds, SBGH Thursday 0800-0900
- Attending rounds is dependent on schedule with assigned preceptor.

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Academic Schedule

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