Clerkship Learning Objectives: OB/GYN
The clerkship is designed to provide an overview of the fundamentals of gynecologic and obstetric care, so that students will acquire the essential knowledge required to take care of women, no matter which specialty they enter in the future. Furthermore, it provides exposure to the subspecialty areas of maternal-fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, gynecologic oncology, family planning, and urogynecology. In accordance with the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) medical student guidelines, the students learn how to perform a complete ob/gyn medical history and a focused physical exam, while demonstrating empathetic and culturally sensitive care, and to formulate an assessment and plan and communicate in a well-organized presentation. The specific topics covered in this clerkship are adnexal mass, annual gyn care, bleeding in pregnancy, breast disease, congenital and inherited diseases, family planning, gyn malignancy, high risk pregnancy, infertility, irregular vaginal bleeding, normal pregnancy, pelvic pain, ob/gyn infections, surgical skills and urogynecology. These topics were developed by the Harvard Medical School OBGYN clerkship committee across the multiple sites to ensure uniformity and they were based on the topic areas that are listed as essential elements of a medical student education by APGO.

HISTORY TAKING: obtain accurate, efficient, appropriate, and thorough history. Specifically: chief complaint, present illness, menstrual history, obstetric history, gynecologic history, contraceptive history, sexual history, family history, social history.

PHYSICAL EXAM: perform and interpret findings of a complete and organ-specific exam. Specifically: perform a comfortable ob/gyn examination as part of a general medical examination, including: breast exam; abdominal exam; pelvic exam; recto-vaginal exam.

PROCEDURES: perform routine technical procedures. Specifically: collect a cervical cytological (pap) test, obtain specimens to detect sexually transmitted infections, bladder catheterization.

HMS PCE Policies and Resources:

PCE Log Requirement: Students are required to record their encounter with each log topic once, inclusive of the highest level of patient interaction displayed in that encounter during the rotation. Individual clerkship directors may choose to use the PCE Log for additional purposes, so long as students meet the minimum requirement of recording the highest level of encounter with each one of the specified topics.

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