

**Undergraduate Medical Education Program
Summary of Objectives – Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Obstetrics/Gynecology Clerkship Unit Objectives Goal Statement:

By the end of the Obstetrics and Gynecology unit, a Dalhousie medical student will have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to care for obstetrical and gynecological patients through diagnosis and treatment.

Key Objectives for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship Unit: By the end of the obstetrics and gynecology clerkship the student will be able to:

1. Describe the relevant normal anatomy and physiology, as well as the pathophysiology of the following: (a) uterus (b) ovaries (c) fallopian tube (d) cervix (e) vagina (f) vulva (g) menstrual cycle (h) labour (i) pregnancy (j) parturition (k) lactation (l) menopause. (2.2, 2.3)
2. Conduct a thorough and accurate clinical interview appropriate to any obstetrical and gynecological clinical situation. (2.1)
3. Perform a complete physical examination of obstetrical and gynecological patients, and interpret the findings. (2.2)
4. Demonstrate clinical problem solving skills, including the ability to diagnose and initially manage with supervision, common obstetrical and gynecological conditions. (2.3)
5. Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, including recording in the patient chart, writing orders, presenting cases, prescribing, sending referrals, and summarizing patient care and recommendations in obstetrical and gynecological patients. (2.4)
6. Describe the indications for and interpretation of results of common diagnostic investigations and interventional procedures in obstetrics and gynecology. (2.5)
7. Demonstrate competence in patient education regarding strategies for health promotion and disease prevention in obstetrical and gynecological patients. (2.6)
8. Describe the requirements and procedure of obtaining informed consent for obstetrical and gynecologic surgical procedures. (2.4, 2.7)
9. Perform the following under supervision: vaginal delivery, placental delivery, pap smear and cervical swabs, urinary catheterization, intravenous access, skin suturing and knot tying, and examination of the newborn. (2.1, 2.2, 2.3)
10. Communicate and collaborate effectively with all members of the health care team in a professional and respectful manner, while caring for obstetrical and gynecological patients. (2.9)