

Elective Description

Campus: Southeast

Elective Title: Reproductive Medicine

Department: Obstetrics/Gynecology

Course Number: OBGY 9203

Location of Elective: Sanford Reproductive Medicine Institute – Fargo, ND

Preceptor(s): Steffen Christensen, M.D.

Period(s) offered: All

Number of students per period: 1

Purpose: To enhance the education and the skills of students considering Ob/Gyn or Family Medicine residencies in the evaluation and management of patients requiring reproductive endocrinology or infertility healthcare

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and describe the clinical evaluation of infertility and treatment options.
2. Identify and describe the evaluation and treatment of menopause.
3. Evaluate specific problems in gynecological endocrinology, especially as it relates to anovulation and hirsutism.

Instructional Activities: During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. Daily clinical experience and evaluation of patients in an outpatient setting to include both female and male patients.
2. Specific reading assignments as directed by the attending physician. Monthly Ob/Gyn grand rounds and assigned Ob/Gyn meetings or conferences-relevant to this-elective.
3. Surgical and ART (assisted reproductive technology) procedures relevant to the specialty.
4. The evaluation and management of patients receiving IVF (in-vitro fertilization)

Criteria for Grading: During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. By direct observation throughout the rotation evaluate student professionalism in attendance, attitude, participation and contribution to the health care team.
2. Directly observe and monitor the student's clinical skills and knowledge base during the elective period.
3. By direct observation evaluate the student's patient interaction, surgical techniques, and suturing abilities.
4. Utilize and complete the standardized University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences (UNDSMHS) senior elective evaluation form.