

Elective Description

Campus: Southeast (Fargo)

Elective/Experience Title: Advanced Clinical OB/GYN

Location of Elective: Essentia Health– Fargo, ND

Department: Obstetrics/Gynecology

Course Number: OBGY 9201-01

Preceptor(s): Stephen Linn, MD

Period(s) Offered: All

Number of students per period: 1 per period

Course prerequisites: Phase 2 pre-requisite requirement; Pre-approval by preceptor and site is required to eliminate student overload and to provide an exceptional experience for all students.

Revised Curriculum Phase(s): 2 & 3

Purpose: To enhance the education and acquisition of OB/GYN skills of students who are considering a residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology or Family Medicine

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

1. Demonstrate greater knowledge of the basic practice and principles of Obstetrics/Gynecology in a clinical setting.
2. Demonstrate competence in the care of patients during normal labor and delivery, including fetal monitoring and episiotomy repair skills.
3. Recognize high risk and describe initial management steps and referral strategies.
4. Formulate a rational approach to the management of common obstetrical problems.
5. Obtain an obstetrical and gynecological history and perform breast exams, pap smears and pelvic exams.
6. Perform or assist in common office procedures necessary in the evaluation and management of patients with various OB/GYN diagnoses.
7. Describe the use of the ultrasound in the evaluation and management of Gynecological and Obstetrical Patients.
8. Define general gynecological surgical procedures and demonstrate basic suturing skills.
9. Perform effective interviewing techniques, formulate care plans and interpret laboratory findings.

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

1. Daily participation in clinic, surgery, delivery and hospital rounds as directed by the preceptor. Attendance is mandatory.
2. Supplemental reading opportunities from standard textbooks and scientific articles associated with their clinical exposure in the clinic, operating room and labor and delivery or as directed by the preceptor.
3. Attendance at monthly OB/GYN grand rounds and other related OB/GYN meetings or conferences as are available and relevant to this elective.
4. Other related activities, including research or formal paper, at the discretion of the preceptor.
5. In-house call (preferably); to follow labor patients, attend deliveries and evaluate Emergency Room patients as directed and supervised by the attending physician.

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

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