

**Obstetrics & Gynecology: Core EPA #15**

**Performing major vaginal and vulvar procedures**

Key Features:

- This EPA focuses on performing major vaginal procedures, including patient positioning, selection and appropriate use of instruments, risk reduction, and injury recognition.
- This EPA includes vaginal hysterectomy, anterior and posterior repair, simple vulvectomy, cervical conization, perineorrhaphy, or colpocleisis.
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: direct observation of surgical skills; a log of procedures to demonstrate the breadth of experience.

Assessment Plan:

Part A: Procedural skills

Direct observation by OBGYN faculty or subspecialty trainee, may include feedback from nursing staff or anesthesiologist

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:

- Procedure: vaginal hysterectomy; anterior and posterior repair; simple vulvectomy; cervical conization; perineorrhaphy; colpocleisis

Collect 10 observations of achievement

- At least 1 vaginal hysterectomy
- At least 1 anterior and posterior repair
- At most 1 cervical conization
- At least 3 different faculty

Part B: Logbook

Submit logbook of procedures

Logbook must track:

- Procedure: vaginal hysterectomy; anterior and posterior repair; simple vulvectomy; cervical conization; perineorrhaphy; colpocleisis

Relevant Milestones:

Part A: Procedural skills

- 1 ME 1.4 Apply knowledge of surgical anatomy, steps of the procedure, potential intraoperative risks and means to avoid/overcome them**
- 2 ME 3.1** Describe the indications, risks and complications of major vaginal procedures
- 3 ME 3.2** Obtain and document informed consent, explaining to the patient the risks, alternatives and the rationale for the proposed treatment options
- 4 ME 3.4 Demonstrate effective procedure preparation, including the use of a pre-procedure time-out or safe surgical checklist as appropriate**

*ENTRUSTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES  
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- 5 **ME 3.4 Assemble required equipment**
- 6 **ME 3.4 Orient spatially without hesitation and position instruments where intended**
- 7 **ME 3.4 Perform safe dissection of relevant structures and tissue layers with gentle tissue handling**
- 8 **ME 3.4 Demonstrate intraoperative judgment, fluidity of movement, and forward progression**
- 9 **ME 3.4 Seek assistance as needed when unanticipated findings or changing clinical circumstances are encountered**
- 10 **COL 1.2 Communicate effectively and professionally with the OR team**
- 11 **ME 3.4 Establish and implement a plan for post-procedure care, including post-operative orders**
- 12 **COM 5.1 Document the surgical encounter to adequately convey the procedure and outcome**
- 13 **ME 5.2 Apply the principles of situational awareness to clinical practice**
- 14 **COM 3.1 Convey information related to the patient's health status, care, and needs in a timely, honest, and transparent manner**
- 15 **P 4.1 Demonstrate an ability to regulate attention, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours while maintaining capacity to perform professional tasks**