Obstetrics & Gynecology: Core EPA #5

Diagnosing and managing post-partum complications

Key Features:
- This EPA includes recognition, prevention, and management of postpartum complications

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation or case discussion, with review of clinic notes by OBGYN faculty, subspecialty trainee, TTP trainee, simulation educator, or other specialists

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Patient presentation (select all that apply): delayed postpartum hemorrhage; infection; perineal complications, vaginal hematoma; mastitis; endometritis; venous thromboembolism/pulmonary embolus; septic thrombophlebitis; psychosocial comorbidities; postpartum psychiatric disorders (e.g. psychosis, depression)
- Observation: direct; indirect
- Setting: office setting; postpartum ward; triage/ER; simulation

Collect 5 observations of achievement
- At least 1 wound complication
- At least 1 delayed postpartum hemorrhage
- At least 3 observed by OBGYN faculty
- At least 2 different observers

Relevant Milestones:

1. ME 1.4 Apply a broad base and depth of knowledge in clinical and biomedical sciences to manage the breadth of patient presentations in obstetrics and gynecology
2. ME 1.7 Adapt care as the complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of the patient’s clinical situation evolves
3. ME 1.5 Perform clinical assessments that address all relevant issues
4. ME 2.4 Develop and implement patient-centred management plans that consider all of the patient’s health problems and context
5. COM 1.5 Recognize when strong emotions (such as anger, fear, anxiety, or sadness) are impacting an interaction and respond appropriately
6. COM 3.1 Convey information about diagnosis and prognosis clearly and compassionately
7. COM 5.1 Document clinical encounters to adequately convey findings, clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions
8. COL 1.3 Communicate effectively with physicians and other colleagues in the health care professions
9. ME 4.1 Determine the need and timing of referral to another physician or health care professional
10. HA 1.1 Facilitate timely patient access to services and resources