Obstetrics & Gynecology: Core EPA #7

Providing definitive management for patients with acute gynecologic emergencies

Key Features:
- This EPA focuses on diagnosing, managing, counselling, and coordinating care for patients with acute gynecologic emergencies.

Assessment Plan:

Direct or indirect observation by OBGYN faculty or subspecialty trainee

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Setting: emergency department; inpatient ward; outpatient clinic
- Patient presentation: acute intra-abdominal process; severe ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome; acute uterine bleeding; early pregnancy complications
- Observation: direct; indirect

Collect 3 observations of achievement
- At least 1 direct observation by 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 1.5** Perform clinical assessments that address all relevant issues
3. **COM 2.1** Actively listen and respond to patient cues
4. **ME 1.7** Adapt care as the complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of the patient’s clinical situation evolves
5. **ME 2.1** Prioritize issues to be addressed in the patient encounter
6. **ME 2.2** Elicit a history, perform a physical exam, select appropriate investigations, and interpret their results for the purpose of diagnosis and management, disease prevention, and health promotion
7. **ME 2.3** Share concerns, in a constructive and respectful manner, with patients and their families about goals of care that are not felt to be achievable
8. **ME 2.4** Develop and implement plans for definitive management of acute gynecologic emergencies
9. **ME 3.1** Determine the most appropriate procedures or therapies for the purpose of assessment and/or management
10. **ME 3.1** Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and alternatives for a given procedure or therapy
11. **ME 3.3** Advocate for a patient’s procedure or therapy on the basis of urgency and available resources
12. **COM 3.1** Convey information about diagnosis and prognosis clearly and compassionately
13. **COM 5.1** Document clinical encounters to adequately convey findings, clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions
**COL 1.3** Communicate effectively with physicians and other colleagues in the health care professions

**COL 3.2** Organize the handover of care to the most appropriate physician or health care professional