

CanMEDS Rotation Objectives – Obstetrics & Gynecology

RCPS Emergency Medicine Residency Program

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**While all objectives may not be accomplished in a single rotation, the aim is for the resident to actively seek learning opportunities to fulfill these objectives while on a particular rotation. Many of these objectives will overlap with other rotations. By the end of the residency program, all objectives should be covered.*

Medical Expert

The learner should:

- Develop clinical assessment skills of the pregnant patient
- Develops appropriate differential diagnosis in the pregnant patient
- Develop knowledge of complications in pregnancy:
 - Ectopic pregnancy
 - Placenta previa
 - Abruptio placenta
 - Threatened, missed, and incomplete abortion
 - Premature and preterm labor
 - Preeclampsia and eclampsia
 - Fetal distress
 - Postpartum hemorrhage
 - Postpartum infection
- Develop knowledge of the pathophysiology of gynecologic conditions:
 - Sexually transmitted diseases
 - Abnormal vaginal bleeding (dysmenorrheal, menorrhagia, etc.)

The learner should gain competence in the following technical skills:

- Ability to assess patients in labor
- Ability to perform uncomplicated delivery
- Ability to recognize complicated delivery
- Interpretation of fetal heart tracings and significance of abnormalities
- Pelvic exam (speculum and bimanual exam)

Communicator

The learner should develop communication skills to:

- Communicate effectively with patients and families
- Keep accurate and efficient records

Collaborator

The learner should strive to:

- Recognize the roles of and interact effectively with other physicians and health care workers

Leader

The learner should strive to:

- Understand indications for admission to the case room
- Understand the contraindications to transferring patients in labor
- Develop awareness of appropriate use of health care resources
- Develop team leadership skills

Health Advocate

The learner should strive to:

- Understand when and how to advocate appropriate on behalf of patients
- Understand the determinants of health and their impact on patients

Scholar

The learner should develop:

- Proficiency in critical appraisal of the literature
- The ability to apply current literature into daily practice

Professional

The learner should:

- Demonstrate integrity and honesty
- Demonstrate compassion and respect in all patient encounters
- Learn and apply ethical principles appropriately
- Be aware of personal limitations and seek assistance when appropriate