



Discipline of  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**  
**Clerkship Overview**  
&  
**Team Information**  
(applicable to the St. John's site only)

**SITE INFORMATION**

**St. John's Site:**

The Obstetrics & Gynecology rotation consists of a total of six (6) core weeks divided into **5 weeks on Teams and 1 week in Labour & Delivery (Case Room)**

Each clerk is involved in the assessment and treatment of patients in the Women's Health clinics, Case Room and ORs; they will also participate in in-patient morning rounds. Clerks are on call on average **one night in four**.

Each clerk will participate in obstetrics, gynecology and subspecialty clinics. They will learn how to assess and manage patients suffering from a broad range of obstetric and gynecology disorders by means of practical hands-on-experience, discussion with health-care professionals (faculty and residents), observation, and "bedside" teaching, didactic lectures and independent reading.

**Grand Falls-Windsor Site:**

It is mandatory that one clerk, per each six-week rotation in Obstetrics & Gynecology, complete their core rotation at the GFW site. The design of this rotation is different than at the St. John's site; however similar training experiences are provided.

**Clarenville Site:**

There is an option to complete the six-week Obstetrics & Gynecology rotation at the Clarenville site. The design of this rotation is different than at the St. John's and GFW sites; however, similar training experiences are provided. Learners who opt to complete their six-week rotation at the Clarenville site, will attend their 6<sup>th</sup> (final) week at the St. John's site, for a week in Labour & Delivery (Case Room).

**New Brunswick Site:**

Another option is to do the core Obstetrics & Gynecology rotation in Saint John, New Brunswick, subject to availability. The design of the rotation is also slightly different than at the HSC/Janeway, but similar training experiences are provided.

**Choice Sheet:**

The Discipline of Obstetrics & Gynecology has a choice sheet which is made available following the lottery for the St. John's, Grand Falls-Windsor and Clarenville sites.

The option to attend the Saint John, NB site is organized by the UGME office; any requests to attend the Saint John site, should be directed to them.

## **ACADEMIC SESSIONS**

### **Clerk Teaching:**

Obstetrics & Gynecology clerk teaching takes place on Mondays (8-9 a.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and Fridays (8-9 a.m.). **Attendance for all core clerks is mandatory** (unless there are extenuating circumstances) and teaching sessions take priority over all other activities. Teaching sessions are made available to clerks, outside of St. John's and out-of-Province, via WebEx. In addition, clinical clerks are expected to participate other discipline-specific, learning sessions.

### **Grand Rounds:**

Obstetrics & Gynecology Grand Rounds take place **every** Tuesday morning (8-9 a.m.) and clerks should attend these presentations. Grand Rounds are also available via WebEx so clerks completing their core rotations at other sites, or out-of-Province can attend. Case Rounds end in June for the summer and restart again in September.

### **Case Rounds:**

Obstetrics & Gynecology Case Rounds take place **every** Thursday morning (8-9 a.m.) and clerks should attend these presentations. As with Grand Rounds, Case Rounds are also available via WebEx so clerks completing their core rotations at other sites, or out-of-Province, can attend. Case Rounds are presented throughout the year, including the summer months.

## **EVALUATION**

### **Midpoint:**

Evaluation at the mid-term point is based on a Formative ITAR.

### **Midpoint Formative Feedback Meeting:**

At the midpoint of your rotation, clinical clerks will have an assigned meeting time with the clerkship coordinator/delegate. At this meeting, prescribed clinical clerkship core rotation experiences will be reviewed, as well as daily and weekly assessment (clinic) cards.

### **Obstetrics & Gynecology Review:**

During the six-week Obs Gyne rotation, there will be a formative assessment in form of a short answer and multiple-choice exam (this is not an official part of the evaluation process, but rather for study/practice purposes and will be based on the topics for Obs Gyne clerk teaching). This exam will be administered as a take-home exam, scheduled towards the end of the rotation.

## **ROTATION ASSESSMENT METHOD**

The successful completion of clerkship is measured, periodically, over the full clerkship year and takes into account all EPAs assessed at that point. The assessment method includes feedback from Weekly/Daily clinic cards (EPAs) in the form of a Formative and Summative ITAR and a Final ITAR. Your six-week rotation in Obstetrics & Gynecology will also include the following:

**Midpoint Evaluation (halfway point of rotation)**

**Core Rotation Experiences (Mandatory/Required)**

**Mini CEX** (Witnessed H&P by an attending physician, faculty member, this is a mandatory component of our core rotation with Obstetrics & Gynecology)

The UGME **Student Handbook** can be found on the UGME website (<https://www.med.mun.ca/StudentHandbook/Home-Updates.aspx>) and has detailed information regarding the expectations and other information for the rotation.



**DISCIPLINE OF OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY TEAMS**  
**St. John's Site Only**

**TEAM 1**

1. Dr. Krisztina Bajzak
2. Dr. Erika Fowler
3. Dr. Robert Kennedy
4. Dr. Joanne White

**Subspecialty: Reproductive Endocrinology Infertility (REI)**

1. Dr. Sarah Healey
2. Dr. Deanna Murphy
3. Dr. Sean Murphy
4. Dr. Terry O'Grady

**TEAM 2**

1. Dr. Krista Brown
2. Dr. Colleen Cook
3. Dr. Cherry Pike

**Subspecialty: Urogynecology (Urogyne)**

1. Dr. Atam Gill
2. Dr. Tim Strand

**TEAM 3**

1. Dr. Chris Holden
2. Dr. Maria Kielly
3. Dr. Heidi Kravitz

**Subspecialty: Gynecological Oncology (Gyne Onc)**

1. Dr. Joannie Neveu
2. Dr. Cathy Popadiuk
3. Dr. Patti Power

**ADDITIONAL**

**Subspecialty: Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM)**

1. Dr. Joan Crane
2. Dr. Tina Delaney