# **Outpatient Gynecology - PGY-3**

**Goal:** To provide excellent and appropriate medical care to patients with gynecological concerns in a primary care setting, including appropriate specialist referrals, with attention to the unique physical, emotional, family and cultural factors contributing to both illness and wellness for women in our society.

## **Objectives:**

### **Patient Care**

- I. Provide compassionate and competent and comprehensive gynecological care in an outpatient setting.
  - 1. Obtain an appropriate gynecological and sexual history in a non-judgmental manner.
  - 2. Perform a complete gynecologic physical examination, identify normal and abnormal findings, and be able to implement an appropriate follow-up plan.
  - 3. Develop appropriate differential diagnoses for common and less common gynecological concerns.
  - 4. Provide age-appropriate counseling and recommendations regarding recommended screening tests and other preventative health concerns of women in the outpatient setting.
  - 5. Recognize common psychosocial and behavioral problems in women and provide appropriate counseling for and management of these concerns.
  - 6. Evaluate and initiate management of patients with sexual dysfunction.
  - 7. Evaluate and manage sexually transmitted infections according to the most current guidelines.
  - 8. Recognize when to refer patients with gynecological conditions to appropriate specialists, including need for surgical intervention.

# II. Assess and manage women throughout all reproductive stages of life

- 1. Provide appropriate counseling on the implementation and use of various methods of contraception, taking into consideration personal risk factors and family planning goals.
- 2. Evaluate and manage common menstrual disorders.
- 3. Evaluate and manage common conditions related to menopause.
- III. Competently perform common gynecologic procedures.

#### **Medical Knowledge**

- I. Demonstrate a commitment to acquiring the knowledge needed for independent evaluation and management of outpatient gynecological concerns.
  - 1. Interpret commonly performed clinical tests/imaging for outpatient gynecological concerns.
  - 2. Develop management plans that are sensitive to patients' sexual orientation and cultural preferences.

#### **Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

- I. Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills with patients, families, and medical staff in a sensitive manner
  - 1. Communicate with patients in an open, receptive, and non-judgmental manner.
  - 2. Present patients concisely, sharing relevant information in an organized fashion.
  - 3. Communicate and work collaboratively with staff, consultants, and other healthcare providers to create and sustain an environment fostering a team-based approach to patient care.
  - 4. Write complete, accurate, well-organized notes that reflect a synthesis of relevant information.

#### **Professionalism**

- I. Carry out responsibilities reliably, timely, and confidentiality and showing respect for patients and other healthcare workers.
  - 1. Maintain appropriate appearance and behavior during interactions with patients, staff and colleagues.
  - 2. Identify limits of one's own medical knowledge and appropriately seek assistance when needed.
  - 3. Complete assigned duties (including accurate and timely completion of charting) in a timely manner.

### **Systems-Based Practice**

- I. Be aware of the role of health care systems, and utilize resources in a manner that provides optimal care for patients with gynecological problems.
  - 1. Order medications, diagnostic testing and referrals in a manner that reflects the provision of cost-conscious care.
  - 2. Recognize and identify the role and scope of practice of family physicians, gynecologists, and subspecialists in the care of women in the outpatient setting.
  - 3. Be an advocate for women needing assistance with navigating the complex health-care system.

# **Practice Based Learning and Improvement**

- I. Continually assess knowledge and patient care practices and utilize information to stimulate self-directed learning.
  - 1. Identify sources of information and guidelines pertaining to the care of women.
  - 2. Formulate and answer clinical questions using evidence-based resources.
  - 3. Remain cognizant of gaps in medical research pertaining to women.
  - 4. Remain receptive to preceptor feedback and integrate feedback into clinical practice.