Obstetrics & Gynecology: Core EPA #15

Performing major vaginal and vulvar procedures

Key Features:
- This EPA focuses on performing major vaginal procedures, including patient positioning, selection and appropriate use of instruments, risk reduction, and injury recognition.
- This EPA includes vaginal hysterectomy, anterior and posterior repair, simple vulvectomy, cervical conization, perineorrhaphy, or colpocleisis.
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: direct observation of surgical skills; a log of procedures to demonstrate the breadth of experience.

Assessment Plan:

Part A: Procedural skills
Direct observation by OBGYN faculty or subspecialty trainee, may include feedback from nursing staff or anesthesiologist

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:
- Procedure: vaginal hysterectomy; anterior and posterior repair; simple vulvectomy; cervical conization; perineorrhaphy; colpocleisis

Collect 10 observations of achievement
- At least 1 vaginal hysterectomy
- At least 1 anterior and posterior repair
- At most 1 cervical conization
- At least 3 different faculty

Part B: Logbook
Submit logbook of procedures

Logbook must track:
- Procedure: vaginal hysterectomy; anterior and posterior repair; simple vulvectomy; cervical conization; perineorrhaphy; colpocleisis

Relevant Milestones:

Part A: Procedural skills
1. ME 1.4 Apply knowledge of surgical anatomy, steps of the procedure, potential intraoperative risks and means to avoid/overcome them
2. ME 3.1 Describe the indications, risks and complications of major vaginal procedures
3. ME 3.2 Obtain and document informed consent, explaining to the patient the risks, alternatives and the rationale for the proposed treatment options
4. ME 3.4 Demonstrate effective procedure preparation, including the use of a pre-procedure time-out or safe surgical checklist as appropriate
5. **ME 3.4 Assemble required equipment**
6. **ME 3.4 Orient spatially without hesitation and position instruments where intended**
7. **ME 3.4 Perform safe dissection of relevant structures and tissue layers with gentle tissue handling**
8. **ME 3.4 Demonstrate intraoperative judgment, fluidity of movement, and forward progression**
9. **ME 3.4 Seek assistance as needed when unanticipated findings or changing clinical circumstances are encountered**
10. **COL 1.2 Communicate effectively and professionally with the OR team**
11. **ME 3.4 Establish and implement a plan for post-procedure care, including post-operative orders**
12. **COM 5.1 Document the surgical encounter to adequately convey the procedure and outcome**
13. **ME 5.2 Apply the principles of situational awareness to clinical practice**
14. **COM 3.1 Convey information related to the patient’s health status, care, and needs in a timely, honest, and transparent manner**
15. **P 4.1 Demonstrate an ability to regulate attention, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours while maintaining capacity to perform professional tasks**