Obstetrics & Gynecology: Foundations EPA #10

Performing minor gynecologic operative procedures

Key Features:
- This EPA includes obtaining consent, performing the procedure, and providing immediate post-operative care, including recognizing complications of the following procedures:
  - simple laparoscopic tubal ligation ( clips, electrocautery)
  - basic laparoscopy ( port placement, closing incisions)
  - diagnostic hysteroscopy
  - global endometrial ablation
  - drainage and marsupialization of Bartholin’s abscess
  - dilation and curettage
- To achieve this EPA the trainee will perform the above uncomplicated procedures under the direct guidance and assistance of a skilled assistant, while requiring minimal redirection or assistance with the procedure.
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: direct observation of surgical skills; and a log of procedures to demonstrate the breadth of experience.

Assessment Plan:

Part A: Procedural skills
Direct observation by OBGYN faculty, subspecialty trainee or TTP trainee

Use Form 2: Form collects information on:
- Procedure: basic laparoscopy (port placement, electrocautery, closing incisions); diagnostic hysteroscopy; global endometrial ablation; drainage and marsupialization of Bartholin’s abscess; dilatation and curettage

Collect 10 observations of achievement
- At least 1 basic laparoscopy
- At least 1 diagnostic hysteroscopy
- At least 1 global endometrial ablation
- At least 1 dilatation and curettage
- At least 1 drainage and marsupialization of Bartholin’s abscess

Part B: Maintaining a logbook
Submit logbook of procedures

Logbook tracks:
- Procedure: basic laparoscopy (port placement, electrocautery, closing incisions); diagnostic hysteroscopy; global endometrial ablation; drainage and marsupialization of Bartholin’s abscess; dilatation and curettage
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 1.4** Apply knowledge of the principles of electrosurgery
3. **ME 3.1** Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and alternatives for a given procedure or therapy
4. **ME 3.2** Obtain and document informed consent, explaining the risks, benefits, alternatives and the rationale for the proposed treatment options
5. **ME 3.4** Demonstrate effective procedure preparation, including the use of a pre-procedure time-out or safe surgical checklist as appropriate
6. **ME 3.4** Assemble required equipment
7. **ME 3.4** Interpret findings of examination under anesthesia
8. **ME 3.4** Place laparoscopic ports
9. **ME 3.4** Orient spatially without hesitation and position instruments where intended
10. **ME 3.4** Perform safe dissection of relevant structures and tissue layers with gentle tissue handling
11. **ME 3.4** Demonstrate intraoperative judgment, fluidity of movement, and forward progression
12. **COL 1.2** Communicate effectively and professionally with the OR team
13. **ME 3.4** Establish and implement a plan for post-procedure care, including post-operative orders
14. **COM 5.1** Document the surgical encounter to adequately convey the procedure and outcome
15. **P 4.1** Demonstrate an ability to regulate attention, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours while maintaining capacity to perform professional tasks