Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (http://www.obgyn.wustl.edu/) is actively engaged in undergraduate medical education. A summary of our course involvement include the following:

- **Phase 1 Immersions:** Labor & Delivery (L&D) and Gynecologic Oncology (GynOnc) are two different Procedural Immersion sites that allow two students on rotation at a time. The L&D site involves the ability to experience clinical encounters with patients in the Women’s Assessment Center, antepartum unit, L&D, and postpartum floor. Services will include time with the Ob/Gyn resident teams, laborists, and nurse practitioners; the OB Anesthesia team; lactation consultants; and other practitioners. The GynOnc immersion will include the inpatient floor, the outpatient offices at two different sites, the Gyn operating rooms, and the chemo center. Services will include time with the Gyn resident team and nurse practitioners; the chemo nurses; and pharmacists, social workers, case managers, and others.

- **Phase 2 Ob/Gyn Clerkship:** This core clerkship includes a full week of dedicated didactic time, two clinical rotations of three weeks in length, and a final week of assessments. Students will have the opportunity to experience general Ob/Gyn clinical encounters on L&D, the benign gynecologic inpatient service, and the outpatient setting. The other rotational experience will target a specific subspecialty area of one of the following: Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM), GynOnc, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (REI), Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, Complex Family Planning, Pediatric Adolescent Gynecology, and Minimally Invasive Gynecology. Based on the lottery outcome, these experiences will dive into any combination of the inpatient, office, or operating room setting.

- **Phase 3 Ob/Gyn ACR, Electives, & Capstone:** In this segment of training, students will have greater autonomy in patient care under the supervision of resident, fellows, or attendings. The OB Inpatient ACR includes two weeks of L&D and two weeks of the antepartum unit. In addition, there are a variety of elective options including GynOnc, Outpatient MFM, Outpatient Generalist, REI, and Ob/Gyn Ultrasound. Finally, the Capstone course includes a co-course director from Ob/Gyn who oversees the content for all students and further develops the very active hands-on curriculum for those who are Ob/Gyn-bound.

No matter what stage our students find themselves in, our department is dedicated to the educational training of our medical students. We want our students to respect and understand the scope of female health care to ensure they will bring this knowledge base to their future clinical practice, regardless of the specialty area.

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