Surgical Gynecology

Contact Information

This elective/selective is to be arranged with the following preceptors through: 
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Reporting on the First Day

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Preceptors

Dr. Krisztina Bajzak, Dr. Carrie Ferguson, Dr. Tim Strand

General Information

Number of Clerks per Rotation: 1  
Length of Rotation: 2 weeks

Surgical Gynecology Schedule

Please check with the preceptors’ office.

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DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES

Scope of Practice

The rotation will provide exposure to predominantly general gynecologic practice. In addition, there will be a focus on chronic pelvic pain, female sexual health and urogynecology. Surgical procedures will predominantly be performed using minimally invasive techniques (i.e. laparoscopy and hysteroscopy).

Dr. Bajzak has two general gynecology and one pelvic pain clinic per week. She has approximately one day in the operating room every two weeks.

Dr. Ferguson has clinic two days per week. Her practice consists of general gynecology (75%) and general obstetrics (25%). She has one day in the operating room every two weeks.

Dr. Strand has clinic three days per week and one day in the operating room every week. Dr. Strand’s practice consists of general gynecology (approximately 50%), urogynecology (25%) and obstetrics/prenatal (25%).

You should confirm that Dr. Bajzak, Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Strand won’t be away from the office during your intended rotation.
Assumptions

It is expected that prior to the selective/elective, you will have reviewed your basic gynecologic anatomy and have a general overview of the physiology and pathology of the gynecologic system. You are urged to review your notes from medical school prior to your rotation.

Rotation Objectives

1. To become familiar with performing a detailed gynecologic history and physical exam, propose initial laboratory and imaging investigations, if appropriate, and provide initial management options of common gynecologic complaints.

2. To become familiar with the basic normal functioning of the gynecologic system, including
   a. Anatomy
   b. Reproductive physiology including endocrinology
   c. Contraceptive options
   d. Menopause

3. To become familiar with common pathology of the gynecologic system including
   a. Vaginal infection
   b. Abnormal pap
   c. Pelvic organ prolapse
   d. Pelvic pain
   e. Menstrual abnormalities
   f. Sexual concerns

The exact content of the rotation is dependent upon patients who present for care during the rotation. It is possible that not all of the above objectives will necessarily be addressed. Additionally, there may be exposure to other gynecologic pathology.

Skills

1. To describe the elements of a comprehensive gynecologic history.
2. To describe the proper techniques for performing a basic gynecologic examination including pap test.
3. To be able to accurately compile a differential diagnosis for common gynecologic disorders based on history and physical examination and to describe initial investigations and management options.