



**The Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine  
GYN/OB Clerkship:**

**Gynecology Objectives**

1. Be able to take and appropriately record a complete gynecologic history.
2. Be able to perform and appropriately record the essentials of a breast, abdominal and pelvic examination (including speculum and bi-manual portions of the pelvic exam).
3. Demonstrate ability to obtain a Pap smear, perform cervical cultures and interpret KOH and wet smears of vaginal secretions.
4. Consider the possibility of pregnancy occurring in any woman within the reproductive age range who presents for medical evaluation and care. Understand that pregnancy, both intrauterine and extrauterine, can present in many ways and must be considered in terms of differential diagnosis and treatment decisions.
5. Be able to discuss the hormonal relationships of the menstrual cycle and how they relate to normal and abnormal uterine bleeding.
6. Distinguish between the differing gynecologic issues and problems encountered in the different stages of a woman's life.
7. Become familiar with the anatomy of the external genitalia and pelvic viscera of women.
8. Become familiar with the common gynecologic neoplasms, including the presentation, diagnosis and treatment; understand the general principles of staging.
9. Be able to construct appropriate differential diagnoses for patients presenting with (1) abnormal bleeding and/or (2) pelvic pain and/or (3) vaginal discharge and/or (4) menopausal symptoms and/or (5) acute abdomen.
10. Be able to outline appropriate measures of prevention and/or early detection of cervical dysplasia and sexually transmitted diseases.
11. Be able to compare and recommend different contraceptive techniques with their advantages/disadvantages, risks and benefits.
12. Assess a patient for possible perimenopausal symptoms and be able to construct a differential diagnosis, evaluation and management plan for those women. In addition, the student should be able to counsel women regarding hormone replacement therapy.