

ORIENTATION/INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the exciting world of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Regardless of your future plans in the practice of medicine, some knowledge of this discipline will enable you to be more effective in your career. I urge you, therefore, to participate as much as possible.

Dr. David Schwartz is the Chairman of the Department, Dr. Marc Lowen is the Residency Director, and the interim Clerkship Coordinator, and Mary Kennedy is the Residency Coordinator and organizes the logistics of the medical student clerkship.

You will rotate through four services during your clerkship; Obstetrics, Gynecology, Gynecologic Oncology, and Ambulatory OB/GYN. All students are expected to participate fully in patient care management as guided by the Chief Resident and responsible attending for that service. In the following pages and during your first day you will learn what your responsibilities will include on each service.

You will be given lectures on pertinent topics by Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Lowen each week, and these sessions are mandatory and should not be missed. You will also be expected to attend Grand Rounds on Thursday mornings at 7:30am and the resident lectures on Friday afternoons from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Students are expected to participate in an on-call schedule which involves one overnight call each week, and one 24-hour Saturday call per block (beginning 8:00am Saturday and ending 8:00am on Sunday). You will go home post-call after morning report.

You will receive a mid-clerkship evaluation that will be based on your performance on each service as determined by feedback from residents, attendings, Dr. Lowen and Dr. Schwartz. Your final clerkship evaluation will be completed electronically by persons designated by you at the end of the rotation.

It is the purpose of this OB/GYN Service to provide a broad, yet fulfilling exposure to clinical OB/GYN. To that extent, if you perceive early in this experience that such is not the case, I encourage you to contact me, so that mid-course corrections and modifications can be effected. If no mention is made by you, the assumption is that our stated purpose is being fulfilled. Similarly, house staff or preceptors who note concerns regarding your performance are also expected to make these known to me. You will be expected to complete an evaluation of your Sinai Clerkship experience that will need to be turned in on the last day of the rotation.

Please keep in mind our program serves as a clinical teaching site for Essex Physician Assistant students and Johns Hopkins medical students. As such, cooperation in a team approach to clinical care provision is the prevailing concern in maximizing patient care and facilitating medical education. We are sure that this understanding on everyone's behalf will make for an optimal education environment.

Thank you,

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