

Overview and Expectations 2010-2011: **CSA Sessions: OB-GYN Clerkship**

Rational

The purpose of conducting a Clinical Skills Assessment is to assess the student's ability to perform a focused history and physical on a female patient with an obstetrical or gynecological chief complaint. The Clinical Skills Examination, performed with Standardized Patients, is a standardized method of measuring student's clinical, professional, and interpersonal skills through simulated patient interaction. The CSA is a reliable and valid method to ensure students have learned the acceptable skills, behaviors, and attitudes in which the educational objectives state they must learn prior to successful completion of the clerkship. It is important to make certain the students are competent in those skills that the profession and the public expect of a physician at their level of training.

Objectives

The student will be graded on their ability to display competence in the following areas:

- 1. History**
 - a. Perform a complete women's medical interview including menstrual, obstetric, gynecologic, sexual, family and social history
 - b. Assess patient risk for unintended pregnancy, STI's, cervical dysplasia, breast cancer, gynecologic cancer, domestic violence
 - c. Evaluate patient compliance with screening
 - d. Build patient trust by incorporating relevant social contextual factors in the patient's situation
 - e. Communicate all findings in oral and written formats
- 2. Examination**
 - a. Establish patient confidence, ensure patient comfort
 - b. Perform breast, abdominal, pelvic exams
 - c. Use accurate medical terminology to describe physical exam findings
 - d. Teach patient how to perform breast self-examination
- 3. Pap Smear and Cultures**
 - a. Perform Pap smear
 - b. Obtain specimens for sexually transmitted infection evaluation
- 4. Diagnosis and Management Plan**
 - a. Formulate problem list, diagnostic possibilities and arrive at most likely diagnosis
 - b. Formulate a care plan which includes diagnostic studies, treatment, patient education and future care.
- 5. Personal Interaction and Communication Skills**
 - a. Establish good relationships with patients, patient families and other health care team members
- 6. Preventive Care and Health Maintenance**
 - a. Identify age-appropriate screening procedures and time intervals for bone density, mammograms, Pap smear, STI evaluation
 - b. Counsel patients on contraception, sexually transmitted infection and domestic abuse