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Participating Faculty:	Drs. Rachel Thompson, Tracey Samuels, Joann Smora-Mata, Catherine Holste, Jonna Miller, Gracia Wynne-Duncan and Nicole Tran
Location:	Houston Women's Care Associates, 7400 Fannin, Suite 1050, Houston 77054
Offered:	Monthly
Max. # Students/Period:	1

Course Objective

Material Covered:

To acquaint students with ambulatory office and hospital practice of a busy obstetric and gynecologic private practice.

Skills Acquired:

This elective is geared toward students interested in women's health as a career. Students will learn about disease screening, health maintenance, routine prenatal care, outpatient minor gynecologic procedures, as well as preoperative evaluation and postoperative care for patients undergoing major surgical procedures. Students will scrub on caesarean and vaginal deliveries and surgery.

Activities Of Elective

Number Of New

Patients/Student/Week:

HWCA is a busy private practice of seven OBGYN's. There are approximately 50 new patient visits/day in the main office and satellite clinics. Furthermore, there are approximately 225 patient visits/day at the main office. Students will be assigned to one of the physicians each day. The physician may be either in the clinic or the operating room. For this reason the number of new patients/student/week will be variable. Students have the option to attend a satellite clinic if they desire.

Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:

Does history/physical:	Yes
Who critiques:	Attending Physician
Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed:	Yes
Who supervises:	Attending
Does student see ambulatory patients:	Yes

Procedures	Observe	Perform
IUD placement; colposcopy vulvar biopsies; LEEP; diaphragm fitting; I&D abscess; NST; and pelvic ultrasound.	X	
Pap smears, scrub on cesarean/surgery	X	X
Vaginal deliveries	X	X

Scheduled Duties of Student:

Frequency of rounds on patients:	Dependent on admission of patients for which student had direct care responsibilities (e.g., if student scrubbed on OR case or delivery, or if student saw patient in the office and was involved in their admission). No call is required, but students are able to take call if they choose. Weekend rounds are required if the student has a patient for which they have had direct care responsibility.
Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician:	Yes
Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions:	Attend Womans Hospital of Texas grand rounds on Friday at 7:00 a.m. Meet with Dr. Swaim weekly to discuss pertinent ob or gyn subject.

Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:

UT Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Tuesday conferences; obstetric, gynecology and grand rounds. Journal Club monthly.

Other Required Activities:

Reading/review of current literature:	Recommended textbooks: Droegmueller Gynecology, Williams
Writing or Presenting a paper:	Obstetrics: No written presentation of OBGYN subjects are required.

How Is Student Evaluated:

No written or formal final examination. The student is evaluated by the members of the group (listed above), and comments from the office and hospital nursing staff. Evaluations are based on direct observation of student performance.

Unique Features Of This Elective:

This elective enables the student to experience a large private setting. Also, the student will be exposed to a small specialty hospital (Woman's Hospital of Texas) with over 8,000 deliveries a year, and one of the busiest gyn OR's in the city. The student will be able to spend time with the physicians and, if interested, the office personnel to learn about how a large office is run.