



Surgery – 2 weeks – 70h
Obstetrics & Gynecology – 2 weeks - 70h
5th year, 6-year program ED students
Faculty of Medicine

Upon completion of their fifth year of study students are required to take one-month summer clinical clerkships including a two-week training at the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and subsequently a two-week practical course in the Surgical Ward at a teaching hospital in Poland or selected foreign countries. The clerkships are a part of the medical curriculum mandatory to be granted a pass to enter the fifth year of the study.

The head of the Ob/Gyn Department, the surgical ward or an appointed instructor in charge is responsible for providing a detailed program of the practical training course and duty schedules. They also supervise and carry out the final assessment of students' performance.

The duties carried out by the student are those of a regular physician / surgeon, however, under professional supervision of the instructors

During their training students are expected to perform two twenty-four hour shifts (two on each ward) when they shadow the physician / surgeon in charge and assist or do the regulator work.

The main objective of the summer holiday clerkships is to use the theoretical knowledge gained by students in the course of their fourth-year study (e.g. pharmacology, general surgery, internal diseases, pediatric diseases, community medicine etc). As well as to improve their practical skills.

The fifth-year training aims at using the theoretical background students obtained in their courses (gynecology, obstetrics, infectious diseases, internal diseases, paediatric diseases, surgery, neurology, imaging diagnostics, anesthetics etc.) developing and/or improving practical skills.

The program at the G&O ward provides instruction in the following aspects:

1. organization and functioning of the Obstetric Admissions Department, Labor Ward and Maternity Ward;
2. admitting the patient, setting up the patient's records, carrying out activities with respect to the patient's personal toilet;
3. monitoring the stages of labor, completing the chart of the labor course with a particular focus on parameters with respect to the maternal and fetal status;
4. delivering the patient under a close supervision of an obstetrician and midwife;
5. assistance in suturing the perineum;
6. post-delivery assessment of the placenta;
7. instruction in operating diagnostic devices (e.g. amnioscope, pulse rate detector etc.);
8. assisting in the Caesarian section
9. organization and management of work at the Gynecological Admission Department and in the Gynecological Ward;
10. principles of gynecological examination;
11. criteria used for qualifying patients for operation;



12. management of work in the treatment room, completing and filing records, collecting samples for histopathological and cytological examination;
13. assisting in gynecological surgical procedures;
14. early postoperative monitoring, completing the patients' chart;
15. management of patients admitted for threatened abortion;
16. principles of prevention of neoplasia of the female genital organs and breast;

The training program provided by the Surgical Ward covers the following aspects:

1. organization and management of the ward (admissions to the operating theaters, treatment rooms, admission criteria, completing and filing records, discharging patients from hospital).
2. types of surgical instruments and equipment.
3. improving skills in clinical examination and diagnostic procedures, particularly in emergency cases.
4. learning the rules of wound dressing and suturing techniques, managing fractures and burns.
5. learning the principles and types of local anesthesia.
6. participating in ward rounds and morning briefings done by the doctor in charge.
7. active participation in the functioning of the ward, practicing basic interventions, changing dressings, removing stitches, starting intravenous drips, collecting samples for diagnostic procedures.
8. principles of asepsis and antisepsis, the technique of scrubbing before operation.
9. assisting in surgical procedures in the operating theater.

Throughout the course of training students are expected to make records of their activities and procedures performed. They are also assessed by the instructor in charge and are finally granted their passing mark by the head of the department. Certificates written in English or translated should be submitted to the Dean's Office of the Medical University of Warsaw by October 5 of the subsequent academic year.