

Gynaecology Learning Opportunities

BSc Midwifery Programme

The aim of the Gynaecology placement is to orientate the student midwife to the care of women with Gynaecological conditions under the supervision of a registered nurse.

Demonstrate an awareness of physical, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual needs of patients with gynaecological conditions affecting the reproductive system.

Demonstrate an appreciation of the cultural, spiritual and emotional needs surrounding patients with gynaecological conditions affecting the reproductive system.

Identify and demonstrate the principles of effective communication.

Participate in the assessment, planning implementation and evaluation of nursing care for patients with gynaecological conditions. This will include:

- assist with the personal hygiene needs of women
- the principles of aseptic technique and standard precautions
- admission assessment and discharge planning
- assist with the pre-operative preparation of patients for surgical procedures
- post operative care including monitoring vital signs, pain management use of early warning score
- post operative wound management including care and removal of clips, sutures, drains and dressings.

Expand knowledge of the potential complications of surgery including signs, symptoms and treatment (haemorrhage, shock, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and infection).

Participate in the care of patients attending the Outpatients Gynaecology Clinic.

Consider the nurse's role in multidisciplinary team working within the gynaecological setting.

Consider some of the commonly used drugs for gynaecological patients including drug dosage, route of administration and side effects.

Discuss the health promotion role of the nurse in the Gynaecological setting including diagnostic or screening tests.