OB/GYN Clerkship Site Descriptions

Los Angeles General Medical Center (LA Gen)

Twelve to sixteen students will be placed at Los Angeles General within the OB/GYN Department. The rotation will consist of blocks of time being split between OB call and clinic, GYN call and clinic, and some subspecialties. LAG site provides consistent exposure to the more complicated obstetric and gynecological patients and the excellent faculty that care for them. This site has a strong gynecological and surgical flavor, and since the teams function 24/7, the students can expect to work some weekend shifts. Most shifts will be 12 hours in length, and each student will be expected to be scheduled for both day and night shifts during the clerkships.

Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH)

VHH is a community hospital in Glendale serving the surrounding Foothill communities. In 2013, VHH partnered with the University of Southern California (USC) and became part of Keck Medicine of USC. Two students will be placed on this rotation with attending physicians in the USC OB/GYN Practice. Clinical experience will consist of outpatient experiences in the DTLA and VHH Office and inpatient experience at VHH. The DTLA office offers a traditional mix of gynecological patients with some exposure to outpatient obstetrics. Students will work with three OB/GYN physicians and one Nurse Practitioner performing histories, physical examinations, and office-based procedures. At the VHH site, students will participate in gynecological surgeries and inpatient obstetrics, including deliveries and cesareans. Students will work one on one with USC faculty with additional scheduled call at VHH with the laborist group, including nights and weekends. This rotation would be an excellent introduction for students who wish to specialize in OB/GYN or those interested in private practice.

Kaiser Sunset

Kaiser Sunset has a residency program in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a clinical site for two of our students. The schedule at this site gives each student an opportunity to focus on gynecology and obstetrics in three separate two-week blocks. Each student will have a set schedule during the week and will also be given an additional two, 12-hour Saturday calls for Labor and Delivery. Kaiser Sunset has an excellent educational program from which the students benefit. The Kaiser model provides both faculty and residents who enjoy teaching, and the site offers exposure to both Obstetrics and Gynecology in the inpatient and outpatient setting. Anyone considering a Kaiser Residency program might want to take the opportunity to utilize this site.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center

This hospital is the flagship site for the Long Beach Memorial Care System, which consists of 6 agencies. The campus has both inpatient and outpatient OB & GYN learning opportunities. The week-long schedules rotate around both inpatient L & D and surgery, outpatient clinic services for prenatal, Gyn, and sub-specialties. Students rotate taking both day and night call, with one week of nights scheduled in a row. Having had a long relationship with UC Irvine Medical School, the agency has a strong teaching environment. The OB/GYN attending physicians and residents are from the UCI program. This site currently accommodates two students from the KSOM OB/GYN clerkship, in addition to UCI OB/GYN medical students.

California Hospital Medical Center (CHMC)/Keck Medical Center

CHMC is a community hospital operated by Dignity Health that serves the public sector in downtown Los Angeles. One student will rotate with attending OB/GYN physicians in both inpatient and outpatient

settings. The OB/GYN service at CHMC also includes family medicine residents from UCLA, Harbor UCLA, CHMC and Charles Drew. The service provides 24/7 coverage for the emergency department, triage, labor and delivery, postpartum and postoperative patients. Students can expect to work 12-hour shifts on Labor & Delivery, including nights and weekends. For outpatient experience, students will rotate with an OBGYN physician and a Certified Nurse Midwife at Eisner Health in Lynwood, a Federally Qualified Health Center serving the community in south LA. The primary focus will be high-risk obstetrics and gynecology. Lastly, there will be some exposure to Urogynecology patients at LA General.

Kaweah Delta Medical Center

Kaweah Delta Medical Center, in Visalia CA, is a thorough and rewarding clinical opportunity for one student for the 6-week rotation. At this site, the student will work one on one with an OB/GYN physician who is an enthusiastic teacher and looks forward to having USC medical students. Clinical opportunities will include outpatient experience in OB/GYN at two rural health clinics, OR and labor & delivery call at Kaweah Delta Medical Center. Additionally, the site includes a multidisciplinary Street Medicine Program run by the Emergency Department and Dr. Omar Guzman, serving the homeless population in Visalia and surrounding areas. Students will have the opportunity to participate in this group setting, involving medical students from other clerkships. Housing will be provided by the school. The schedule will consist of mostly weekdays, with some nights and weekend call shifts.

Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital

Located in West Covina, Emanate Health Queen of the Valley Hospital is the newest site to the OBGYN Clerkship, and has the highest volume of deliveries in the San Gabriel Valley. Two students will be assigned to work primarily with one of four highly motivated OBGYN preceptors, some of which are USC alumni themselves (including the chair, Dr. Bill Tang.) Students can expect to rotate through a combination of inpatient and outpatient shifts, including call on Labor & Delivery, GYN, OR, and OB/GYN clinic. Students may also go over to AltaMed West Covina for OB clinic.