

POSTOPERATIVE CARE

Module 6 : Postoperative Care

Learning outcomes:

- To understand and demonstrate appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes in relation to postoperative care.

Knowledge criteria	Clinical competency	Professional skills and attitudes	Training support	Evidence/assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ General pathological principles of postoperative care ■ Postoperative complications related to obstetric, gynaecological and non-gynaecological procedures ■ Fluid/electrolyte balance ■ Wound healing ■ Late postoperative complications, including secondary haemorrhage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Make appropriate postoperative plans for management, including investigation ■ Conduct appropriate review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ fluid/electrolyte balance ■ catheter ■ surgical drainage ■ sutures ■ Manage complications, including wound, thromboembolism and infection ■ Deal competently with the unexpected complications, e.g. bladder or ureteric injury ■ Offer psychological support for patients and relatives ■ Initiate management for secondary haemorrhage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recognise the need and initiate collaboration with other disciplines ■ Demonstrate the need for effective communication with other healthcare professionals ■ Demonstrate the need for effective communication with patients and relatives ■ Document the surgical procedure with appropriate notes ■ Construct an appropriate discharge letter ■ Recognise personal limitation and the need for appropriate referral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Practical skills in obstetrics and gynaecology course (RCOG approved) ■ RCOG guidelines on thromboembolism ■ StratOG.net: Surgical Procedures and Postoperative Care e-tutorials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Morbidity and mortality meetings attended ■ Audit project ■ MRCOG Part 2 ■ Log book

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Fill in as a record of experience.

Skills	Competence level							
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not required
	Observation		Direct supervision		Independent practice			
	Date	Signature of trainer	Date	Signature of trainer	Date	Signature of trainer		
Conduct appropriate review of:								
Fluid/electrolyte balance								
Catheter								
Surgical drainage								
Sutures								
Wound complications								
Communicate:								
With colleagues								
With relatives								
Explain procedure to patient								
Advise on postoperative progress								
Manage postoperative complications, collaborating with others where appropriate:								
Gynaecological								
Non-gynaecological								
Late complications								

Authorisation of signatures (to be completed by the clinical trainers)

Name of clinical trainer (please print)	Signature of clinical trainer

COMPLETION OF MODULE 6

I confirm that all components of the module have been successfully completed:

Date	Name of educational supervisor	Signature of educational supervisor