

Content Blueprint for the Obstetrics & Gynecology CAQ Examination

The Obstetrics & Gynecology CAQ content blueprint provides information on how exam questions are allocated to the different task categories and medical content categories that have been deemed important for PAs working within the specialty area.

The examples provided for each task and medical content category are indicative of the types of information that will be included on the examination. It is not possible to include all topics on a single examination, and it may be possible that some questions on a single examination cover content that is not listed in the examples.

Medical Content Categories

OBSTETRICS	
1. Routine Prenatal Care/Normal Pregnancy	10%
2. Antenatal Complications	14%
3. Intrapartum Care	3%
4. Postpartum Care and Complications	6%
GYNECOLOGY	
5. Routine Age-Appropriate Care	4%
6. General Benign Gynecologic Disorders	24%
7. Sexual Health and Reproduction	20%
8. Gynecologic Oncology	12%
9. Surgical Care	4%
10. EMERGING TOPICS AND LEGAL/ETHICAL ISSUES	3%

Task Categories

A - History Taking, Performing Physical Examination, and Risk Assessment	17%
B - Ordering and Interpreting Diagnostic and Laboratory Studies	15%
C - Formulating Most Likely Diagnosis	15%
D1 - Health Maintenance, Patient Education, and Preventive Measures	15%
D2 - Clinical Intervention	15%
D3 - Pharmaceutical Therapeutics	10%
E - Applying Basic Scientific Concepts	10%
L - Emerging Topics and Legal/Ethical Issues	3%

Medical Content Categories for Item Writing

OBSTETRICS

1. Routine Prenatal Care/Normal Pregnancy

- A. Pre-existing conditions
- B. First trimester
- C. Second trimester
- D. Third trimester

2. Antenatal Complications

- A. First-trimester bleeding (including but not limited to subchorionic hematoma, postcoital bleeding, cervicitis)
- B. Hyperemesis gravidarum
- C. Fetal growth restriction
- D. Decreased fetal movement
- E. Thrombotic events
- F. Preterm labor and preterm prelabor rupture of membranes (PPROM)
- G. Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (including but not limited to gestational hypertension, HELLP, preeclampsia)
- H. Hepatobiliary dis. in pregnancy (incl. but not limited to acute fatty liver, cholestasis of pregnancy)
- I. Dermatoses of pregnancy
- J. Infectious diseases (including but not limited to STIs, COVID-19, TORCH)
- K. Placental conditions (including but not limited to second- and third-trimester bleeding)
- L. Gestational diabetes
- M. Anemia of pregnancy
- N. Multifetal pregnancy

3. Intrapartum Care

- A. Stages of labor including delivery
- B. Fetal presentation
- C. Intra-amniotic infections
- D. Fetal heart tone abnormalities
- E. Obstetric lacerations
- F. Complications during delivery

4. Postpartum Care and Complications

- A. Routine follow-up
- B. Hemorrhage
- C. Postpartum depression and psychosis
- D. Infections
- E. Complications of breastfeeding
- F. Postpartum pre-eclampsia

GYNECOLOGY

5. Routine Age-Appropriate Care

- A. Adolescence
- B. Perimenopause/Postmenopause

6. General Benign Gynecologic Disorders

A. Adnexal disorders

- Hydrosalpinx
- Tubo-ovarian abscess
- Ovarian cyst
- Ovarian torsion
- Polycystic ovarian syndrome
- Pelvic mass

B. Uterine Disorders

- Fibroids
- Abnormal uterine bleeding
- Amenorrhea

- Polyps
- Adenomyosis
- Endometriosis
- Endometritis
- Uterine prolapse
- Dysmenorrhea
- Congenital abnormalities

C. Bladder Disorders

- Incontinence
- Cystitis
- Cystocele

D. Cervical Disorders

- Polyps
- Cyst
- Cervicitis

E. Vaginal Disorders

- Vaginitis
- Genitourinary syndrome of menopause
- Rectocele
- Bartholin gland disorder
- Imperforate hymen
- Vaginismus

F. Vulvar Disorders

- Dermatologic conditions
- Vulvodynia

G. Breast Disorders

- Mastodynia
- Mass
- Nipple discharge
- Infections
- Benign breast disease

7. Sexual Health and Reproduction

- A. Menstrual cycle
- B. Fertility and infertility
- C. Contraception
- D. Induced abortion
- E. First and second trimester pregnancy loss (including but not limited to spontaneous abortion, ectopic pregnancy, gestational trophoblastic disease)
- F. Perimenopause, menopause, and premature ovarian insufficiency
- G. Sexually transmitted infections
- H. Sexual dysfunction (libido, dyspareunia, pelvic floor dysfunction)
- I. Gender-affirming care
- J. Trauma and abuse
- K. Premenstrual syndrome and premenstrual dysphoric disorder

8. Gynecologic Oncology

- A. Risk assessment and reduction
- B. Premalignant conditions
- C. Malignant conditions

9. Surgical Care

- A. Preoperative considerations
- B. Management of postoperative complications

10. Emerging Topics & Legal/Ethical