

Flexible Procedural Experience Pilot: Obstetrics and Gynecology Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology

The Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology announces the immediate implementation of the Flexible Procedural Experience Pilot, focused on vaginal hysterectomy (VH) and operative vaginal delivery (OVD). This pilot addresses the national decline in these procedures while ensuring optimal patient care within the specialty. Its purpose is to consolidate VH and OVD procedures into the hands of residents who are most likely to incorporate these skills into their future practice. The pilot is effective for residents matching into fellowship programs as of September 2024.

Program Requirements

- **Total Program Minimums:** These will remain unchanged.
- **Case Distribution:** The distribution of cases per resident may vary under the pilot guidelines. However, programs that fail to meet the total program minimums will be cited.
- **Educational Experiences:** All residents must have equitable education and training experiences leading up to The Match. No resident may have a “zero” experience in VH or OVD, regardless of their Match results.
- No changes related to the pilot should be implemented in a resident’s clinical experience until after The Match.

Specific Guidelines for Fellowships

Residents who match into specific fellowships will have adjusted case logging allowances:

- **Gynecologic Oncology** – may log less than 15 VH and less than 15 OVD
- **Maternal Fetal Medicine** – may log less than 15 VH
- **Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility** – may log less than 15 VH and less than 15 OVD
- **Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery** – may log less than 15 OVD

Participation and Reporting

- All programs may participate in this pilot without the need for formal enrollment.
- Programs are encouraged to self-identify their participation by including relevant details in the Accreditation Data System, in the “Major Changes” section of the Annual Update beginning in 2025.

Unique Circumstances

In the rare event that all residents match into one of the designated fellowships, and a program allocates cases to PGY-3 residents, the program should document this in the “Major Changes” section. The program's ability to meet minimums will be monitored in subsequent years.

Programs should provide clear explanations in the Major Changes section. For example:

- *“Resident matched into gynecologic oncology, which is why the resident has logged fewer than the required 15 OVDs and 15 VHs.”*

Email questions about the pilot to Review Committee Executive Director [Laura Huth](#).