

Outline of obstetrics

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The following outline is provided as an overview of and topical guide to obstetrics:

Obstetrics – medical specialty dealing with the care of all women's reproductive tracts and their children during pregnancy (prenatal period), childbirth and the postnatal period.

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What is obstetrics?

Obstetrics can be described as all of the following:

- **Medicine** – medicine is the science and art of healing. It encompasses a variety of health care practices evolved to maintain and restore health by the prevention and treatment of illness in human beings.
 - **Medical specialty** – branch of medical science. After completing medical school, physicians or surgeons usually further their medical education in a specific specialty of medicine by completing a multiple year residency to become a medical specialist.
- **Academic discipline** – In addition to being a medical specialty, obstetrics is the study of the reproductive process within the female body, including fertilization, pregnancy and childbirth.

History of obstetrics

- Childbirth and obstetrics in antiquity

Obstetrical History

- Gravidity

- Parity
- Gravida/para/abortus
- TPAL

Pregnancy and childbirth

- Pregnancy
- Childbirth

Family planning

- Family planning
 - Birth control
 - Contraception
 - Pre-conception counseling

Female reproductive anatomy

- Amniotic fluid
- Amniotic sac
 - Amnion
- Cervix
- Endometrium
- Fallopian tube
- Ovaries
- Pelvis
 - Pelvic bone width
- Placenta
- Uterus – Also called a womb.
- Vagina

Conception

- Human fertilization
 - Assisted reproductive technology
 - Artificial insemination
 - Fertility medication
 - In vitro fertilisation
 - Fertility awareness
 - Unintended pregnancy

Testing

- Pregnancy test
- 3D ultrasound

- Home testing
- Obstetric ultrasonography
- Prenatal diagnosis

Prenatal stage

Prenatal development

- Prenatal development
 - Fundal height
 - Gestational age
 - Human embryogenesis
 - Maternal physiological changes

Prenatal care

- Prenatal care – regular medical and nursing care recommended for women during pregnancy. Also known as antenatal care.
 - Prenatal nutrition
 - Maternal nutrition
 - Nutrition and pregnancy
 - Concomitant conditions
 - Diabetes mellitus and pregnancy
 - Systemic lupus erythematosus and pregnancy

Prenatal monitoring

- Amniocentesis
- Chorionic villus sampling
- Cardiotocography
- Nonstress test

Childbirth

- Childbirth

Preparation for childbirth

- Adaptation to extrauterine life
- Bradley method of natural childbirth
- Hypnobirthing
- Lamaze technique
- Nesting instinct

Roles during childbirth

- Doula
- Midwife
- Mother – a woman who has raised a child, given birth to a child, and/or supplied the ovum that united with a sperm which grew into a child. During childbirth, she is the patient.
- Perinatal nursing
- Men's role in childbirth
- Obstetrician

Delivery

- Pelvimetry
 - Bishop score
 - Cervical dilation
 - Cervical effacement
 - Position
- Home birth
 - Multiple birth
 - Natural childbirth
 - Unassisted childbirth
 - Water birth
- Aspects and conditions
 - Bloody show
 - Childbirth positions
 - Contraction
 - Presentation
 - Breech birth
 - Cephalic presentation
 - Shoulder presentation
 - Rupture of membranes

Postpartum issues

- Postpartum
 - Child care
 - Breastfeeding
 - Congenital disorders
 - Sex after pregnancy

Complications of pregnancy and childbirth

- Complications of pregnancy (list)
 - abortion
 - abruption

- breech birth
- cephalo-pelvic disproportion
- caesarean section, cesarean section, C-section
- dermatoses of pregnancy specific skin conditions during pregnancy
- diabetes
- eclampsia
- ectopic pregnancy
- gestational diabetes
- Group B Streptococcus infection
- HELLP syndrome
- hypertension
- hysterectomy
- Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR)
- macrosomia (big baby)
- malpractice
- miscarriage or stillbirth
- obstetric fistula
- obstetric hemorrhage
- Pelvic girdle pain
- placenta praevia
- pre-eclampsia
- premature birth, preterm labor or prematurity
- small for gestational age (SGA)
- uterine rupture
- uterine incarceration

Obstetrics organizations

- American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- British Pregnancy Advisory Service
- British Society of Urogynaecologists
- European Society of Gynaecological Oncology
- FOGSI
- Gynecologic Oncology Group
- Ipas (organization)
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Pakistan
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada
- World Endometriosis Research Foundation

Obstetrics publications

- Acta Obstetrica et Gynecologica Scandinavica
- African Journal of Reproductive Health

- American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Climacteric (journal)
- The European Journal of Contraception & Reproductive Health Care
- Gynecological Endocrinology
- Human Fertility (Cambridge)
- Human Reproduction (journal)
- Hypertension in Pregnancy
- International Journal of Fertility
- Journal of Human Reproductive Sciences
- Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine
- Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Menopause (journal)
- Obstetrics & Gynecology (journal)
- Placenta (journal)
- Reproduction (journal)
- Reproductive Sciences
- Systems Biology in Reproductive Medicine
- Women & Health

Persons influential in obstetrics

See also

- Gynecology
- embryo
- embryology
- gestation
- hormone
- identical twin
- In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)
- labor, labour - see childbirth
- lactation
- live birth
- menstrual cycle
- natural childbirth
- navel
- ovum or egg
- oxytocin or pitocin
- pediatrics
- sterilization
- twin
- umbilical cord
- umbilicus - see navel

References

External links

- Ingenious (<http://www.ingenious.org.uk/See/Medicineandhealth/Obstetricsgynaecologyandcontraception/>) - Archive of historical images related to obstetrics, gynaecology, and contraception.
- World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility (COGI) (<http://www.congressmed.com/cogi>)
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (<http://www.acog.org/>)
- OBGYNHealth.net (<http://www.obgynhealth.net/>)
- Seven Hills Women's Health Centers (<http://www.shwhc.com/>) - Leaders in Women's Health with a helpful women's health library

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