



Obstetrics and Gynecology Scope of Practice

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1. Definitions and Abbreviations

No.	Term / Abbreviation	Definition
1.1.	Communicable Diseases	Infectious diseases that result from the transmission of a pathogen or its toxic products or secretions, directly or indirectly, to others and causes a disease.
1.2.	Competency	The capability of an individual to apply a task-related knowledge, skills and abilities required to successfully perform an assigned task in a defined work setting.
1.3.	Healthcare Professionals	All who hold a current and valid license issued by DOH and is qualified by education, training, certification, and licensure to provide clinical services.
1.4.	Healthcare Provider	Any individual or a legal entity that has the ultimate responsibility for the management of a facility.
1.5.	Licensed Medical Trainees	In this standard refers to any licensed medical trainee and may include an intern, resident, or fellow.
1.6.	Practice Setting	In the context of this document a 'practice setting' refers to a healthcare facility licensed by DOH (Department of Health) to deliver healthcare services in areas of prevention, treatment and recovery.
1.7.	Privileging	A process in which the healthcare professional is granted clinical privileges by the healthcare provider.
1.8.	Scope of Practice	The predefined range of services, treatments, responsibilities, and activities that might be undertaken within the realm of specific profession.
1.9.	Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)	Diseases caused by Sexually Transmitted Infections that are spread mainly by sexual contact.
1.10.	Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)	Infections that are spread through sexual contact via blood, semen, or vaginal and other bodily fluids and are caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi, or parasites.

2. SOP Purpose

2.1. The purpose of this document is to:

- 2.1.1. Define the medical and surgical clinical services that may be provided by general Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians and the required competencies.
- 2.1.2. Outline the Obstetrics and Gynecology physician's professional boundaries, accountabilities, and ethical and legal obligations toward patients and society.
- 2.1.3. Serve as a reference to healthcare workforce, healthcare providers, healthcare payers and governance bodies.

3. SOP Scope

- 3.1. This scope of practice applies to DOH licensed Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians who wish to practice in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and to all healthcare providers, who provide and operate Obstetrics and Gynecology services.

4. Practice Settings

4.1. Obstetrics and Gynecology can provide vital services in various health care settings, including but not limited to:

- 4.1.1. Hospitals
- 4.1.2. Medical Centers
- 4.1.3. One Day Surgery Centers
- 4.1.4. Primary Health Care Centers
- 4.1.5. Specialized Clinics
- 4.1.6. Tele-Medicine Provider

5. Standard of Proficiency

5.1. General Obstetrics and Gynecology Obligations:

5.1.1. Assume different roles within the continuum of care depending on their training, competencies, experience, and granted clinical privileges. The following sections outline a general obstetrics and gynecology physician's obligations, duties and responsibilities towards self, employer and the society. General obstetrics and gynecology physicians are obliged to observe and abide by a set of requirements in any practice setting; accordingly, they must:

- 5.1.1.1. Practice in accordance with UAE local and federal laws, ethical values, standards of professional conduct, delineated clinical privileges, and clinical practice protocols and guidelines published by national or international organizations.^{1,2}
- 5.1.1.2. Deliver obstetrics and gynecology care services in a licensed facility that provides the appropriate equipment, and other resources necessary for the safety and quality of care.
- 5.1.1.3. Retain the specialized medical knowledge and understanding of reproductive physiology and the physiologic, pathologic, social, cultural, environmental and genetic factors that influence disease in women;
- 5.1.1.4. Retain the appropriate knowledge, skills, and professional competencies in the medical and surgical care of women related to pregnancy, women's health, and the female reproductive system disorders.
- 5.1.1.5. Update their medical knowledge and enhance their clinical and surgical skills continually to achieve best care and treatment outcomes.
- 5.1.1.6. Provide primary and preventive care for women and provide consulting services to other healthcare professionals while considering individual needs and advocating for women's healthcare.
- 5.1.1.7. Deliver care with integrity, honesty and compassion, following recognized evidence-based practice, guidelines, and safety measures.
- 5.1.1.8. Limit the utilization of diagnostic procedures, prescriptions, and surgical procedures to the extent necessary to manage the patient's case.
- 5.1.1.9. Refrain from performing any medical procedures when the necessary resources are not available unless during emergency situations.
- 5.1.1.10. Practice within the scope of the profession, specialty, and license, except during emergency and life-threatening situation in which case they must use best endeavors in the interests of preserving health.
- 5.1.1.11. Adhere to the limitations on their scope of practice that might be imposed within a specific model of care adopted in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

¹ Standard for Clinical Privileging of Healthcare Workforce and Clinical Services. DOH/HCWS/SD/CLNPRVLG-CS/2, Version 2.

² DOH Policies, Standards, Resolutions, Bylaws, Manuals and Circulars

- 5.1.1.12. Fulfill their reporting obligations to DOH and other pertinent authorities.³
- 5.1.1.13. Fulfill their obligations to protect patient-related data and information, and to respect patient privacy and confidentiality.
- 5.1.1.14. Fulfill their obligations under the current Health Insurance Legislations.
- 5.1.1.15. Adhere to the UAE and DOH laws and regulations related to termination of pregnancy, female sterilization, regulating reproduction, sexually transmitted diseases, consent, child protection, sexual offences and medical research and experiments.
- 5.1.1.16. Adhere to the mandatory Occupational Safety and Health Code of Practices related to their scope of work.

5.2. **Scope of Patient Care delivered by an Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician:**

- 5.2.1. Demonstrate appropriate knowledge, understanding, and skills necessary to assess women by means of clinical history taking and physical examination for the delivery of safe and quality care.
- 5.2.2. Provide care to women related to women's health, pregnancy, and the female reproductive system and their common diseases. Such care includes but not limited to:
 - 5.2.2.1. Antenatal care
 - 5.2.2.2. Early pregnancy care
 - 5.2.2.3. Maternal and fetal care
 - 5.2.2.4. Labor
 - 5.2.2.5. Delivery and intrapartum complications
 - 5.2.2.6. Postpartum care
 - 5.2.2.7. Gynecological care
 - 5.2.2.8. Urogynecology and pelvic care
 - 5.2.2.9. Gynecological oncology
 - 5.2.2.10. Termination of pregnancy (in accordance with UAE laws and regulations)
 - 5.2.2.11. Women's Health and Healthcare disparities
 - 5.2.2.12. Preventive health
 - 5.2.2.13. Family planning
 - 5.2.2.14. Sexual and Reproductive Health
 - 5.2.2.15. Infertility
 - 5.2.2.16. Reproductive endocrinology
 - 5.2.2.17. Contraception
 - 5.2.2.18. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
 - 5.2.2.19. Surgical Procedures and postoperative care (including Laparoscopic Surgery)
 - 5.2.2.20. Primary uncomplicated medical care
- 5.2.3. Fulfill patient needs in the provided care that includes:
 - 5.2.3.1. Clinical evaluation, diagnosis, management, and treatment through patient-centered approach and informed decision making.
 - 5.2.3.2. Initial triage and informed decision-making regarding admission and discharge for patients requiring obstetrics and gynecology services.
 - A. Admission to inpatient or day care when warranted, and provision of ongoing care.
 - B. Safe discharge from obstetrics and gynecology services.

³ DOH Standard on Reporting Suspected Adverse Drug Reactions and Adverse Events Following Immunization

- C. Provision of follow-up appointments as warranted.
- 5.2.3.3. Provision of consultation, collaboration, and participation in multidisciplinary care team(s) when warranted by the complexity of the patient's case.
- 5.2.3.4. Make informed diagnostic and therapeutic decisions.
- 5.2.3.5. Performing relevant diagnostic and therapeutic procedures related to obstetrics and gynecology care as per granted privileges.
- 5.2.3.6. Consultation with other healthcare professionals and services, and referral of the patient whose care requires interventions that are beyond general obstetrics and gynecology physician's scope of practice, or whose care necessitates transfer to a different service or facility.
- 5.2.3.7. Interpretation of diagnostic test results as per granted privileges.
- 5.2.3.8. Prescription of medications following the relevant regulations and principles of rational medicine prescription.
- 5.2.3.9. Utilization of telemedicine technologies in practice when safe and deferring to in-person encounter when the medical condition or disease necessitates, to meet the standard of care.⁴
- 5.2.3.10. Counselling the patient and family members.
- 5.2.3.11. Document clinical encounters in an accurate, complete, timely, and accessible manner, in compliance with regulatory and legal requirements.
- 5.2.3.12. Communicate effectively using a written health record, electronic medical record, or other digital technology.
- 5.2.3.13. Share information with patients and others in a manner that enhances understanding and that respects patient privacy and confidentiality.
- 5.2.3.14. Preventive counseling and health education to women of all ages.
- 5.2.3.15. Review the immunization status of women and update it according to recommended vaccinations for adults.
- 5.2.3.16. Reporting any adverse event that might occur while performing any procedure or utilizing any equipment.
- 5.2.3.17. Diagnosing and reporting communicable diseases in women via the DOH infectious diseases system as per UAE laws and DOH regulations.
- A. Identifying and screening contacts of sexual transmitted diseases via the DOH infectious diseases system.
- 5.2.4. A general obstetrics and gynecology physician may engage in other activities including:
 - A. Authoring, reviewing and publishing journal articles.
 - B. Assuming certain responsibilities in healthcare education and training programs as a supervisor, faculty member, lecturer, or a program director.
 - i. Supervising a licensed medical trainee in the management within their scope and granted privileges.
 - C. Issuing medical reports
 - D. Issuing sick leave in accordance with the pertinent regulations.
 - E. Providing consultation and advice to other health workforce members related to their scope.
 - F. Providing technical advice as subject matter expert.
 - G. Participating in Research projects and activities.
 - H. Serving as a member of a specialty-related committee or taskforce.
 - I. Management and leadership roles in healthcare facilities.

⁴ DOH Standard on Tele-Medicine

5.2.5. Competencies of a General Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician:^{5,6,7}

5.2.5.1. Below are the core clinical competencies expected from an Obstetrics and Gynecology physician. The Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians' scope of practice may vary depending on their training and competencies.

A. Obstetrics

Obstetrics care	Obstetric Procedures
• Human conception • Embryology and abnormal deviations • Normal development of the fetus and placenta and abnormal deviations • Maternal and fetal physiology during human pregnancy • Genetics and embryology of multiple pregnancies • Prenatal and antenatal screening for sexually transmitted diseases • Prenatal care and antenatal assessment of normal pregnancy • Antenatal and intrapartum management of multiple pregnancies • Antenatal fetal monitoring (surveillance) and management of abnormalities • Educate patients post-natal screening and maternal mental Health issues. • Screening, diagnosis and management of diabetes and hypertension in pregnancy • Diagnosis, management, and follow-up of medical and surgical diseases of pregnancy • Diagnosis and management of premature rupture of membrane • Diagnosis and management of preterm labor • Diagnosis and management of intrauterine growth restriction • Diagnosis and management of intrauterine fetal death • Diagnosis and management of isoimmunized pregnancies • Diagnosis and management of high-risk pregnancy • Diagnosis and management of intrapartum infection • Diagnosis and management of all types of bleeding in obstetric practice • Diagnosis and management of acute obstetrical emergencies	• Conduct normal vaginal delivery. • Perform episiotomy (as indicated) and its repair. • Instrumental delivery including vacuum and forceps. • Twin delivery • Manual removal of placenta • Repair of perineal and vaginal tears, and cervical lacerations. • Perform primary uncomplicated elective Caesarean section • Uncomplicated lower segment Caesarean section • Caesarean section with previous three Caesarean sections, twin pregnancy, breech presentation • Caesarean section with repeat low transverse (low vertical/classical Caesarean section) • Caesarean section for preterm babies • Caesarean section with concomitant placenta previa • Emergency Caesarean section for prolapsed cord, abruptio placentae, or advanced second stage arrest • Vaginal breech extraction of second twin • External cephalic version • Surgical management of severe postpartum hemorrhage and uterine rupture repair

⁵ Saudi Commission for Healthcare Specialties 2022. Obstetrics And Gynecology Curriculum

⁶ Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 2019. Obstetrics and Gynecology Competencies. Version 1.0

⁷ The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education 2013. Obstetrics and Gynecology Milestones. Revised version 2021.

• Indications and management of labor induction • Indications, methods and complications of labor augmentation • Management of labor and delivery, assessment of labor progress, and interpretation of intrapartum monitoring of the fetus • Management of the third stage of labor and its complications • Management of abnormal labor • Indications, complications, and contraindications of instrumental deliveries • Resuscitation of a newborn • Obstetric analgesia and anesthesia, and their effects on the mother and fetus • Postnatal care and management of puerperal problems • Screening of common mental health disorders associated with pregnancy. • Knowledge of pharmacotherapy safety in pregnancy • Indications to transfer obstetrics patients requiring higher level of maternal or neonate care to appropriate specialized care facilities. • Diagnosis and management of Pregnancy loss • Diagnosis and management of post-term pregnancy	
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Table 1: General Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician's Competencies in Obstetrics.

B. Gynecology

Gynecological care	Gynecology Procedures
• Basics of family planning • Diagnosis and management of miscarriage • Diagnosis and management of ectopic pregnancy • Diagnosis and management of polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) • Diagnosis and management of premenstrual syndrome • Diagnosis and management of urinary tract infection • Diagnosis and management of vulval and vaginal infections • Diagnosis and management of dysmenorrhea • Diagnosis and management of inflammatory diseases • Diagnosis and management of chronic pelvic pain	• Close abdominal incision • Perform abdominal incisions (transverse and vertical) • Salpingectomy and Salpingostomy • Tubal ligation • Ovarian cystectomy • Cervical dilatation and curettage, evacuation of retained products of conception (< 14 weeks gestation) • Bartholin cyst incision and marsupialization • Repair of old and acute lacerations of the lower genital tract (i.e., vulva, vagina, cervix, and perineum) • Repair of cystocele, rectocele, and enterocele with or without uterine descent • Colposcopy with directed cervical biopsy

• Diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted infections and sexually transmitted diseases • Diagnosis and management of amenorrhea, oligomenorrhea, and irregular menstruation • Diagnosis and management of abnormal uterine bleeding and applications of hysteroscopy for management • Diagnosis and management of recurrent pregnancy losses • Diagnosis and management of endometriosis • Diagnosis and management of genital prolapse. • Diagnosis and management of uterine fibroids • Evaluation and management of pelvic masses • Evaluation and treatment of hirsutism • Diagnosis and management of urinary incontinence • Diagnosis and management of galactorrhea • Diagnosis and management of problems associated with menopause. • Diagnosis and management of infertility • Basic workup of male infertility • Recognition and diagnosis of cervical, uterine, ovarian, vulval, and vaginal malignancies and referral to sub-specialty care. • Diagnosis of gestational trophoblastic neoplasia and referral to sub-specialty care. • Diagnosis, and management of puberty disorders • Diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted infections and referral to specialized treatment when indicated. • Diagnosis and management of congenital abnormalities of the genital tract • Indications, techniques, and complications of diagnostic laparoscopy • Indications, techniques, and complications of diagnostic hysteroscopy • Application of colposcopy, hysteroscopy, and laser therapy. • Preoperative assessment and care • Treatment of postoperative complications	• Repair of descents of the genital tract, enterocele, including abdominal repair, vaginal repair, and colpopoiesis • Cervical conization and loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP) • Diagnostic hysteroscopy • Diagnostic laparoscopy • Perineorrhaphy • Bartholin's gland excision • Vaginal septum resection. • Hymenal operations, including imperforate hymen. • Vaginal pessary fitting and removal • Vaginal cyst excision • Vaginal hysterectomy, with and without vaginal repairs • Cervical cautery and cryosurgery • Abdominal hysterectomy (supracervical and total) • Myomectomy • Uterine suspension • Ovarian biopsy • Oophorectomy • Ovarian cystectomy • Repair of urinary bladder injuries • Laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy, salpingectomy in ectopic pregnancy, hysterectomy • Dilatation and evacuation (greater than 14 weeks) • Cervical cerclage (elective or rescue)
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Table 2: General Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician's Competencies in Gynecology.

C. Women's Health and Preventive Medicine

Care Aspect	Competencies
Women's Well-Being	Educate and counsel the patient on common preventable morbidities in adult women, health promotion, disease and injury prevention, the appropriate use of screening tools, immunizations, obesity, nutrition, sexual health, and family planning. Screen , appropriate use, interpretation, and limitations of screening tests for adult patients such as screening for diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension, osteoporosis, and cervical cancer, and mammography and breast self-examination. Adult immunizations. - Provide inactivated Seasonal Influenza vaccine and Tdap for pregnant women. - Review the immunization status of women and update it according to recommended vaccinations for adults. Identify and appropriately refer patients who may need referral to further specialized treatment and counseling.
Prevention of Osteoporosis for adult women	Educate and counsel the patient on preventive measures such as lifestyle factors, nutritional factors, supplements, and the effects of other endocrine disorders on osteoporosis. Indications for osteoporosis screening and interpretation of Bone Mass Density reports to identify osteoporosis. Differentiate between osteopenia and identify patients with osteoporosis who may need referral to further specialized treatment.
Family Planning and Sexual Health	Contraception: - Assess the patient for findings that might influence the choice of contraception. - Counsel the patient on the mechanisms of hormonal and non-hormonal contraception, and the advantages, disadvantages, contraindications, failure rates, complications, and appropriate follow-up care associated methods of contraception. Sexual Health: - Assess the risk and evaluate the presence of sexually transmitted infections. - Educate and council high-risk women about the importance of safe sex and the different methods for risk reduction. - identifying and screening contacts of STD as appropriate. Pre-conception Counseling: Identify and modify risks related to maternal health and pregnancy outcomes, prior to pregnancy, including maternal risk assessment, maternal education, and initiation of effective interventions. Identify and appropriate referral of patients who may need referral to further specialized treatment.
Smoking and Substance Abuse	Counsel patients on problems and associated risks related to smoking and substance abuse. Identify an appropriate referral of patients who may need referral to further specialized treatment or dedicated rehabilitation.
Pre-Marital Counseling	Conduct pre-marital tests risk identification aimed at identifying specific potential risks that may adversely affect fetal or maternal pregnancy outcome. Screening includes genetic screening, infectious diseases and sexually transmitted infections, and chronic diseases.

Ethical issues in obstetrics and gynecology	Understands ethical principles such illegal pregnancy, cases of rape, and domestic violence victims, and how these underpin practice. Act professionally in difficult ethical situations. Identify and appropriately approach, and appropriately refer patients with such ethical issues who may need further specialized treatment and management.
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Table 3: General Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician's Competencies in Women's Health and Preventive Medicine.

- D. Obstetric and Gynecological Ultrasound:** Knowledge of principles of diagnostic ultrasound and differentiate between normal and abnormal findings for the below competencies and interpret the ultrasound findings.

Obstetric Ultrasound Competencies	Gynecological Ultrasound Competencies
Confirm intrauterine pregnancy	Identify Extra uterine pregnancy (ectopic)
Confirm Gestational sac	Assess Pelvic organs
Confirm viability	Adnexa, including measurement of ovaries, follicles, and cysts
Determine fetal number	Doppler flow to adnexa
Determine presentation	Assess the Pouch of Douglas for free fluid or masses
Assess amniotic fluid volume	Uterus: size, endometrial thickness, pathology for any fibroids or polyps, cervical length
Determine placental site and location	
Basic Fetal Anatomy Assessment (level I fetal anatomy scanning)	

Table 4: General Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician's Ultrasound Competencies.

- 5.3. A general Obstetrics and Gynecology physician shall use appropriate investigations and referrals for diagnosis and shall coordinate a plan of care (including referrals to and communication with consulting services) related to sub-specialty care in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

5.4. Advanced Competencies of a General Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician

- 5.4.1. A general Obstetrics and Gynecology physician with advanced competencies that do not fall within the scope of the listed obstetrics and gynecology subspecialties in the unified Professional Qualification Requirements (PQR)⁸ must be privileged by the healthcare facility's privileging body⁹ after providing the specific training evidence. These advanced competencies may include but are not limited to the following:

- 5.4.1.1. Pediatric Gynecology
- 5.4.1.2. Caesarean Hysterectomy
- 5.4.1.3. Operative Hysteroscopy
- 5.4.1.4. Operative Laparoscopy
- 5.4.1.5. Colposcopy with directed cervical biopsy

⁸ Unified Healthcare Professional Qualification Requirements, 2022, 3rd Version

⁹ Department of Health – Abu Dhabi, 2023. Standard for Clinical Privileging of Healthcare Workforce and Clinical Services. DOH/HCWS/SD/CLNPRVLG-CS/2, Version 2.

6. Specific Learning Requirement / Privileging Requirement

6.1. Specific Learning Requirements:

- 6.1.1. The provision of sub-specialized care in obstetrics and gynecology beyond the competencies listed in this scope will require additional accredited sub-specialty training and a license title in accordance with the Unified Professional Qualification Requirements where the expanded care may fall under.
- 6.1.2. Further independent training is required for procedures that require the use of devices or equipment required and must include how to safely operate, troubleshoot, and maintain the device or equipment.

6.2. Privileging Requirements:

- 6.2.1. While this document defines the skills, activities, and expertise that fall within the obstetrics and gynecology scope of practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians are still required to acquire procedure-specific training and be privileged by the healthcare facility's privileging body in accordance with the [DOH Standard for Clinical Privileging](#)¹.

7. Relevant Reference Documents

No.	Reference Date	Reference Name	Relation Explanation / Coding / Publication Links
1	August 2023	United Arab Emirates (2021). Federal Decree Law No. (33) of 2021 Regarding the Regulation of Employment Relationship and its Executive Regulations.	Arabic version https://www.mohre.gov.ae/ar/laws-and-regulations/laws.aspx English version https://www.mohre.gov.ae/en/laws-and-regulations/laws.aspx
2	August 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2021) Ministerial Resolution No. (14) of 2021 on the Patient's Rights & Responsibilities Charter.	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
2	August 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2019) Federal Law No. 8 of 2019 on Medical Products, Pharmacy Profession and Pharmaceutical Establishments	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
3	August 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2019) Article 24 of Federal Law No. (5) of 2019 on Regulating the Practice of Human Medicine and its Executive Regulations	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
4	August 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2019) Federal Law No. (2) of 2019 Concerning the Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Health Fields	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
5	July 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2019) Federal Law No. (7) of 2019 Concerning Medically Assisted Reproduction.	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
6	July 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2019) Cabinet Resolution No. (64) of 2020 Concerning the Implementing Regulation of Federal Law No. (7) of 2019 Concerning Medically Assisted Reproduction.	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references

7	August 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2016) Federal Decree-Law No. (4) of 2016 on Medical Liability	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
8	August 2023	Ministerial Resolution No. (1448) of 2017 on Adoption of Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Health Professionals	Arabic version https://mohap.gov.ae/app_content/legislations/php-law-ar-64/mobile/index.html English version https://mohap.gov.ae/app_content/legislations/php-law-en-64/mobile/index.html
9	August 2023	United Arab Emirates. (2014) Federal Law on the Prevention of Communicable Disease No. (14) of 2014 and its Executive Regulations	Arabic version https://www.doh.gov.ae/ar/about/law-and-legislations English version https://mohap.gov.ae/en/about-us/legal-references
10	October 2023	United Arab Emirates (2023). Federal Decree Law No. 17 of 2023 amending some provisions of Federal Law No. 7 of 2019 regarding Medical Assistance in Reproduction	Arabic version: https://www.dha.gov.ae/05a3f5a5-9eca-45f0-ad0d-3d7fd6f0952c
11	November 2023	Administrative decision no. (19) of 2023 relating to occupational Safety and health & labour accommodations	https://u.ae/-/media/Documents-2nd-half-2023/Administrative-Decision-No-19-of-2023-Relating-to-Occupational-Safety-and-Health--Labour-Accommodation.pdf
12	August 2023	Department of Health – Abu Dhabi, 2023. Standard for Clinical Privileging of Healthcare Workforce and Clinical Services. DOH/HCWS/SD/CLNPRVLG-CS/2, Version 2.	https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/resources/standards
13	August 2023	United Arab Emirates (2022). Unified Healthcare Professional Qualification Requirements, 2022, 3rd Version,	https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/pqr
14	August 2023	Department of Health – Abu Dhabi, 2020. DOH Standard on Tele-Medicine DOH/SA/TLM/0.9/2020	https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/resources/standards
15	November 2023	Saudi Commission for Healthcare Specialties 2022. Obstetrics And Gynecology Curriculum	https://scfhs.org.sa/sites/default/files/2022-05/6591%20OBGYNE%20Curriculum%202022.pdf
16	August 2023	Dubai Health Authority (2016). Scope of Practice and Clinical Responsibilities Obstetrics/Gynecology	https://www.dha.gov.ae/uploads/112021/1dc71bdf-fdc9-4257-8ba0-71a9815709cc.pdf

17	August 2023	University Of South Florida (2018). Obstetrics And Gynecology Residency Scope of Practice	https://cms.health.usf.edu/-/media/Files/Medicine/GME/scope/OBGYNscopeofPractice.ashx
18	August 2023	NSW Health (2019) Model Scope of Clinical Practice – Obstetrics and Gynaecology	https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/files/attachments/final_model_socp_for_obstetrics_gynaecology_-_may_2019.pdf
19	December 2023	Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (2019). Obstetrics and Gynecology Competencies. Version 1.0	https://www.royalcollege.ca/content/dam/documents/ibd/obstetrics-and-gynecology/obstetrics-gynecology-competencies-e.pdf
20	December 2023	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (2013). Obstetrics and Gynecology Milestones. Revised version 2021.	https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pdfs/milestones/obstetricsandgynecologymilestones.pdf