

**Obstetrics & Gynecology dictionary  
was approved by PMSC on November 9, 2017**

**REVIEW PANEL COMPOSITION**

The panel was composed of two co-chairs with expertise in the provincial privileging dictionaries and 5 subject matter experts, who work across 5 of the province’s health authorities.

**RECORD OF REVIEW PANEL DECISIONS AND CRITERIA IDENTIFIED:**

Below are decisions made by the review panel and/or criteria identified by the panel to guide discussion of clinical practice and standards.

**1. Refer to data from Gynecologic Surgery Planning Retreat for current experience in gynecology**

The panel pointed to the Gynecologic Surgery Planning Retreat report (2017) prepared by Regional Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology for VCH/PHC/BCWH which states “currency be defined as more than 16 gynecological cases per year”.

**2. Improve the usability and flow of the dictionary by grouping common urogynecological procedures together**

The panel was in agreement that a few of non-core urogynecological procedures are commonly performed by most practitioners, therefore those procedures have been grouped as “basic urogynecological” non-core privilege. Those who wish to not perform certain procedures can type exclusions in the *Comment* field. Other procedures remain as separate privileges.

**Qualifications for Obstetrics and Gynecology**

**Decision / Revision:** The panel has decided to make different criteria for Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Engagement Method:** Panel discussion and expert report

ORIGINAL	REVISION
<p>In the initial version, obstetrics and gynecology has the same qualification criteria</p> <p><b>Recommended current experience:</b> 480 hours a year of practice, averaged over the past 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation.</p> <p><b>OR</b> Successful completion of a Royal College accredited residency training program or clinical fellowship within the previous 24 months</p> <p><b>Renewal of privileges:</b> To be eligible to renew privileges in Obstetrics and Gynecology, the applicant should meet the following criteria: 480 hours a year of practice, averaged over the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation.</p>	<p><u>C1</u> Refer to the Gynecologic Surgery Planning Retreat report published in 2017 recommended currency for gynecology</p> <p><b>Recommended current experience:</b> To qualify for Obstetric core privileges, the applicant should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice averaged over the past 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation</p> <p>To qualify for Gynecology core privileges, the application should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice averaged over the past 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation and including performance of greater than 16 gynecological cases per year averaged over 24 months, with acceptable results reflective of the scope of privileges requested.</p> <p><b>OR</b> Successful completion of a Royal College accredited residency training program or clinical fellowship within the previous 12 months.</p> <p><b>Renewal of privileges:</b> To be eligible to renew privileges in Obstetrics, the applicant should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice, averaged over the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation.</p>

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# Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Privileges

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective from \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

- Initial privileges (initial appointment)
- Renewal of privileges (reappointment)

All new applicants must meet the following requirements as approved by the governing body, effective: November 9, 2017

## Instructions:

**Applicant:** Check the “Requested” box for each privilege requested. Applicants are responsible for producing required documentation to allow for a proper evaluation of current skill, current clinical activity, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts related to qualifications for requested privileges. Please provide this supporting information by uploading the appropriate documents

**Medical/Clinical leaders:** Check the appropriate box for recommendation on the last page of this form and include your recommendation for any required evaluation. If recommended with conditions or not recommended, provide the condition or explanation on the last page of this form.

**Current experience:** Current experience thresholds suggested in this document were developed by practitioners in the field, and are *not* intended as a barrier to practice or to service delivery. They are *not* intended as rigid cutoffs, below which clinical privileges must be restricted or removed. Instead, medical/clinical leaders are encouraged to initiate discussions with those practitioners who are close to or below the thresholds, to ensure that mechanisms are in place to ensure adequate practitioner experience and patient outcomes.

**Other requirements:** Note that even if applicants meet skill or experience requirements, each site will determine if the requested privilege can be supported at that site. Privileges granted may only be exercised at the site(s) and/or setting(s) that have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the privilege.

This document is focused on defining qualifications related to training and current experience to exercise clinical privileges. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organizational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organization is obligated to meet.

**Context:** The care of patients presenting with complex problems or uncommon diseases requires access to multidisciplinary groups, experienced teams and institutions with the

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necessary subspecialties and infrastructure for appropriate care.

**Grandparenting:** Practitioners holding privileges prior to implementation of the dictionary will continue to hold those privileges as long as they meet current experience and quality requirements

**Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** Where suggested in this document, CPD requirements reflect those professional development activities which are eligible for:

1. credit under the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's (RCPSC's) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program;
2. the College of Family Physicians of Canada Mainpro+;
3. those professional development activities held in foreign jurisdictions which would be eligible under the MOC/Mainpro program if held in Canada; or
4. equivalent CPD or Quality Assurance activities for other practitioners.

**Planned vs. Unplanned (Emergency) Care:** The scope of privileges granted to any individual practitioner is based on considerations of patient care under "normal circumstances." In the setting of risk to life or limb, the rules of privilege are not meant to constrain practitioners from acting in the best interest of a patient.

*Note:* The dictionary will be reviewed over time to ensure it is reflective of current practices, procedures and technologies.

**Core privilege:** Types of activities a recent graduate of the discipline can reasonably be expected to perform at a specific facility. Under core privileges in this dictionary, if there is a procedure you wish to NOT perform please type into the *Comments* field.

**Non-core privilege:** Types of activities that require further training, experience and demonstrated skill. Non-core privileges are requested in addition to requesting core. Individuals requesting these privileges should meet the specific threshold criteria associated to such non-core privileges.

**Restricted procedures:** Some dictionaries have procedures identified by the Ministry of Health as [DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION]. Privileges identified as restricted procedures may be flagged in this document. Where it appears, the restricted procedures flag is for administrative tracking only, and has no impact on clinical content.

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## Definition

Obstetrics and Gynecology is a branch of medicine concerned with women's health and reproduction. The specialty encompasses medical, surgical and obstetrical and gynecologic knowledge and skills for the prevention, diagnosis and management of a broad range of conditions affecting women's general and reproductive health. Specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology provide clinical care and education in normal and complicated Obstetrics and Gynecology.

## Qualifications for Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Initial privileges:** To be eligible to apply for privileges in Obstetrics and Gynecology, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

Be recognized as a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC)

AND

**Recommended current experience:** To qualify for Obstetric core privileges, the applicant should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice averaged over the past 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation

To qualify for Gynecology core privileges, the application should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice averaged over the past 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation and including performance of greater than 16 gynecological cases per year averaged over 24 months, with acceptable results reflective of the scope of privileges requested.

OR

Successful completion of a Royal College accredited residency training program or clinical fellowship within the previous 12 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** To be eligible to renew privileges in Obstetrics, the applicant should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice, averaged over the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation.

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To be eligible to renew privileges in Gynecology, the application should have clinical experience of a minimum 480 hours a year of practice, averaged over the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, based on successful ongoing professional practice evaluation and including performance of greater than 16 gynecological cases per year averaged over the past 36 months, with acceptable results reflective of the scope of privileges requested.

**Return to practice:** Individualized assessment with a period of direct supervision of core procedures relevant to the intended scope of practice.

### Core privileges:

Core privileges are offered to ALL members in the discipline as long as the facility can support those activities.

- Requested** Obstetrics
- Requested** Gynecology

Evaluate, diagnose, treat, and provide consultation to patients and/ or provide medical and surgical care of the female reproductive system, genitourinary system, and associated disorders. Assess, stabilize, and determine the disposition of patients with emergent conditions consistent with medical staff policy regarding emergency and consultative call services.

The core privileges in this specialty include the procedures on the attached procedures list and such other procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills.

### Core procedures list: Obstetrics

This is not intended to be an all-encompassing procedures list. It defines the types of activities/procedures/privileges that the majority of practitioners in this specialty perform in British Columbia and inherent activities/procedures/privileges requiring similar skill sets and techniques.

**To the applicant:** If there is a procedure you wish to NOT perform, then please type into the *Comments* field.

### Obstetrics

- Management of pregnancy, labour and delivery and any associated complications for singleton and multi fetal pregnancies
- External cephalic version (ECV)

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- Low or outlet operative vaginal delivery using vacuum or forceps
- Repair of perineal and vaginal lacerations, including third and fourth degree injuries and cervical lacerations
- Cesarean section
- Evacuation of the pregnant uterus: dilation and curettage up to 14 weeks gestation
- Mid-trimester termination of pregnancy by induction of labour
- Manual removal of the placenta
- Cesarean hysterectomy
- Repair of uterine rupture
- Paracervical block and pudendal block
- Management of post-partum hemorrhage
- Vaginal cervical cerclage
- Cystotomy repair
- Mid-cavity operative delivery
- Rotational forceps delivery (greater than 90°)
- Low or outlet operative vaginal delivery using vacuum or forceps
- Vaginal breech delivery
- Basic fetal assessment by ultrasound (position presentation, amniotic fluid and heart rate)

### Neonatal Care

- Basic neonatal resuscitation

### **Core procedures list: Gynecology**

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### Open Gynecologic Procedures

- Total abdominal hysterectomy
- Salpingectomy
- Salpingo-oophorectomy
- Ovarian cystectomy
- Management of ectopic pregnancy
- Abdominal myomectomy

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- Omentectomy
- Peritoneal biopsy
- Cystotomy repair

## Vaginal Gynecologic Procedures

- Vaginal hysterectomy
- Salpingectomy
- Salpingo-oophorectomy
- Anterior colporrhaphy
- Posterior colporrhaphy and perineorrhaphy
- Drainage and marsupialization of Bartholin's gland abscess
- Dilatation and curettage
- Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP)
- Cervical conization
- Treatment of endometriosis
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## Pediatric gynecology procedures

- Diagnostic vaginoscopy
- Hymenectomy
- Repair of straddle injury
- Resection of longitudinal vaginal septum

## Minimally Invasive Procedures

- Diagnostic laparoscopy with assessment of tubal patency
- Laparoscopic sterilization
- Management of ectopic pregnancy
- Laparoscopic lysis of adhesions
- Laparoscopic salpingectomy
- Laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy and salpingo-oophorectomy
- Diagnostic hysteroscopy
- Hysteroscopic endometrial sampling and polyp removal
- Ablative procedures of the endometrium
- Operative hysteroscopy: lysis of synechiae, resection of submucous leiomyomata or uterine septum

## **Core privileges: Admitting Privileges**

- Requested: Full Admitting – Obstetrics
- Requested: Full Admitting – Gynecology

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## Non-core privileges (see specific criteria)

- Are permits for activities that require further training, experience and demonstrated skill
- Are requested individually in addition to requesting the core.
- Each individual requesting non-core privileges should meet the specific threshold criteria as outlined.

## Non-core privileges: Obstetric Procedures

- Requested** Maturity amniocentesis
- Requested** Genetic amniocentesis
- Requested** Evacuation of the pregnant uterus (dilation and extraction) > 14 weeks size
- Requested** Abdominal cerclage
- Requested** Ultrasound first trimester
- Requested:** Assessment of fetal well-being (biophysical profile and umbilical artery Doppler)
- Requested** Transvaginal ultrasound

[DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION]

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of training in the requested non-core obstetric procedures

**AND**

**Recommended current experience:** Certification of skill by the appropriate medical leader of the last hospital where privileges have been held or successful completion of training in the requested non-core obstetrical procedures within the previous 24 months

**Renewal of privileges:** Current demonstrated clinical experience over the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of the privileges requested, based on the results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

**Return to practice:** Individualized assessment with a period of direct supervision to demonstrate skills relevant to the intended scope of practice.

## Non-core privileges: Gynecologic Procedures

- Requested** Laparoscopic hysterectomy

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- Requested** Colposcopy
- Requested** Laser treatment of lower genital tract
- Requested** Tubal reanastomosis, neosalpingostomy and tuboplasty
- Requested** Presacral neurectomy
- Requested** Perioperative cystoscopy
- Requested** Retrograde insertion of ureteric stents
- Requested** Myocutaneous flaps, skin grafting
- Requested** Gynecological ultrasound & transvaginal ultrasound  
[DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION]
- Requested** Trachelectomy
- Requested** Lymphadenectomies (pelvic)
- Requested** Hysterosalpingogram
- Requested** Resection of uterine septum via laparotomy
- Requested** Appendectomy
- Requested** Egg retrieval  
[DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION]
- Requested** Intrauterine insemination
- Requested** Management of ovarian hyperstimulation
- Requested** Reversal of tubal sterilization
- Requested** Sono-hysterosalpingogram
- Requested** Neosalpingostomy and tuboplasty
- Requested** Laparoscopic cystotomy repair

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of training in the above requested non-core gynecologic procedures

**AND**

**Recommended current experience:** Certification of skill by the appropriate medical leader of the last hospital where privileges have been held or successful completion of training in the above requested non-core gynecologic-procedures within the previous 24 months

**Renewal of privileges:** Current demonstrated clinical experience within the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of the privileges requested, based on the results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes

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**Return to practice:** Individualized assessment with a period of direct supervision to demonstrate skills relevant to the intended scope of practice.

## Non-core privileges: Basic Urogynecology

### Requested

Individuals requesting for the following non-core privileges are required to have appropriate training and experience associated to all procedures listed. If there is a procedure you wish to NOT perform, please type into the Comments field.

### Basic procedures

- Mid-Urethral Sling
- Urodynamic testing
- Laparoscopic or vaginal apical prolapse repair without mesh
- Obliterative repairs: including colpocleisis, colpectomy
- Recto-vaginal fistula repair
- Sphincteroplasty

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of training in the above requested basic urogynecological procedures

### AND

**Recommended current experience:** Certification of skill by the appropriate medical leader of the last hospital where privileges have been held or successful completion of training in the above requested basic urogynecological procedures within the previous 24 months

**Renewal of privileges:** Current demonstrated clinical experience within past 36 months years, reflective of the scope of the privileges requested, based on the results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes

**Return to practice:** Individualized assessment with a period of direct supervision to demonstrate skills relevant to the intended scope of practice.

## Non-core privileges: Complex Urogynecology

### Genitourinary procedures

### Requested Diagnostic cystoscopy

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- Requested** Periurethral bulking injections
- Requested** Retropubic urethropexy
- Requested** Fascial sling procedures (including harvest of graft)
- Requested** Management of anatomic outlet obstruction
- Requested** Revision or removal of graft material
- Requested** Neuromodulation implantation
- Requested** Intravesical botox injection
- Requested** Urinary tract fistula repair
- Requested** Urethral diverticulum repair
- Requested** Ureteric re-implantation

### Colorectal procedures

- Requested** Colostomy
- Requested** Bowel resection
- Requested** Proctosigmoidoscopy
- Requested** Rectal prolapse repair

### Pelvic organ prolapse procedures

- Requested** Prolapse repair with mesh (sacrocolpopexy or sacrohysteropexy)
- Requested** Abdominal apical prolapse repair
- Requested** Prolapse procedure with graft
- Requested** Rectal prolapse repair

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of training in the above requested complex urogynecological procedures

### AND

**Recommended current experience:** Certification of skill by the appropriate medical leader of the last hospital where privileges have been held or successful completion of training in the above requested complex urogynecological procedures within the previous 24 months

**Renewal of privileges:** Current demonstrated clinical experience within the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of the privileges requested, based on the results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes

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**Return to practice:** Individualized assessment with a period of direct supervision to demonstrate skills relevant to the intended scope of practice.

### Non-core privileges: Prepubertal (Pediatric) and Adolescent Gynecology (PAG)

- Requested** laparoscopic ovarian detorsion and/or oophoropexy in children < 12 years of age
- Requested** labial surgery on adolescents <18 years of age
- Requested** resection of transverse vaginal septum
- Requested** medical and surgical management of neovagina
- Requested** revision genitoplasty
- Requested** clitoroplasty

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of training in the above requested non-core prepubertal (pediatric) and adolescent gynecology procedures

**AND**

**Recommended current experience:** Certification of skill by the appropriate medical leader of the last hospital where privileges have been held or successful completion of training in the requested PAG procedures within the previous 24 months

**Renewal of privileges:** Current demonstrated clinical experience within the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of the privileges requested, based on the results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes

**Return to practice:** Individualized assessment with a period of direct supervision to demonstrate skills relevant to the intended scope of practice.

### Non-core privileges: Nuchal translucency (NT)

- Requested**

[DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION]

**Initial privileges:** Proof of certification to be an NT provider by the Fetal Medicine Foundation to the satisfaction of the appropriate medical leader

**AND**

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**Required current experience:** Proof of certification to be an NT provider and participation in the annual audit process of the Fetal Medicine Foundation, in addition to participation in the Perinatal Services BC Prenatal Genetic Screening Program, to the satisfaction of the appropriate medical leader of the last hospital where privileges were held or certification to be an NT provider and participation in the annual audit process of the Fetal Medicine Foundation, in addition to participation in the Perinatal Service BC Genetic Screening Program, within the previous 24 months

**Renewal of privileges:** Proof of certification to be an NT provider and participation in the annual audit process of the Fetal Medicine Foundation, in addition to participation in the Perinatal Services BC Prenatal Genetic Screening Program, and current demonstrated clinical experience within the past 36 months.

**Return to practice:** Proof of retraining and recertification by the Fetal Medicine Foundation to the satisfaction of the appropriate medical leader

### Context Specific Privileges

Context refers to the capacity of a facility to support an activity

### *Administration of sedation and analgesia*

#### Requested

See “Hospital Policy for Sedation and Analgesia by Nonanesthesiologists”

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## Process to request privileges not included in the dictionary for your discipline

Complete this section if you wish to request a privilege that is not included in the core, non-core or context specific privileges for your discipline. Please note that additional privileges are not automatically granted, but are reviewed to ensure alignment with site requirements and capacity.

### Instructions

To request additional privileges—that is, privileges *not* included in your discipline dictionary—please provide the following information in the comments box below:

- a) the privilege requested
- b) the location within the facility where the privilege would be exercised, and
- c) the relevant training and experience held by the practitioner in this area

Your request for additional privileges will be submitted to the appropriate medical leader to determine if the requested privilege can be supported at the specified site, and if so, which training requirements must be met.

### Additional Privilege

Requested       Not Requested

Comments:

## Dictionary content and feedback

The privileging dictionaries on this site ([bcmqi.ca](http://bcmqi.ca)) are the official versions.

Dictionary content will be updated in cycles of review and refresh, as listed at the [bcmqi.ca](http://bcmqi.ca) dictionary review hub. You can provide input on a dictionary at any time, by submitting a [Request for a Revision to a Privileging Dictionary](#) form to your local medical administration or the BC MQI office.

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## Acknowledgement of Practitioner

I have requested only those privileges for which by education, training, current experience, and demonstrated performance I am qualified to perform and for which I wish to exercise at the facility I am applying, and I understand that:

- a. In exercising any clinical privileges granted, I am constrained by hospital and medical staff policies and rules applicable generally and any applicable to the particular situation.
- b. Any restriction on the clinical privileges granted to me is waived in an emergency situation, and in such situation my actions are governed by the applicable section of the medical staff bylaws or related documents.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical / Clinical Leader's Recommendation

I have reviewed the requested clinical privileges and supporting documentation for the above-named applicant and:

- Recommend all requested privileges
- Recommend privileges with the following conditions/modifications:
- Do not recommend the following requested privileges:

Privilege condition/ modification/ explanation

Notes:

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Name of Department / Division/ Program/ Facility:

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Name of Medical Leader:

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Title:

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Signature:

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Date:

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