

**Rotation Description: Gyn/Women's Health Rotation  
Required Rotation, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Residents**

**A. General Information**

1. Overview – This is a required 2 week rotation and may be taken during either the second or third year of residency. Residents will learn to evaluate and treat common gender-specific disorders in women, as well as demonstrate competence in breast and pelvic examination and satisfactory knowledge of health maintenance recommendations in women.
2. Duration of Rotation: 2 weeks
3. Faculty: Christina Taylor, MD (Course Organizer)
4. Location and Phone Numbers:  
Dr Christina Taylor, The Iowa Clinic, 5950 University Ave, #151, NE entrance #3, West Des Moines, 875-9192  
LaClinica, Des Moines University, 3200 Grand Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> floor 244-6162
5. Logistics: This is a rotation with multidisciplinary experience incorporated into the rotation. The resident will spend four days each week with Dr. Taylor in her office and ½ day weekly at La Clinica, a clinic that specializes in women's health for Latinos. Residents will be expected to attend continuity clinic during this rotation. The experience should be distributed as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – Dr Taylor's office

Tuesday am – La Clinica

Tuesday pm – Individual study (unless continuity clinic)

**B. First Day Orientation**

1. ONE week before the rotation begins, the resident should contact Dr. Taylor DIRECTLY at the Iowa Clinic at 875-9192 (or, you may contact Gina for Dr. Taylor's cell number). Dr Taylor will arrange for the first day orientation at her office.
2. The resident will report to Dr Taylor's office at the Iowa Clinic no later than 8:30 am on the first day of the rotation.

### **C. Objectives and Description of Rotation**

1. The primary educational purpose of the rotation is to improve the resident's competency in office gynecology and women's health. Residents will become familiar with those aspects of care that are appropriately diagnosed and managed by general internists and those that should be referred to, or managed jointly with, obstetrics/gynecology specialists.
2. The principal teaching method will be assessment of patients who present to the office of Dr. Christi Taylor for evaluation as well as patients seen at La Clinica. The resident will typically obtain a history and do a brief general exam on each patient and may then perform a detailed pelvic examination with supervising faculty. The resident will be expected to participate in the development of a diagnostic and therapeutic plan under faculty supervision.

### **D. Patient Care**

1. Line of Responsibility: Residents will see patients as assigned by the attending physician or nurse practitioner. The numbers will vary depending on scheduling concerns for the day and the complexity of patients assigned to the resident for evaluation.
2. Medical Records: The resident will assist in completing the record for each patient visit they are involved with, as directed by the supervising faculty.
3. Continuity of Care Clinic: Residents are required to attend their weekly afternoon continuity clinics during this rotation.

### **E. Evaluation**

At the end of the rotation, the resident will be evaluated by the supervising faculty. Personal feedback will be provided and an evaluation form will be completed and returned to the residency office. The evaluation form will be reviewed and signed by the resident.

The resident will be evaluated by faculty in each of the required six general competency areas as follows:

1. Patient Care:
  - a. Demonstrate ability to effectively obtain a detailed obstetric and gynecologic history, including complete information about sexual preference and activity.
  - b. Demonstrate competence with routine gynecologic examinations, including breast examination and pelvic examination with Pap smear.

- c. Demonstrate an ability to satisfactorily care for women with problems commonly seen in an ambulatory setting, including vaginitis, menstrual disorders, breast disorders, and osteoporosis.
2. Medical Knowledge:
  - a. Demonstrate ability to access and critically evaluate current medical information relevant to gynecologic conditions and women's health issues commonly seen in an ambulatory setting.
  - b. Demonstrate understanding of all assigned reading materials.
3. Practice-Based Learning: Demonstrate ability to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in the care of patients with gynecologic conditions and women's health issues and demonstrate real-time strategies to address these gaps.
4. Interpersonal and Communication Skills: Demonstrate satisfactory communication abilities in dealings with patients and families, especially in sensitive matters encountered. Demonstrate timely and complete medical records (consult notes and any assigned H&P and discharge notes). Demonstrate ability to interact and communicate well with both referring and other consulting physicians.
5. Professionalism: Demonstrate respectful behavior towards patients and families, colleagues, nurses and other allied health personnel. Always protect patient confidentiality and provide informed consent.
6. Systems-Based Practice: Demonstrate an evidence-based, cost-conscious approach to patient care. Collaborate with nursing, social services and other allied health care providers to assure timely, comprehensive care provided.

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## **LaClinica Gynecology Clinic Experience**

1. Resident assigned to R1 Ambulatory Medicine rotation will participate in this experience each week on Wednesday mornings. Primary objective of this experience will be to improve the resident's proficiency in performing the female breast and pelvic examination.
2. Clinic Address: Des Moines University, 3200 Grand, 6<sup>th</sup> flr
3. Clinic Phone = 244-6162  
The other way to contact / leave message for clinic staff is via Cheryl Wetherington, Clinic Manager at 265-1413, ext. 269 (or pager 242-1697)
4. You will be working with Cynthia Hyde, an experienced Certified Nurse Midwife who is fluent in Spanish. Her digital pager is 264-2496.
5. Arrive by 8:15 a.m. to see patients. Last patient scheduled at 11:00 a.m. You should be finished in time to return to IMMC for Noon Conference.