

# OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner Job Description

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## Duties and Responsibilities:

- Gain patient history and carry out assessment via observation, interview, and examination
- Select and order appropriate diagnostic and health maintenance procedures
- Plan for appropriate follow-up care
- Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of information
- Order, perform, and interpret diagnostic studies
- Expedite the referral of patients to suitable health facilities, agencies, and resources within the community
- Mediate pharmacological interventions
- Carry out preventative health assessments, screening, immunizations, and patient care
- Deliver direct treatment and administration of health conditions via prescriptive authority or referral to other healthcare providers or community resources
- Counsel and educate patients and their families/caregivers concerning preventative health, treatment options, and community resources
- Make reports of health care delivery and nursing processes in accordance with specific specialty area standards and network nursing policy
- Assessment of patient, family, and community health needs
- Participate actively in interview and case finding
- Perform initial interviews, assessment, and preparation of patients
- Expedite medical regimens as recommended by the practitioner
- Assist practitioners with patient care, on and off site
- Maintain quality nursing care, nursing notes and plans
- Perform necessary nursing procedures, i.e., injections
- Provide patient education and counseling

- Provide training and supervision to volunteers, paraprofessionals, and licensed practical nurses
- Coordinate and direct patient flow during clinical sessions
- Coordinate special clinical programs as needed
- Participate and coordinate on and off site screening projects
- Assist with the compilation of health statistics
- Stand as patient advocate and liaison for defense of patients' rights
- Work as the primary care OB/GYN health care provider in an outpatient setting
- Develop, implement, and evaluate treatment plans on obstetrical and gynecological patients
- Provide physical examinations on patients in accordance with IAW protocols
- Attend OB/GYN meetings and conferences to keep abreast of current trends.

### **OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities**

- Education and training: Masters degree in Nursing and graduation from an accredited RN and NP Program
- License: Should hold a current RN License
- Certification: Possess current Nurse Practitioner Certificate, as well as maintain a current national certification from approved organizations (American Nurses Credentialing Center, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, or the National Certification Corporation for Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties)
- BLS Provider credentialed from the American Heart Association (AHA) and Basic CPR (BCLS) Certification
- Professional organization: The primary organization for OB/GYN NPs is the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)

- Knowledge: They should have strong background in health care policy, clinical reasoning, advanced health assessment and advanced women's healthcare, among others
- Time and stress management: Hospitals and outpatient clinics are greatly focused on productivity; therefore, it is critical that obstetrics and gynecology nurses possess the ability to manage stress due to the high workload they handle
- Should be compassionate and empathetic
- Customer service skills: they require this skill to render courteous patient support functions
- Detail-orientation: The job role requires OB/GYN nurse practitioners to obtain patient's medical history and perform assessment via observation, interview, and examination; hence a keen eye for detail will be useful in making appropriate deductions
- Communication skills: They are expected to educate and counsel patients, as well as document and up-date records; therefore, it is important that they possess a clear and concise writing and verbal communication skills
- Be familiar with emergency procedures and protocols
- Be familiar with Clinical policies and programs
- Be familiar with referral procedures and back-up sources
- Be familiar with lab procedures and back-up laboratories.