Emory University
Department of Gynecology & Obstetrics

Morbidity & Mortality Conference

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- Resident

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Introduction

• The purpose of M&M is:
  – To provide a safe venue for residents to identify areas of improvement, and promote professionalism, ethical integrity and transparency in assessing and improving patient care.
  – To promote leadership, research, and scholarly activity and incorporate into a learning opportunity the six core ACGME competencies.
  – To provide a forum to teach curriculum on quality improvement and medico legal issues to residents and students.
  – To foster a climate of openness and discussion about medical errors.

• All participants are reminded this is a privileged and confidential meeting – subject to peer review and medical review protections in Georgia.
M&M Case Presentation Template

• The case presentation will follow the template below:
  – Brief Overview of rationale for selection of the case, diagnosis and complications
  – Timeline of Key Events
  – All potential causes of complications
  – How complications could have been prevented, ameliorated, or managed
  – What we would have done differently
  – Any evidence-based literature that is applicable
  – What ACGME competency does the case teach us about
  – The knowledge gaps
  – Take home points

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Brief Overview of Case

• Rationale for selection of case
• Diagnosis
• Complication

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Timeline of Key Events
Restate Complications

• Identify all potential causes of the complications
Clinical Issues

• How could/should the complications have been
  – Prevented
  – Ameliorated
  – Managed

• What would you have done differently
The patient care issue occurred as a problem related to.....

• Medical Knowledge
• Patient care provided or not provided
• Communication and interpersonal skills
• Professionalism
• Practice-based learning and improvement
• Systems-based practice
Evidence Based Literature
The knowledge gaps are

What we know...

• There are known known's. These are things we know that we know.

What is not known...

• There are known unknowns. These are the things that we know we don't know.
Take Home Points

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