

Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Block Diagram Instructions

Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology

A block diagram is a representation of the rotation schedule for a resident in a given post-graduate year. It offers information on the type, location, length, and variety of rotations for that year. When creating a block diagram, keep in mind:

- The block diagram shows the rotations a resident would have in a given educational year; it does not represent the order in which they occur.
- There should be only one block diagram for each year of education.
- The block diagram should not include resident names. The block diagram is not a resident schedule.
- Someone from outside of the institution should be able to look at a program's block diagrams and understand the educational experience of the residents.

Obstetrics and gynecology residency programs are required to use the obstetrics and gynecology-specific fillable block diagram, which includes information about ambulatory care sessions, family planning and contraception, and abortion training. The fillable block diagram is available on the [Documents and Resources](#) page of the [Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) section of the ACGME website.

Tips for Completing the Block Diagram

Identify sites by using the site numbers listed in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) Sites tab (1, 2, etc.).

Within each year, group rotations by site. For example, list Site 1 rotations first, followed by Site 2 rotations, etc.

Ensure the block diagram information matches the Participating Site section of ADS with respect to time at each site and educational experience.

Rotation names should be as specific as possible and identify the **educational experience** (e.g., gynecologic oncology, gynecology ambulatory, obstetric night float).

Below the block diagrams, include a notes section and provide information about:

- Site numbers and names
- Abbreviations
- Vacation
- Rotation options if there are elective rotations
- Any other information that helps the Committee understand the block diagrams

Prior to saving the fillable block diagrams as a PDF to upload into ADS, ensure the set of block diagrams fits on **one page**. If it does not fit on one page, adjust the scale (Page Layout > Scale to Fit). Notes can be on a second page.

Example Block Diagram

In this example, the program's first-year rotations are divided into five blocks of equal duration.

Year 1

Block	1	2	3	4	5	Total Count
Site	1	1	1	1	2	N/A
Rotation name	OB	OB	Ben Gyn	Gyn Onc	OB Gyn	N/A
Half-day ambulatory care sessions (Number)	10	9	9	9	10	47
Does rotation address family planning and contraception? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Does rotation provide training/access to training in provision of abortions? (Yes/No)	No	No	No	No	Yes	N/A

Vacation: Three weeks per year

Sites:

Site 1=George University Hospital
Site 2=Western Community Medical Center

Abbreviations:

OB=Obstetrics
Ben Gyn=Benign Gynecology
Gyn Onc=Gynecologic Oncology
OB Gyn=Obstetrics and Gynecology

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