



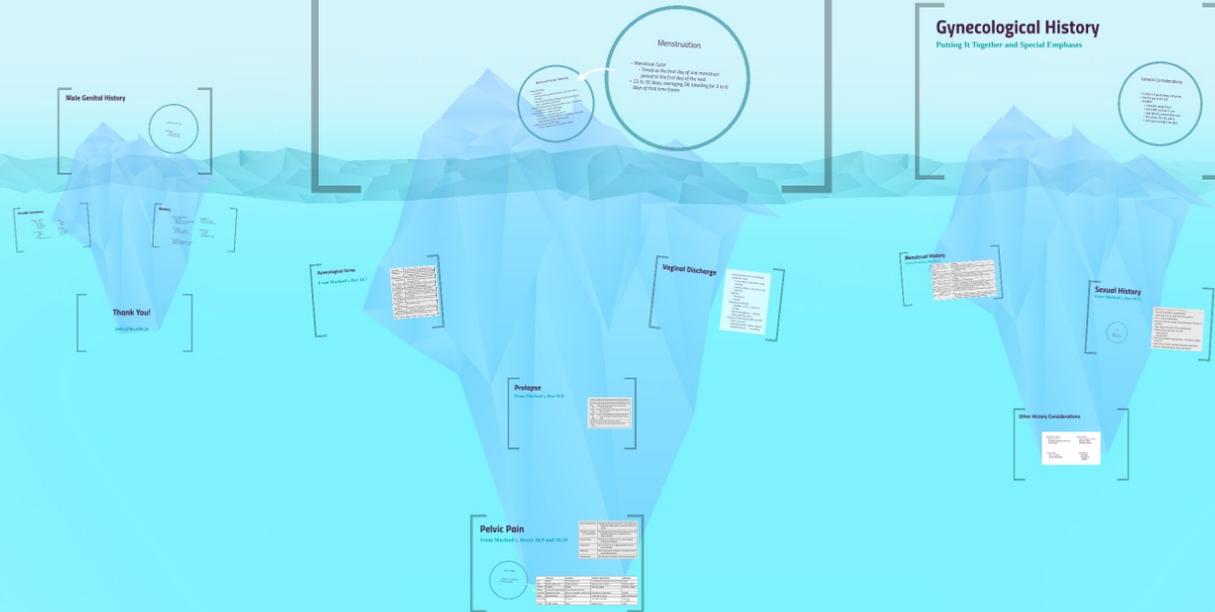
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Symptoms For the Gynecological History

Gynecological History Putting It Together and Special Emphases



Genitourinary History

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Symptoms

For the Gynecological History

Menstruation

- Menstrual Cycle
 - Timed as the first day of one menstrual period to the first day of the next
- 22 to 35 days, averaging 28, bleeding for 3 to 6 days of that time frame

Abnormal Uterine Bleeding

- Heavy bleeding
- Common
- Ask how many pads/tampons used, how often changed
- Ask about flooding (soaking through protection), clots, symptoms of anemia
- Bleeding between periods and after sexual intercourse
- Suggests cervical pathology
- Amenorrhea = absent periods
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 - Secondary - no periods for >3 months in someone who has previously menstruated
- Postmenopausal bleeding
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so we have to define this to the patient to give you an accurate length of their cycles.

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* less than 22 days → this is pathological (Menorrhagia)
* More than 35 days → also pathological "Delayed"

Abnormal Uterine Bleeding

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*We can't ask the patient about the quantity of the blood (normally it is 35 ml), since this is tough to measure. Therefore, we can ask about how many pads do they use and how often do they change it.

Abnormal Uterine Bleeding

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ask if there's any of these signs

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← Secondary - no periods for >3 months in someone who has previously menstruated

Postmenopausal bleeding → this is really serious.

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The number 1 cause of that is pregnancy, but if the patient isn't pregnant, we have to think about other causes.

*The number 1 cause of anemia is Iron-deficiency anemia during the period they're menstruating.

↳ also known as "post-coital bleeding" it usually suggests cervical pathology, so we have to investigate more using smears.

* if a patient tells you she's in a menopause and they bleed, that signifies a great risk for endometrial cancer. About 10% of patients with postmenopausal bleeding have endometrial cancer, and this a huge number that's why we have to evaluate those ladies.

Gynecological Terms

From Macleod's, Box 10.7

in the west it is earlier due to a combination of factors.

Menarche	Age at first period <u>average in UK 12 years</u>
<u>Menopause</u>	Age at last menstrual period. <u>Only determined retrospectively after 1 year with no periods</u>
Perimenopause (climacteric)	The time before the menopause (2-5 years) when periods become irregular and flushes and sweats occur
Heavy menstrual bleeding	Excess blood loss (80 ml+) during a period, previously called menorrhagia
<u>Intermenstrual bleeding</u>	<u>Bleeding between periods, suggesting hormonal, endometrial or cervical pathology</u>
<u>Postcoital bleeding</u>	<u>Bleeding after intercourse, suggesting cervical pathology</u>
<u>Postmenopausal bleeding</u>	<u>Bleeding more than 1 year after menopause</u>
<u>Primary amenorrhoea</u>	<u>No periods by age 16</u>
<u>Secondary amenorrhoea</u>	No periods for 3 months in a woman who has previously menstruated
<u>Oligomenorrhoea</u>	<u>Periods with a cycle more than 35 days</u>

you have one year without period and then start bleeding again, this is very serious.

oligo :- few few periods but the interval is longer.

Prolapse

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These are things that come out from the pelvis through vaginal orifice.
"prolapse"

cysto:- bladder.

Cystocele	Bulge of the <u>anterior</u> vaginal wall containing the bladder
Rectocele	Bulge of the <u>posterior</u> vaginal wall containing the rectum
<u>Entero-coele</u>	Bulge of the distal wall posteriorly containing small bowel and peritoneum
<u>Urethro-coele</u>	Prolapse of the urethra into the vagina, often occurring with a cystocele
<u>Uterine pro-lapse</u>	<u>Grade 1</u> is descent halfway to the hymen, grade 2 is to the hymen and grade 3 is past the hymen within the vagina
<u>Procidentia</u>	External prolapse of the uterus (<u>grade 4</u>)
<u>Vault pro-lapse</u>	Bulge of the roof of the vagina after hysterectomy

* no need to know all these definitions, but it is useful when you read a documentation for a patient in a hospital.

Pelvic Pain

The history will give you the answer about what is causing pain.

From Macleod's, Boxes 10.9 and 10.10

* pain during or around menstrual cycle is dysmenorrhoea.

Primary dysmenorrhoea	Ongoing pain <u>during a period</u> that is most intense just before and during a period, caused by uterine contraction " <u>mostly not pathological</u> ".
Secondary or progressive dysmenorrhoea " <u>severe pain</u> ".	<u>Worsening pain that deteriorates during a period, suggesting pathology</u> such as <u>endometriosis or chronic infection</u>
Ovarian torsion <u>very severe pain</u> .	<u>Twisting of an ovarian cyst on its vascular pedicle, causing acute ischaemia</u>
Dyspareunia	<u>Pain with intercourse, suggesting endometriosis or pelvic adhesions</u>
Vaginismus	<u>Pain on penetration secondary to involuntary contraction of the pelvic floor</u>
Mittelschmerz	Pain associated with follicle rupture during ovulation

when the penis is inserted in the vagina it is painful for the female.

Don't Forget!

- Urinary incontinence
- Pelvic masses
- ...

*We can differentiate between them by looking through SOCRATES.

	Uterine pain	Ovarian pain	Adhesions or pelvic infection	Endometriosis
Site	Midline	Left or right iliac fossa	Generalised lower abdomen; more on one side	Variable
Onset	Builds up before period	Sudden, intermittent	Builds up, acute on chronic	Builds up, sudden
Character	Cramping	Gripping	Shooting, gripping	Shooting, cramping
Radiation	Lower back and upper thighs	Groin; if free fluid, to shoulder		
Associated	Bleeding from vagina	Known cyst, pregnancy, irregular cycle	Discharge, fever, past surgery	Infertility
Timing	With menstruation	May be cyclical	Acute, may be cyclical	Builds up during period
Exacerbating		Positional	Movement, examination	Intercourse Cyclical
Severity	Variable in spasms	Intense	Intense in waves	Varies

* هذا الجدول الدكتور ما قرأه كامل لكن مهجداً.

Don't Forget!

may be caused by a cancer pushing on the bladder--
or smth else.

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may not cause any symptom at all,
the symptoms may be constipation
due to blocking of
the colon.

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Vaginal Discharge

very important.

- Can be normal and vary through menstrual cycle
 - at ovulation - abundant, clear, stretchy
 - post-ovulation - less, thick, not stretchy

• Infection

- Nonsexual
- Sexual

• Nonsexual infection

very distinct discharge → Candida - white, curdy with itching

- Bacterial vaginosis - watery, fishy-smelling, pH > 5

ammonia odor.

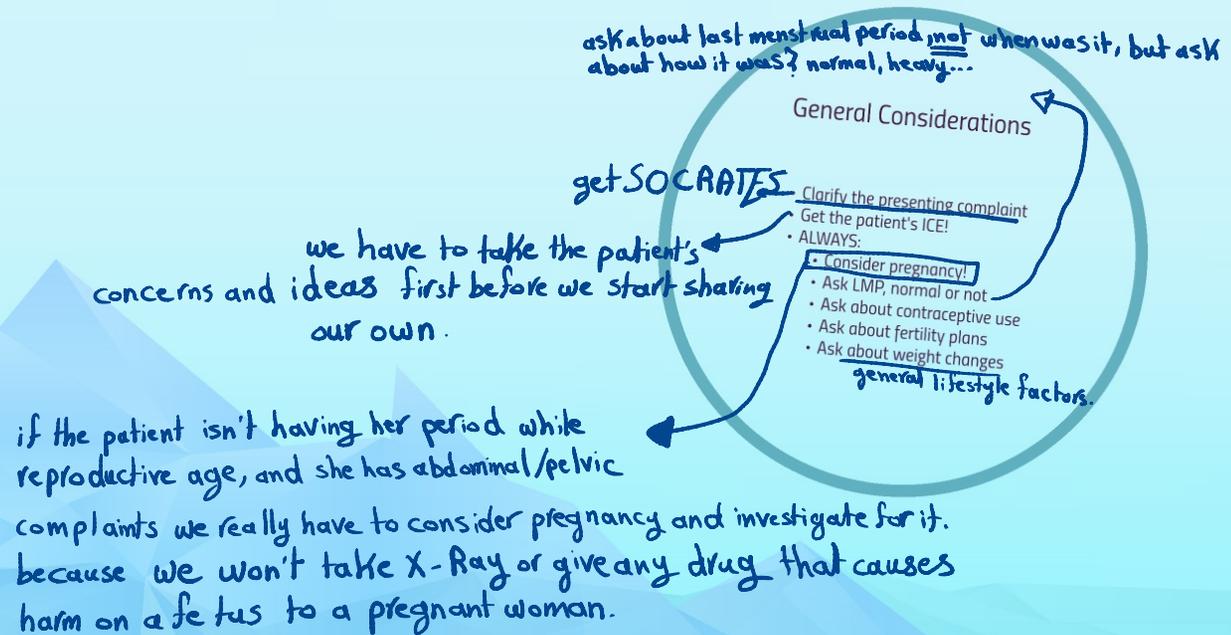
Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)

- thick, purulent
- associated with lesions, dysuria, → due abdominal pain ... or nothing

most common gonorrhoea
chlamydia --
in this case the patient may have
nothing.

Gynecological History

Putting It Together and Special Emphases



General Considerations

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- Clarify the presenting complaint
- Get the patient's ICE!
- ALWAYS:
 - Consider pregnancy!
 - Ask LMP, normal or not
 - Ask about contraceptive use
 - Ask about fertility plans
 - Ask about weight changes

Menstrual History

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Ask about:	Information to obtain	Comment
Menarche	Age at which periods began	Not essential in older women with children
Last menstrual period	Date of the first day of the last period	If the period is <u>late, exclude pregnancy</u> . If the patient is menopausal, record the age at which periods stopped
Length of period	Number of days the period lasts	Normal 4–7 days
Amount of bleeding	How heavy the bleeding is each month (light, normal or heavy). Any episodes of flooding or passed clots?	If heavy, <u>how many sanitary pads and tampons are used?</u> Does the patient get up at night to change her sanitary protection? How many times?
Regularity of periods	Number of days between each period. Is the pattern regular or irregular?	Normal 22–35 days. <u>Around the menopause, cycles lengthen until they stop altogether</u>
Erratic bleeding	Bleeding between periods or after intercourse	May indicate serious underlying disease
Pain	Association with menstruation. Does the pain precede or occur during the period?	Common in <u>early adolescence</u> ; <u>usually no underlying pathology</u> . Painful periods starting in <u>older women</u> may be associated with <u>underlying disease</u>
Pregnancies	Record any births, miscarriages or abortions	Some women may not disclose an abortion or baby given up for adoption
Infertility	Is the patient trying to become pregnant?	How long has she been trying to conceive?
Contraception	Record current and previous methods. Note that the patient's partner may have had a vasectomy or she may be in a same-sex relationship.	Hormonal and intrauterine contraception can affect <u>menstrual bleeding patterns</u>
Lifestyle	Ask about weight, dieting and exercise	Rapid or extreme weight loss and excessive exercise often cause oligomenorrhoea. <u>Obesity causes hormonal abnormalities, menstrual changes and infertility. Acne and hirsutism may be signs of an underlying hormonal disorder</u>

imp. ←

how many babies and pregnancies and their outcomes
abortion, miscarriage

like polycystic ovarian syndrome. ←

Sexual History

From Macleod's, Box 10.12

Remember

- Be at ease
- Be straightforward
- Be non-judgemental
- Explain why you are asking

Taking a sexual history

- Are you currently in a relationship?
- How long have you been with your partner?
- Is it a sexual relationship?
- Have you had any (other) sexual partners in the last 12 months?
- How many were male? How many female?
- When did you last have sex with:
 - Your partner?
 - Anyone else?
- Do you use barrier contraception – sometimes, always or never?
- Have you ever had a sexually transmitted infection?
- Are you concerned about any sexual issues?

a key question

you can ask the patient in directly, e.g. :- if he has/she urethral discharge tell him/her what do you think is wrong with you? and he/she will say I think I have sexually transmitted disease and start asking about these questions. (what was it, did you treat it, how long did it last) when he/she had it. ---

Remember
if the patient senses you're nervous, they will be as well, so we have to practice well.

"Beat around the bush", when we talk about these conditions, they're not comfortable discussing, just ask simple straightforward questions about information you need to know.

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"Don't judge"

if the patient tells you she/he/she has multiple sex partners don't be shocked, just listen. Address it immediately and keep listening if the patient has non-healthy lifestyle.

▶ Tell him that the questions I will ask you are the same as the questions that other people are asked, you're not a bad person. I just need to know these informations.

Other History Considerations

have they been normal or abnormal...

Past Medical History

- ← ○ Cervical smears
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Pregnancies

Drug History

- Contraception
- Hormonal therapy
- ...

Family History

- Cancer (ovarian, breast)
- Diabetes, PCOS
- Bleeding disorders

↳ sometimes heavy menstrual bleeding is due to bleeding disorder..

Social History

- Smoking
- Occupation
- Lifestyle

↳ makes fertility less, risk of cancer is increased.

Male Genital History

General Considerations

- Ask about:
 - Structural issues
 - Functional issues

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Possible Symptoms

Narrowing of the foreskin that makes it hard to retract, making it susceptible to candida infection

Erection for > 4 hours, may suggest sickle cell disease or smth else.

pain, dysuria may be by syphilis, herpes

Penis and Urethra

- Structural
- Phimosis
- Paraphimosis

• Priapism

• ...

• Functional

• Discharge

• Ulcer

• Sexual Dysfunction

↳ the patient may not tell you, so you have to go through sexual history described above.

more serious, when the foreskin is retracted but you can't move it forwards because it is too tight (you can't get it on the glans penis)

Scrotum

- Lumps → infection of epididymis, testicular cancer...
- Pain → probably think about cancer.

Prostate

- Prostatitis
- Hyperplasia → many men will develop this, the question is that is there any abnormal function? like abnormal urination.
- Cancer → so we have to investigate further.

History

Putting it all together.

Presenting Complaint

- SOCRATES
- Define problems with function
- Get the patient's ICE!
ideas, concerns and expectations

this will make everything easier for you.

Family History

- Prostate cancer
- Structural problems
undescended testes, abnormal curvature of the penis

surgery for undescended testicles, surgery for benign prostatic hyperplasia. —

Past History

- Urological procedures
- STIs and complications

- ## Social History
- may affect
- Smoking → fertility, erectile function.
 - Alcohol → Erectile dysfunction
 - Recreational Drugs
according to the amount/period

Drug History

- Urological drugs/treatments antihypertensive may cause erectile dysfunction.
- Drugs that affect function
SSRI causes retrograde ejaculation.
antidepressant



Thank You!

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