

Role: Bedside nurse (RN)

You are a nurse on the ob-gyn ward. The emergency room just transferred over an 18-year-old woman with no past medical history who they are admitting for abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting, to rule out appendicitis vs. ectopic pregnancy vs. ovarian torsion.

This exercise begins with the you receiving and admitting the patient to the inpatient acute care ward. Take a focused history, record her vitals, and perform a quick physical exam. Explain to the patient some of what to expect, such as assessments every four hours and that you have orders to give her medication if she is feeling any pain. After you are done, tell the medical student to join you and interview and examine the patient. Then, a resident will enter the room and perform an abdominal exam to monitor for acute abdomen. Finally, the attending will arrive and explain the plan to the patient.