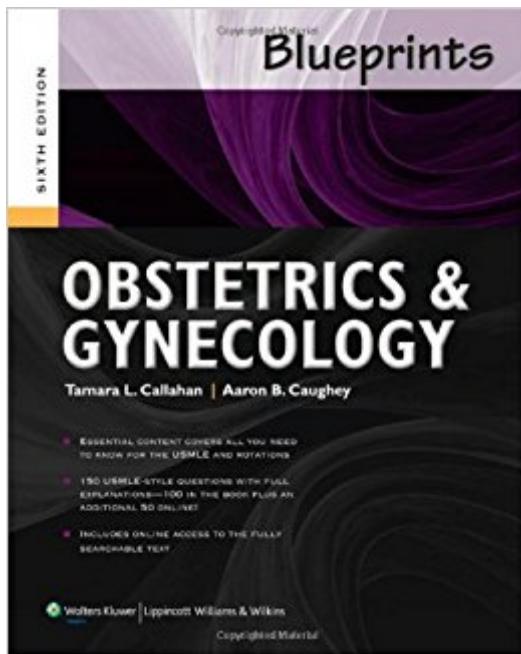


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# Blueprints Obstetrics And Gynecology (Blueprints Series)



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Blueprints Obstetrics and Gynecology provides students with a concise review of content for their ob/gyn rotations and the Boards. Each chapter is brief and includes pedagogical features such as bolded key words, tables, figures, and Key Points. New features in this edition include an image bank and a For The Boards section, which presents 4 clinical vignettes with 3-5 sequential item set-style questions at the end of each chapter. Additionally, 100 bonus board-format questions with answers and rationales appear at the end of the book; another 50 bonus questions are provided online.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I ordered this book during my Ob/gyn clerkship as a MS3. It reads like a textbook, and therefore requires a little bit of ramp-up time to get into, and a little more digging to find facts on the fly. So it's not really a book to carry with you on the wards for those 5-10 minute downtime periods, but it's a good read if you've got an hour or two to kill (plus it's physically too big for white coat pockets). I found it to be helpful in studying for the shelf, though it should be combined with other question-based resources (Pre-Test, Case Files, or UWorld) to round out the experience. I did have a little bit of downtime during Labor and Delivery, and was able to power through about 25% of this book. I don't feel like that time was wasted, and would definitely recommend Blueprints for people looking for a narrative review without the nitty gritty of a true textbook.

I read this, First Aid for OB/GYN, and OB/GYN by Beckmann (textbook/required reading), and a couple other textbooks which I read selected topics for, for my rotation. I was most pleased with this book, and found it most helpful for the clerkship and EOR exam. I have read a couple other blueprints book and felt this was the most well done out of all of them. Most helpful were the Q&A at the end of each chapter which has been shown to improve test scores (having questions after each section). The book is written in a very easy to read format. After I finished it I read the recommended textbook. Much of the information was mirrored, but less convoluted in this book. I felt this book was very well done. My preceptor also was impressed with my knowledge which I got a lot from this book. I don't normally care to write reviews but I made an exception for this book because I saw it had several bad or sub-par reviews. IMO, this is a great book, better than many others out there, and I am reviewing it because I feel it deserves a better over all score. For some reason the Blueprints series has gained a reputation for being too superficial and basic. However, many of the med students who believe this actually do not know half of the information I learned from this book. So I think it is just a popular thing to say - that these series are not so great - when the people saying it are rarely the sharpest tool in the shed, if you know what I mean. I think this is a great book, and would recommend it as your first (but not only - no one book should be your only) read for your OB/GYN rotation. My one critique is that some of the practice questions were trivial or actually worded incorrectly. But anyone who takes a lot of practice tests knows that this is unavoidable. Overall this book is 5/5.

I got this book at the beginning of my 3rd year Ob/Gyn clerkship. I was initially put off from buying this based on other reviews that suggested that this book was a bit overly dense. In fact, I have found this book quite excellent. This book is in paragraph form, but it does highlight important points in bold, in end of chapter summaries, and tables/figures throughout the text. The writing is in paragraph form, but I found that the book reads quickly and is understandable. I also studied from a friend's copy of First Aid for the Ob/Gyn Clerkship, and I ended up finding Blueprints easier to learn from. Blueprints had enough information that I was able to quickly understand and remember the information presented. With other books, I have felt like I am trying to memorize a series of unrelated bullet-point facts, but Blueprints was very helpful for me. As others have said, I would not recommend this book for cramming right before the shelf or boards. However, this book answered the questions that came up on my rotation (I could pretty much just search the index, and I was sent to a page that explained whatever new, confusing topic the residents and attendings were discussing!), and prepared me well for the shelf. I would recommend this book to anyone who is

willing to use the down-time on L&D to look up material and prepare for exams.

This is an AWESOME text for the OB GYN shelf. I felt like I had excellent working knowledge of pathology and physiology that allowed me to be confident going into the exam. Granted in order to finish the book, you need to be dedicated to getting your reading done in a timely manner. This paired with the ACOG questions that are topic specific are excellent prep for really understanding the material, because at the end of the day... that's what matters, future docs! ;)

I can't compare this (6th ed.) to previous editions, but can say that this book is a good overview of OB/Gyn. It definitely doesn't go in depth enough to be the sole review book for a med school clerkship or the shelf exam but it's a good place to start. As an aside, we were recommended not to use this book as many key topics were missing. I noticed that with the latest edition they are either included or expanded upon. The abundance of minor mistakes can be distracting at times.

Examples: a references to a figure that don't exist, an "orphaned" figure, images that are sometimes described incorrectly, a table that routinely use the less than symbol when it should be greater than, typos galore, and some occasional points that are described as being current therapy but aren't. Also of note, it seems as though the questions at the end of the chapters weren't edited before being published. Sometimes question stems are missing which makes it impossible to answer a question such as, "What do you do now?" I noticed that with some chapters, the question stems were actually left as part of the answer explanations. Nonetheless, the explanations are good overall as is the layout of the text. For the price, it's a good supplemental book for the OB/GYN clerkship and shelf exam.

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