LABOR OF LOVE:
AN OB/GYN CLERKSHIP EXPERIENCE...
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ME, AS A 3RD-YEAR MED STUDENT:

WELCOME TO DAY 1 OF MY OB/GYN ROTATION.

THE SETTING...
A NEARBY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.
WELCOME TO LABOR AND DELIVERY. YOU'RE IN LUCK—PLENTY OF PATIENTS IN LABOR TODAY!

GREAT! I'VE NEVER SEEN A DELIVERY BEFORE.

MRS. M., THIS IS A 3RD-YR MED STUDENT. MIND IF SHE WATCHES YOUR DELIVERY?
I DON'T MIND AT ALL!

HOURS LATER...

YOU ARE HERE

BABY TIME

TIME LABOR CURVE

ME
I... UMM... I'M FEELING A LITTLE FAINT...
Oh dear... what just happened??

The medical student is down.

Ugh, now I have to file an incident report.

Move her—she's in the way...

How is she going to make it through this rotation?!?!!
MY PATHWAY TO SUCCESS IN THE OB/GYN ROTATION

DAY 3: Didn't Pass Out

DAY 5: Delivered Placenta!

DAY 7: Scrubbed in to 1st C-Section

DAY 21: Made Abdominal Incision during Hysterectomy Case.

DAY 14 - 18: Survived Clinic.

DAY 27: Delivered Baby!

DAY 30: Survived Weekend Call.

DAY 32 - 35: Survived Gyn Oncology Service

DAY 39: Dropped Pager down Elevator Shaft

DAY 40: Delivered Baby!

DAY 41: Me

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FETAL LUNG MATURITY??

PRE-TERM LABOR?

PAP SMEARS?

ANYTHING?!!

NEXT TIME MORE PRESSURE with the Scalpel! Basically all you did here was give the patient a Papercut!!
LAST DAY OF ROTATION...

Would you like to help with this delivery before you go?

GREAT!!

OB ATTENDING

TWO HOURS (AND ONE DELIVERY) LATER...

TWO YEARS LATER... DAY 1, OB ROTATION.

OH GEEZ...

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