In 2015, 148 obstetrics and gynaecology consultants were identified as working in Western Australia (WA).

Obstetrics and gynaecology supply is currently well below demand with a medium risk shortfall identified in 2015. Trainee throughput is insufficient to keep pace with the growth in demand and the expected number of retirements through to 2025.

It is anticipated there should be employment opportunities in the future with high and critical risk shortfalls projected for 2021 and 2025, respectively.

Obstetrics and gynaecology had a medium shortfall risk in 2015, becoming high by 2021 and critical by 2025.
Vocational training requirements: Six years full-time. Years one to four in the core training program (as at 1 December 2013). Years five to six in the advanced training program (as at 1 December 2013). Can enter after completing PGY2.


Source: Australian Government Department of Health, Medical Training Review Panel, Eighteenth Report

Total number of trainees* 39
Male 8
Female 27

* Total includes four trainees that were undertaking a break in training in 2015.
Data source: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Projected consultant supply and demand 2015 to 2025

Projections indicate demand will exceed supply.
In 2025 the obstetrics and gynaecology workforce is projected to be 142 consultants.
Supply will be insufficient to meet expected demand of 221 consultants in 2025.

Workforce planning 2015 to 2025

Growth in demand: An estimated 5.68 consultants were needed in 2015 to service the growth in demand. This is expected to increase to approximately 8.01 consultants per annum by 2025.
Retirements: 35% of the 2015 workforce is expected to retire by 2025.
Vocational trainees: Currently producing 4.55 new consultants per annum which is insufficient to cover retirements or service the growth in demand.

* The information provided is a snapshot in time and does not take into account innovation, reform and/or changing models of care. Shortfalls presented are a guide only based on weighted activity based modelling conducted as part of the specialist workforce capacity program (SWCP). Other approaches could yield different results.
This document should be read in conjunction with “User information: Specialist Workforce Capacity Program summary sheets”.

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