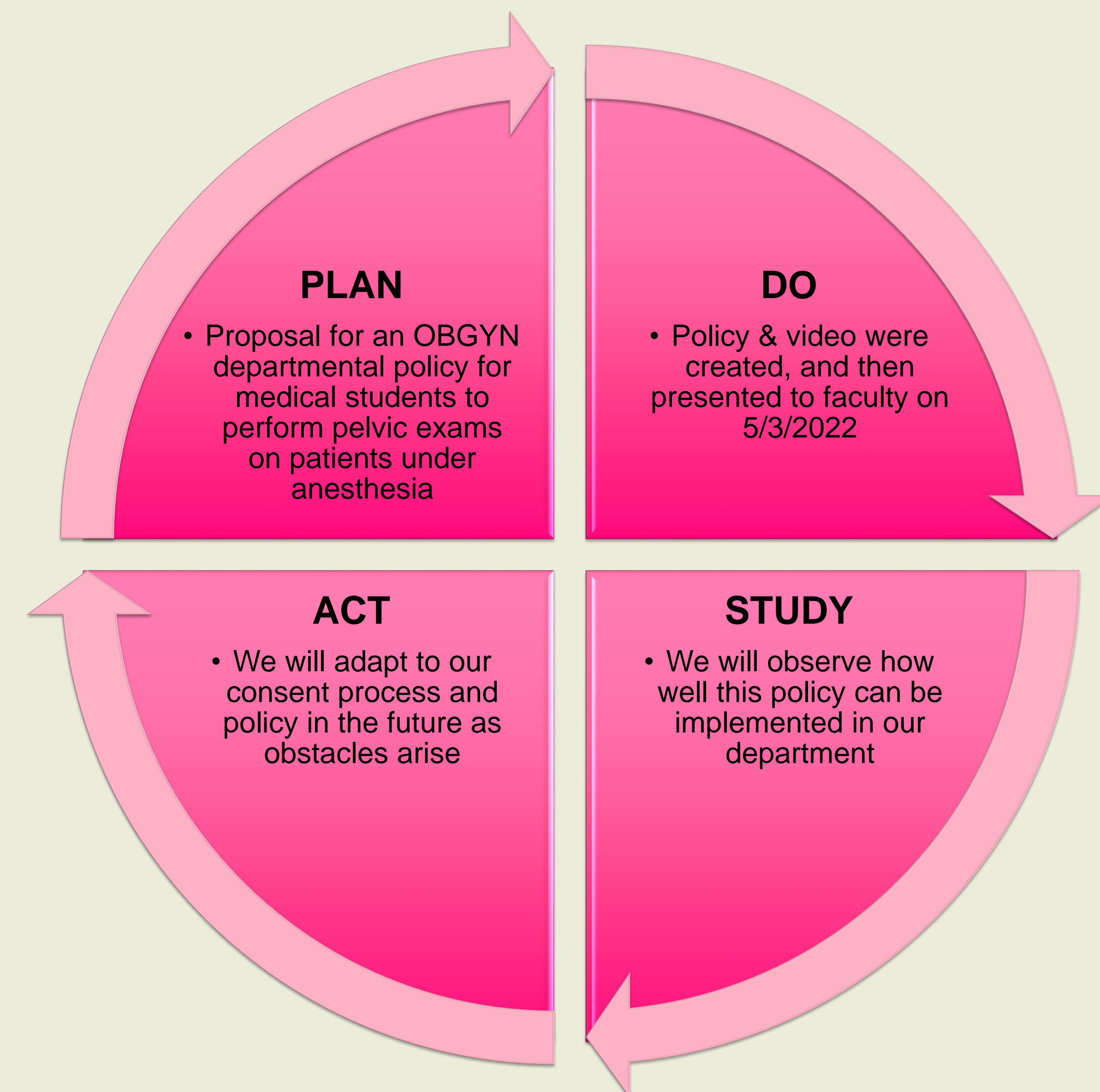


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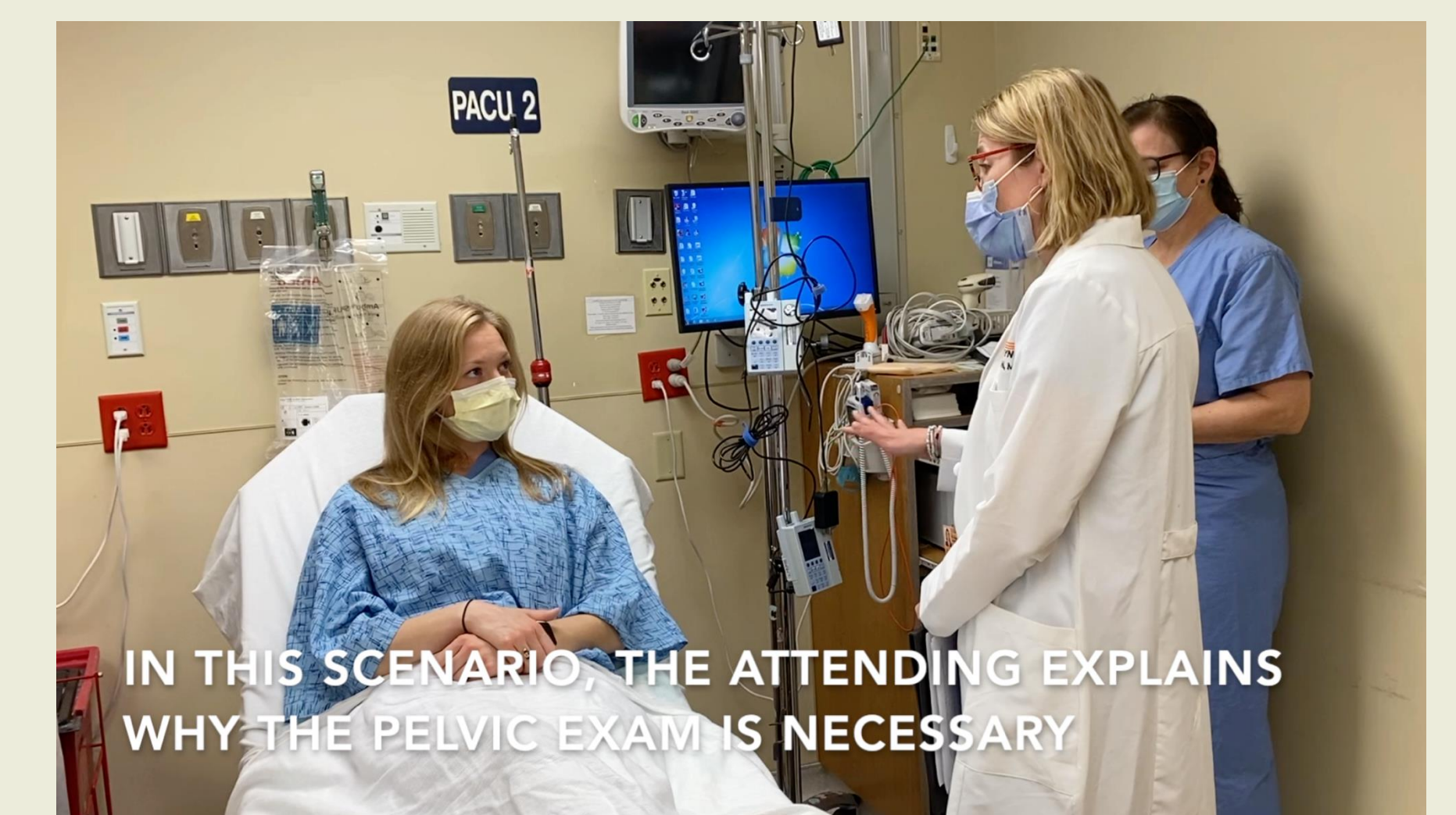
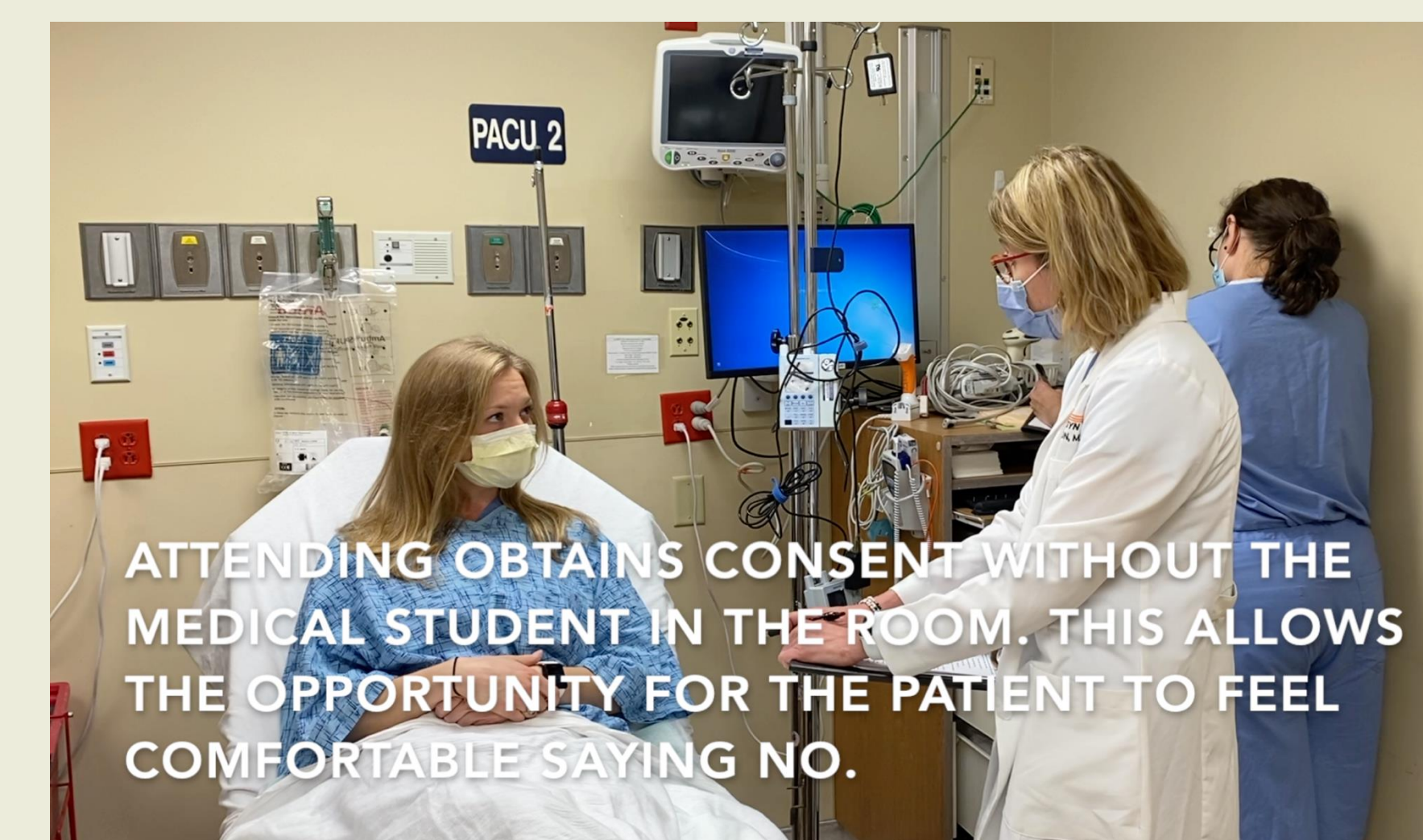
In recent news, medical students performing pelvic exams while patients are under anesthesia in the operating room has come under scrutiny. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee Opinion 500 highlights the need for physicians to learn new skills and techniques while also meeting the ethical obligations to do no harm and to respect the right of patient choice. This QI project aims to implement a standardized consent process for medical student-performed pelvic exams.



UTCOM-Chattanooga OBGYN Pelvic EUA Consent Policy

1. The listed attending for the procedure will ensure adequate consent is obtained for an exam under anesthesia (EUA). EUA may include: exam of external genitalia, vaginal speculum exam, internal vaginal exam, and rectal exam.
2. Learners in the operating room should only perform EUA for educational purposes only, when the exam is explicitly consented to by the patient, and relevant to the planned procedure.
3. The exam should only be performed by the learner that was identified to the patient as part of their care team.
4. The exam should only be performed under direct supervision of the educator.

Educational Video



Watch the video: https://YouTube/DijvgcwvL_s



Future Research Goals

- Survey UT Chattanooga OBGYN Attending Physicians to see if this policy was easy to implement in their daily practice or if any issues arose with obtaining in-person consent with medical students
- Survey UT Medical Students to see if they were able to witness this policy take effect, and if the consent process was an obstacle prohibiting their ability to practice pelvic exams