## **Women's Pelvic Exam**

Patient Information	
Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Patient ID:	
Contact Number:	
Email Address:	
Patient Education	
Assess:	Notes and findings:
Explain the purpose and importance of the pelvic floor exam.	
<ul> <li>Discuss the procedure, addressing any concerns or questions.</li> </ul>	
Informed Consent	
<ul> <li>Obtain written consent, ensuring the patient understands the nature of the exam and any potential discomfort.</li> </ul>	
Pre-Exam Preparation	
Advise the patient to empty their bladder before the exam.	
<ul> <li>Provide clear instructions on clothing choices for ease of examination.</li> </ul>	

Private Environment	
<ul> <li>Ensure a private space for changing into a gown if needed.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Maintain a comfortable and respectful environment for the examination.</li> </ul>	
External Examination	
<ul> <li>Conduct a thorough external examination of the genital and pelvic regions.</li> </ul>	
Check for abnormalities, swelling, or signs of discomfort.	
Internal Examination	
Explain the internal examination process and obtain consent.	
Use gloves and lubrication for patient comfort.	
Muscle Tone Assessment	
<ul> <li>Assess pelvic floor muscle tone, strength, and coordination.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Encourage the patient to perform specific muscle actions for evaluation.</li> </ul>	
Communication	
<ul> <li>Maintain open communication throughout the exam.</li> </ul>	

Address any discomfort or concerns raised by the patient.	
Speculum Use (if applicable)	
<ul> <li>Explain the purpose of the speculum for visualizing the vaginal canal.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Emphasize the importance of relaxation during its insertion.</li> </ul>	
Biofeedback (if applicable)	
Introduce biofeedback if used for muscle awareness.	
Explain the feedback mechanism and its role in pelvic floor health.	
Patient Feedback	
<ul> <li>Encourage the patient to provide feedback during and after the exam.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Document any symptoms, tenderness, or pain reported by the patient.</li> </ul>	
Post-Exam Instructions	
Provide any necessary post-exam instructions.	
<ul> <li>Discuss follow-up steps or additional tests if required.</li> </ul>	

Follow-Up Plan	
☐ Discuss the results of the exam with the patient.	
Collaborate on a treatment plan based on findings and symptoms.	
Patient Comfort	
<ul> <li>Ensure the patient feels comfortable and supported throughout the process.</li> </ul>	
Allow the presence of a support person if desired by the patient.	
Documentation	
Thoroughly document the exam findings and any recommendations.	
Maintain patient confidentiality in record- keeping.	

This checklist serves as a guide for healthcare providers to ensure a systematic and patient-centered approach to pelvic floor examinations.

Physician's Notes and Recommendations
Physician's Signature
Date: