Optional Ob/Gyn Items in Emergency Medical Kit

Thank you for your very informative article, “Special Delivery” (ASW, 5/09). The article is wonderfully well written and researched. I enjoyed reading it very much.

I would like to offer a comment on one paragraph in the longer version on the FSF Web site. You are correct that enhanced emergency medical kits (EEMKs) have been required equipment aboard U.S. Federal Aviation Regulations Part 121 air carrier operations since April 2004. However, the obstetrics/gynecology items you listed are recommendations of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) and do not reflect what is federally mandated in EEMKs. While U.S. air carriers may very well carry these items in addition to the EEMK, they are not required to do so. The FAA’s complete list of required EEMK items can be found at <www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgFAR.nsf/0/129DB265D2422DEE86256A65006505A2?OpenDocument&Highlight=defibrillators>.

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(Editor’s note: Liao, a paramedic certified by the U.S. National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, is right. The story has been corrected so that both the text and ASW’s citation of an AsMA journal article note the distinction.)

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