LEARNING OBJECTIVES

On completion of this chapter, the reader will be able to:

1. Identify four risk factors for development of endometriosis.
2. Identify up to four theories that explain why endometrial tissue is found outside the uterus in women with endometriosis.
3. Explain the mechanisms by which endometriosis causes pain.
4. Explain the mechanisms by which endometriosis causes infertility.
6. Identify situations in which laparoscopic surgery should be offered for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes in the patient with endometriosis.
7. Identify indications for hysterectomy in patients with endometriosis.
8. Differentiate between drug treatments of first choice and alternative drug treatments for endometriosis.
9. Explain the mechanisms by which various drugs treat endometriosis pain.
10. Identify common or potentially serious side effects of the drugs used to treat endometriosis.
11. Identify two nonpharmacologic, nonsurgical methods that may help treat endometriosis pain.
15. Create a monitoring plan for a patient receiving a given medical therapy for endometriosis.