



TATA MEMORIAL CENTRE

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Observership Program in Gynecological Oncology

Department	:	Gynecological Oncology under Department of Surgical
Duration	:	1 to 6 Month
Eligibility	:	MS/MD/DNB Ob-Gyn

Goals of Observership:

This program is devised with the following goals –

1. To learn how to approach to a patient with Gynaecological cancer.
2. To understand management protocols for common Gynaecological cancers.
3. To acquire a thorough knowledge of pelvic and retroperitoneal anatomy and to learn basic principles on Onco-surgery.
4. To acquire basic knowledge of chemotherapy, radiation therapy and palliative care related to gynaecological oncology.
5. To learn about preventive aspects of Gynec Oncology including management of pre-invasive diseases.

Experience during Observership:

I. CLINICAL

OUT PATIENT CLINIC

- In the first Four weeks: To learn outpatient work-up; history taking, clinical examination, pre-treatment investigations and follow up protocols.
- Actively involved in Gynaecologic Oncology MDTs (Multidisciplinary Team) meetings
- Learn
 - 1) Disease staging
 - 2) To read CT scan/MRI
 - 3) Basic histopathology and cytology
 - 4) Treatment decision making
 - 5) Post-treatment rehabilitation protocols

INPATIENT:



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- Daily Ward rounds along with residents and consultants
- Learn
 - 1) Post-operative management of cases like radical cytoreductive surgeries, Radical Hysterectomy
 - 2) Post-operative case in stoma patients, Patients having resection and anastomosis
 - 3) Treatment decision for surgical intervention in palliative patients, like sub acute intestinal obstruction, obstructive uropathies

SURGICAL EXPOSURE

Learning Objectives:

- a. To assist and perform the following surgeries
 - Staging Lapartomy for Endometrial Cancer
 - Staging Laparotomy for early ovarian cancer
 - Interval debulking surgery for ovarian cancer
- b. To assist in following surgeries
 - To assist upfront surgery for advanced ovarian cancer
 - To assist radical hysterectomy + pelvic lymphadenectomy
 - To assist Retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy
 - To assist vulvectomy
 - To assist groin node dissection
 - To assist in bowel mobilization, basic principles of bowel injury repair, Resection and anastomosis and making stoma
 - To assist in bladder injury repair
 - To assist in Ovarian Transposition
 - To assist in minimal access surgery
- c. Minor OT Procedures
 - Diagnostic hysteroscopy
 - Colposcopy1
 - LEEP



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ALLIED POSTINGS

- Department of Preventive Oncology - two weeks
- Gynec. Medical oncology - two weeks
- Gynec. Radiation Oncology - two weeks
- ACTREC and Palliative Care - two weeks

II. EDUCATION-

To attend all the clinical meetings happening in the campus like

- 1) Tuesday clinical case discussion (Gynec Cases)
- 2) Wednesday Gynec DMG academic meetings
- 3) Thursday Clinical meeting.
- 4) Saturday morning lecture series

Supervision:

The trainee must be supervised during all patient encounters and operations by a Qualified faculty (Mentor) to ensure quality patient care and adequate Training

Evaluations:

At the end of the period, the senior faculty will evaluate each trainee's performance by an exit oral examination and provide face-to-face feedback about the performance and any remedial plans required.



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Assessments	:	Intra-Departmental.
Completion Certificate	:	Will be issued upon successful completion of tenure.

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