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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 aboutthe 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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