

Goals & Objectives for Obstetrics & Gynecology for PGY1-2 Residents in Gynecologic Oncology

Preamble

The junior rotation in Gynecologic Oncology provides an opportunity to learn surgical skills, anatomy, as well as providing an introduction to the subspecialty

The goals of the rotation are aimed at developing surgical skills, basic knowledge in the diagnosis, investigation and treatment of gynecologic malignancies and a good understanding of pelvic anatomy

Medical Expert

The resident is expected to develop an **extensive knowledge** in the following areas:

- Gynaecological examination, being able to identify abnormal anatomy and to perform routine office gynaecological procedures including speculum examination, pap smear, cervical, endometrial and vulvar biopsies
- Through reviewing the literature and by participating in gynecologic surgery, the resident will be expected to have a good understanding of pelvic, abdominal and perineal anatomy and its relevance to surgical procedures and their complications
- Evaluate surgical patients pre-operatively with respect to their risk and appropriate management and be able to institute appropriate investigations and therapeutic measures to minimize risks
- To be able to assess and manage common postoperative problems. This includes assessing the need for postoperative ICU care as well as supplemental nutritional support
- To outline management of a patient with an acute abdomen and to be able to manage a patient with sepsis

The successful resident will have a **working knowledge** of:

- Surgical skills and instruments required to participate in surgical interventions including: vertical midline incision, laparoscopic entry (including closed, open and visual entry and selection of alternate entry sites), exploration of the retroperitoneal spaces, identification of structures, specifically the ureters and major vessels, laparoscopic and abdominal hysterectomy, salpingoophorectomy omental biopsy/omentectomy, peritoneal biopsies
- General surgery and urologic procedures as applied to the correction of traumatic intraoperative events on bowel, ureters and bladder, and to develop a level of comfort with these procedures by participating in procedures on the bowel and urologic tract
- The classification, staging, and prognosis of all genital tract cancers and pre-cancers and an understanding of the treatment for each disease

- The principles of palliative care in the treatment of gynecologic malignancies especially as it applies to pain control, control of nausea, vomiting, and the preservation of bowel function. The resident should develop an understanding on how to handle sensitive end of life issues

Collaborator

The ObGyn resident is able to 1) Participate effectively and appropriately in a multi-professional health care team 2) Work with the senior resident and other health professionals to prevent and resolve intra-professional conflict to optimize patient care

Manager

1) The ObGyn resident is able to successfully participate in activities that contribute to the effectiveness of their health care organization and systems such as patient safety initiatives and maneuvers to control hospital-acquired infections. 2) Manage and practice career effectively. 3) Evaluate “cost benefit” when ordering tests in an environment with limited resources. 4) Serve in leadership roles if qualified and when appropriate

Health Advocate

The ObGyn resident is able to: 1) Respond to individual patient health needs and issues as part of patient care 2) Respond to the health needs of the communities that they serve 3) identify the determinants of health for the population that they serve 4) Promote the health of individual patients, communities and populations

Scholar

The ObGyn resident is able to: 1) Maintain and enhance professional activities through ongoing learning. 2) Evaluate medical information and its sources critically by participating and discussing patients in tumour boards and gynecologic oncology rounds. 3) Facilitate the learning of patients, families and students 4) Contribute to the development, dissemination and translation of new knowledge and practices.

Professional

1) The ObGyn resident: demonstrates integrity, honesty, compassion, respect in the delivery of the highest possible quality of care 2) Show appropriate personal and interpersonal behaviour 3) Seek advice, opinions and assistance in order to improve the delivery of care whenever medical or ethical appropriateness is in doubt 4) Practice medicine in accordance with the ethical standards of the profession and with respect for the laws regulating the practice of medicine in the provinces and territories of Canada 5) The ability to balance professional and personal life without impact on the quality of care provided to the patients