# FOURTH YEAR ELECTIVE TITLE

**GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY**

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## BLOCKS AVAILABLE

ALL

## DURATION/WEEKS

Min: 4     Max: 4

## HOURS PER WEEK

60

## STUDENTS

MAX: 1

## LECTURES/SEMINARS

YES

## OUTPATIENT

YES (50%)

## INPATIENT

YES (50%)

## HOUSESTAFF

YES

## NIGHT CALL

NO

## WEEKENDS

YES

## LAB

NO

## EXAM REQUIRED

NO

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## OVERALL EDUCATIONAL GOAL OF ELECTIVE

This elective is designed for students who want to learn more about the gynecologic malignancies and radical pelvic surgery. It is designed for the student interested in OB-GYN, radiation oncology, medical oncology or geriatrics. Students will evaluate and follow inpatients and outpatients. They will participate in surgical procedures on the Gynecologic Oncology Service under the direction of Dr. Henry Sprance, Dr. Karim El Sahwi, and Dr. Michael Manuel.

## OBJECTIVES

### I.  Patient care –

a. The student will be able to conduct a medical interview with a patient and obtain information regarding the targeted and specific issues related to gynecologic oncology.
b. The student will be able to perform a directed physical examination.
c. The student will be able to interpret imaging studies.
d. The student will assist in the operating room, acquire basic surgical skills and will be exposed to complex procedures in the operating room.
e. Learn methods of diagnosis and management of gynecologic cancer in both an inpatient and outpatient setting.
f. Care for dying patients and interact with their families.
g. Learn about the complexity of pre-operative and post-operative care in frail, elderly, and patients with multiple medical co-morbidities.

### II. Medical knowledge –

a. Develop an understanding of the principles of radical surgery, pelvic anatomy and physiology.
b. Increase the understanding of the psychological, economic and ethical problems associated with treating cancer patients.
c. The student will understand the scientific physiology and pathophysiology of relevant issues and problems in gyn-oncology.
d. The student will be able to discuss the evaluation and treatment of gynecologic cancers.
III. Practice-based learning and improvement –
   a. The student will use scientific evidence and methods to investigate evaluate and improve patient care practices.
   b. The student will learn where to obtain reliable information about developing paradigms in gyn-oncology.
   c. The student will review current literature and participate in discussions about changing parameters in the field.

IV. Interpersonal and communication skills –
   a. The student will develop the social skills to communicate effectively with patients
   b. The student will learn sensitivity when discussing the fears around a cancer or potential cancer diagnosis.
   c. The student will participate in end of life discussions
   d. The student will learn how to document patient encounters in a concise accurate manner.
   e. The student will learn how to communicate with patients from other cultures effectively.

V. Professionalism –
   a. The student will act in a professional manner.
   b. The student will show compassion, courtesy, and respect for patients and staff.
   c. The student will adhere to ethical principles.

VI. Systems-based Practice –
   a. The student will demonstrate an awareness of the larger context of the health care system
   b. The student will learn when to request referrals from general surgery, physical therapy, rehab, social workers, chemotherapy nurses and other members of the health care team who participate in cancer care.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**
The student will attend office hours with the gynecologic-oncologists. They will participate in the surgery, pre-operative, and post-operative care. They will read assigned articles to help them understand the general treatment concepts including surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy for the major gynecologic malignancies.

**METHOD OF STUDENT EVALUATION**
Evaluation of clinical performance based on assessment of professionalism, medical knowledge, patient care, system-based practice, interpersonal and communication skills, practice-based learning and improvement.

Are there any prerequisites for this elective?  No___   Yes X   please specify: **CORE CLERKSHIP**

Is this elective available to third year medical students as well?  No X   Yes ___