



Obstetrics and Gynecology – Gynecological Oncology

Jewish General Hospital / Segal Cancer Center

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Elective Description

The elective in Gynecological Oncology at the Segal Cancer Center has been established in order to expose the student to the variety of aspects of daily practice. The student will be integrated in the team to obtain optimal teaching opportunities. The student will join actively in all the activities, including operating room, outpatient clinics, inpatient care, teaching rounds, tumor boards, and research activities.

Elective Duration

Minimum 3 weeks

Scope of Work

Evaluating patients (new patients, patients in follow-up, patients with recurrent cancer) in the outpatient clinics, examining patients on the floor after surgery or hospitalized for evaluation or treatment, assisting in the operating room during robotic, laparoscopic or open surgery, training on the robotic simulator, preparing and assisting for tumor board, assisting at teaching rounds, possibility of becoming involved in clinical research endeavours



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Elective Description

This is a 2-4 week elective spent in the subspecialty of gynecology oncology. During this time, the student will work with faculty members (3-4 Gynecologic Oncologists), fellows and residents to provide care to women afflicted by cancers of the female reproductive tract. Students will participate in outpatient clinics, emergency room consultations, inpatient ward rounds (post-op patients, patients with complications, chemo/rads patients, palliative care patients, etc.), participate in putting together and presenting weekly tumor boards, and assist in the operating room. They will gain a better understanding of these complex pathologies, and develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills to care for this vulnerable population.

Elective Duration

2, 3 or 4 weeks

Educational Objectives

- Gain a better understanding of the pathophysiology of cancers of the female reproductive tract
- Learn the steps involved in diagnosing and staging these malignancies
- Understand the scope of treatment options available for patients
- Develop patience, empathy, and compassion for women with these difficult diagnoses
- Witness the art of breaking bad news, develop sensitive communication skills
- Participate in basic procedural skills: suturing, speculum exams, foley catheter insertion, NG tube insertion, assisting in the operating room, etc.
- Practice the gynecologic exam specific to women with cancer (lymph nodes, fixed pelvic masses, etc).



Prerequisites

Medical student in 3rd or 4th year.

Recommended Reading/Preparation

Any of the following will help prepare for this rotation

- Toronto notes, gynecological oncology section
- Williams Gynecology, oncology section
- FIGO guidelines (ovarian, uterine, vulva, cervix, etc.)
- OBGYN blueprints, chapters related to oncology



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