Objectives and Evaluation

As an Acting Intern on one of the busiest OB/GYN services in Northern Virginia, students will:
- Perform the initial evaluation of patients admitted/consulted to the GYN Oncology service.
- Work up new GYN oncology patients, history/physical, differential diagnoses, manage and follow inpatient care with interdisciplinary team.
- Perform pre-op assessments, assist at GYN cancer surgery.
- Follow up post-op patients with the specified attendings, fellows, and the PGY-4 ONC residents.
- Participate in scheduled colposcopy outpatient clinic.
- Participate in GYN Oncology conferences.
- Learn management of complications of extended pelvic surgery including wound care, hyperalimentation, appropriate follow up protocols for GYN cancer patients.
- See new patients, revisits, pre-surgical counseling, post-ops and outpatients.
- Procedures: colposcopy, LEEP/cautery, EMB w/wo paracervical block, vulvar biopsy, vulvar excision, assist in gyn surgery.
- Hospital: rounds, surgery, interdisciplinary health team rounds weekly WCC 7 North.

The students will work with a gynecologic oncologist during the continuum of care: initial presentation of patient with discussion of differential diagnoses, management using various modalities of treatment; pre-operative evaluations; intraoperative management and post-operative care. The Oncology Team includes a PGY3 and PGY4 OB/GYN resident, GYN oncology fellow and weekly conferences with nursing and social work.

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1. List screening guidelines for cervical cancer and indications for screening of ovarian, endometrial, and vulvar cancer.
2. Describe the signs/symptoms of a patient with ovarian, endometrial, cervical or vulvo-vaginal cancer.
3. Describe the initial management of a patient with signs/symptoms of ovarian, endometrial, cervical or vulvo-vaginal cancer.
4. Describe the workup of a patient with an abnormal Pap Smear.
5. Describe the indications, contraindications, and risks for a hysterectomy.
6. Demonstrate how to write a complete and focused admission history/physical, post-operative note, and progress note.
7. Demonstrate how to tie a square knot using one hand, two hands, and instruments. Demonstrate basic suturing techniques including interrupted sutures, running locked sutures, subcuticular suture.
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<td>Use a hospital language interpreter or translator phone service at least one time during the rotation.</td>
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<td>Describe: advanced medical directive, living will, and health care power of attorney.</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Describe the FIGO classification of cancer of the cervix, endometrium, and ovary.</td>
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**Special Instructions/Additional Information**

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