

The Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program

The Goals of the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program are:

1. To educate obstetrician-gynecologists in the comprehensive care of women with cancer of the reproductive organs.
2. To foster the development of future physician-scientists and leaders within the field of gynecologic oncology.

At the University of Colorado, our program is unique for many reasons, including:

- Our new state-of-the-art medical campus.
- A tradition of stable leadership and strong cooperation in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Gynecologic Oncology, and the University of Colorado Cancer Center.
- An integrated collaborative molecular and cellular biology laboratory dedicated specifically to research in gynecologic oncology.
- Four senior, board certified attending gynecologic oncologists, each trained at a different institution and providing diversity in faculty experience and oversight.
- Two practice sites, providing diversity in patient population.
- The Calabrese Clinical Oncology Scholars program for continued academic career growth after fellowship, the Women's Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) program, and the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program.

Our Geographic Reach



This training program is unique in the West. Other than ours, the nearest training programs for this specialty are in California to the West and Oklahoma to the East. **A great expanse of the country has no training program** other than ours, and our program is in jeopardy due to declining national funding. Gynecologic oncologists are in short supply. For example, **there are only 11 gynecologic oncologists in the state of Colorado.**

Year one of the fellowship is devoted to the study of basic science and translational research in gynecologic oncology. Years two and three are devoted to clinical care, building on the foundations of the first year, and acquiring increasing knowledge, skills and attendant responsibility.

A structured teaching format at both the University of Colorado Hospital (UCH) and the public Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC) is used to attain these goals. DHMC is an integral part of the graduate medical education program as it provides care to the uninsured population of Denver and shares all faculty and residents with UCH. Furthermore, fellows provide top-quality care to the low-income patients of DHMC, many of whom could not afford to see a specialist otherwise.

Fellows lead rounds and teach the practical aspects of inpatient care to residents and medical students. Attending staff oversee key decisions.

In short, fellows are immersed in all aspects of gynecologic oncology: prevention, detection, treatment, research and outreach.

Indicators of Excellence and Impact

Since its inception in 1987, the University of Colorado Cancer Center has been striving for excellence in the quality of its research, programs and cancer care. Indicators of our excellence and impact include:

NCI Designation

CU Cancer Center has been recognized as a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center since 1987 and a comprehensive cancer center since 1997. The NCI designation acknowledges our excellence in laboratory, clinical and population-based research. The world-class, state-of-the-art research programs lead to better approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. **The Cancer Center was re-designated in 2012, the fourth renewal of this prestigious distinction.**

NCCN Designation

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) is a group of 23 institutions that pool their expertise to define how cancer should be treated. For each disease, the NCCN defines a set of guidelines—for example, guidelines that describe how to treat gynecologic cancers such as ovarian and uterine. Many doctors at hospitals and research centers outside the NCCN follow these guidelines. CU Cancer Center and others within the NCCN network develop these guidelines. **In March 2013, the CU Cancer Center became a NCCN member as recognition of our excellent cancer research, prevention and treatment.**

National Rankings

U.S. News & World Report ranks more than 900 hospitals for the quality of their cancer care, based on factors including prestige, survival rates, nurse staffing and more. **University of Colorado Hospital, our adult clinical partner, ranks in the top 15 for cancer care.**

The University of Colorado Hospital has been named the highest-performing academic hospital in the United States for delivering quality health care for two consecutive years (2011 and 2012). No other hospital has received this honor two years in a row. This award is given annually by the University Health System Consortium, an alliance of 116 academic medical centers.

Consortium Cancer Center

The University of Colorado Cancer Center is a consortium cancer center, the third established in the country, and includes affiliates from nine locations, conducting research at places like the Anschutz Medical Campus, CU-Boulder and Colorado State University. The number of places at which we deliver patient care is growing, with the recent establishment of the University of Colorado Health, which includes treatment centers and hospitals from Colorado Springs to Metro Denver to Fort Collins and into Wyoming.

At the University of Colorado Cancer Center, our physicians and researchers are pioneering new methods to prevent, detect and treat gynecologic cancers. **With your support, we will continue to invest in innovative research and education that will enable us to offer new hope to women and their families.**