

<b>Faculty In Charge Of Course:</b>	Michael Frumovitz, M.D.
<b>Participating Faculty:</b>	MDA Gynecologic Oncology faculty
<b>Location:</b>	M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
<b>Offered:</b>	Each period (except Block 12)
<b>Max. # Students/Period:</b>	1
<b>Requirements:</b>	A separate MDA application is required for this elective. The student will be contacted about the application after they have been approved for the course.

**Course Objective**

**Material Covered:**

This elective will provide a thorough introduction to the basic principles of gynecologic oncology. Participants will become familiar with the principles and techniques of chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and surgery. This will be accomplished by direct participation in each of these areas of patient treatment. Participants' level of responsibility will be commensurate with their desire and experience. Flexibility to design a program tailored to the needs and goals of each participant will be allowed.

**Skills Acquired:**

Students will develop skills in the screening and diagnosis of gynecologic tumors (physical examination, colposcopy, and biopsy techniques. Students will be able to differentiate neoplastic (or treatment-related) alterations from normal findings. Students may also have the opportunity to perform other minor diagnostic or therapeutic procedures such as paracentesis and thoracentesis. They may also have an opportunity to develop some basic surgical skills.

**Activities Of Elective**

**Number Of New Patients/Student/Week:** 5

**Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:**

Does history/physical:	Yes
Who critiques:	Faculty and fellows
Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed:	Yes
Who supervises:	Faculty, fellows, and residents
Does student see ambulatory patients:	Yes

Procedures	Observe	Perform
Paracentesis	X	X
Thoracentesis	X	X
Surgery		X (limited)
Colposcopy; biopsies cervical, endometrium		X

**Scheduled Duties of Student:**

Frequency of rounds on patients:	Twice daily
Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician:	Yes
Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions:	7:00 a.m. Fridays and 7:00 a.m. Wednesdays

**Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:**

None

**Other Required Activities:**

Reading/review of current literature:	Yes
Writing or Presenting a paper:	No

**How Is Student Evaluated:**

Direct and indirect observations of fellows and faculty

**Who Evaluates Students:**

Elective director, faculty, and fellows

**Unique Features Of This Elective:**

None