



TREATMENT TEAM

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN (PCP) OR PROVIDER (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER)

- First point of contact for symptoms
- May not think of ovarian cancer
- “Gatekeeper” to any specialist, such as gynecology oncology
- See Patient Checklist for list of PCP/ObGyn action item suggestions
- **Must refer** to gynecology oncology
- Patient to remain with PCP during and after cancer treatment

OBSTETRICIAN-GYNECOLOGIST (OBGYN)

- Specializes in women’s health
- Can be first point of contact for symptoms
- Should think of ovarian cancer
- “Gatekeeper” to any specialist, such as gynecology oncology
- See Patient Checklist for list of PCP/ObGyn action item suggestions
- **Must refer** to gynecology oncology
- Patient to remain with Ob/Gyn during and after cancer treatment

GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGIST (GYO)

- “Gold standard” physician for care of patients with gynecologic cancers, including ovarian
- See Patient Checklist for list of GYO action item suggestions

RADIATION ONCOLOGIST

- Physician with specialization in the planning, delivery and care of patients receiving radiation or other forms of energy to kill cancer

PATHOLOGIST

- Physician who specializes in diagnosis of disease (cancer) based on the examination of organs or tissues.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) OR NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP)

- A licensed professional with a distinct scope of practice, working with a physician
- Prescriptive capabilities vary by role and by State

FELLOW

- A physician who has completed a training program after medical school and wishes to develop a specialization in cancer; 2-4 years in length, dependent on the program
- Work under the direction of a senior physician
- Supervise junior physicians

RESIDENT

- A graduate from a medical school who has entered a training program; 1-5 years in length, dependent on the program and specialty
- Works under the supervision of more senior residents and senior physicians

NURSE (OCN, RN)

- Registered nurse who has received a certification in cancer, working with a physician
- Re-certified every ten years, similar to medical oncology

PHARMACIST (PHARMD, BCOP)

- Professional who has received a doctorate in pharmacy and is board certified
- Received 2-4 years of additional training in cancer-specific pharmacy
- Re-certified every ten years, similar to medical oncology

SOCIAL WORKER (OSW-C)

- Master’s prepared professional who has worked specifically in cancer, palliative care and/or end of life