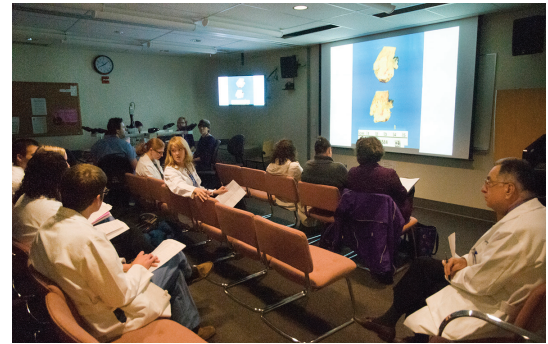# GYNECOLOGIC CANCER CARE

The UW Medicine gynecologic oncology team at University of Washington Medical Center consists of nationally recognized healthcare professionals with extensive clinical knowledge and surgical expertise to prevent and treat cancers. This multidisciplinary team offers a wide array of surgical options, including the most advanced minimally invasive procedures.

Comprehensive Team

Many of our patients suffer from complex gynecologic cancers requiring coordination by multiple healthcare professionals. We focus on integrated, patient-centered care to maximize quality of life and opportunity for cure. Our team includes experts from gynecologic and surgical oncology, social work, nursing, nutrition, physical therapy, radiation oncology, chemotherapy, psychiatry and pain medicine all working together to provide the best possible care for your patients.

A Partnership of Care

In addition to being UW Medicine healthcare professionals, our gynecologic oncologists work as part of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA), a cooperative alliance of UW Medicine, Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center and Seattle Children's.

The most important decision a patient with cancer will make is deciding where to receive treatment. Studies have shown that patients who begin their treatment at a top regional cancer center, such as UW Medicine and SCCA, have better outcomes than those who start their treatment elsewhere.

- Many patients have the opportunity to participate in clinical trials. These trials broaden patients' treatment options to include the latest and most innovative therapies.

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Our Services

We treat a wide range of cancers and preinvasive disease in a woman's reproductive system, including uterine, vaginal, ovarian, cervical and vulvar cancers and gestational trophoblastic disease. Treatment options depend upon many factors, but can include complex pelvic and abdominal surgery, robotically assisted laparoscopic surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, hormonal therapy, vaccines and the use of novel biologic agents. We specialize in fertility sparing surgery and provide onco-fertility options for our patients. In addition, we provide a breast and ovarian cancer prevention program for families at increased risk.

Robotic Surgery

Located at UWMC, UW Medicine has the most advanced robotic-assisted surgical system available in the Puget Sound area, including a dual console system that allows two experienced surgeons to operate together to maximize patient outcomes.

- In the Division of Gynecologic Oncology, there are seven board-certified gynecologic cancer surgeons, including five with advanced expertise in robotic gynecologic surgery.
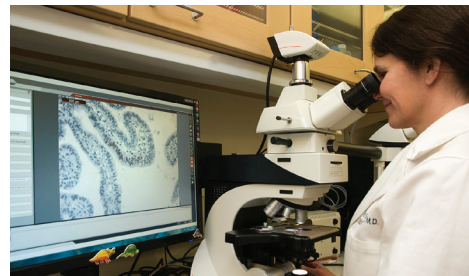
Constant Contact

UW Medicine surgical oncologists also specialize in caring for patients who live out of the area. We work hand-in-hand with referring providers and specialists in the community to make treatment as effective and efficient as possible for the patients.

U-Link allows you to follow your patient's progress by viewing the same electronic medical record that UW Medicine physicians and medical staff use. This communication of patient records can result in enhanced provider-to-provider communication and improved continuity of patient care.

Records you will have access to include:

- Lab results
- Dictated notes and transcripts
- Radiology reports and images
- Pathology reports
- Medication lists
- Discharge summaries

Preventing Ovarian Cancer

UW Medicine researchers have made breakthroughs in understanding genes involved in ovarian cancer, the role of the fallopian tube in the origins of ovarian cancer and using vaccines to treat ovarian cancer and prevent recurrences.

In addition, our researchers have identified early warning signs of ovarian cancer and are working on novel methods of screening.