The Department offers a three year fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology, which is fully certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (http://www.abog.org/), an independent, non-profit organization that certifies obstetricians and gynecologists in the United States. The ABOG examines and certifies nearly 1,700 obstetrician-gynecologists and subspecialists in maternal-fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology/infertility and gynecologic oncology each year.

As explained by ABOG (http://www.abog.org/sub/rep.html); a gynecologic oncologist is a subspecialist in obstetrics and gynecology who, by virtue of education and training, is prepared to provide consultation on and comprehensive management of women with gynecologic cancer and whose present activity includes the practice of gynecologic oncology in an institutional setting wherein all the effective forms of cancer therapy are available.

The objectives of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology are to:

1. Improve the health care of women with neoplastic diseases of the reproductive organs by:
   a. Elevating standards of education and training relating to gynecologic oncology;
   b. Enhancing the recruitment of qualified physicians to this field;
   c. Improving the organization and distribution of patient care; and
   d. Increasing knowledge and thereby improving the treatment of women with gynecologic cancer.

2. Rule on the acceptability of the proposed training programs in gynecologic oncology.

3. Periodically define and make known the knowledge and the professional skills which are considered essential for the effective care of patients with gynecologic cancer.

4. Establish procedures whereby the professional activities, knowledge, and skills of a candidate for advanced certification may be evaluated and to conduct examinations designed to determine the candidate's competence as a gynecologic oncologist.

5. Recommend to The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for subspecialty certification, physicians who have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the division special knowledge and qualifications in the management of patients with gynecologic cancer.