

Welcome to Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC.

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We are the premier gynecologic oncology practice in the Chicago suburbs. Our group was created to provide all-inclusive and accessible gynecologic oncology care and to serve as a center of excellence in gynecologic oncology for patients desiring treatment in the Chicago suburbs. We strive to provide outstanding medical expertise, state of the art treatment, and compassionate care.

At your first visit, you'll meet your doctor and their team (PA-C, resident, medical assistant). Our resident physicians are affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago and Midwestern University. The team will review your entire medical history and the details of your current condition. A complete physical exam, including pelvic exam, will be performed during your appointment. Then, your doctor will explain the recommendations for treatment and answer any questions you may have about your medical condition or diagnosis. Sometimes, we'll order additional testing, like CT scans or ultrasounds, to gather more information. When surgery is the best treatment, our surgical coordinator will meet with you to schedule a date and review surgical expectations.

If you need an interpreter please call us 3 days in advance so we can arrange for services. We do have Spanish (Oak Lawn & Downers Grove) and Polish (Oak Lawn) speaking staff. If you wish to bring a family member or other guest with you, we are more than happy to allow them to be with you. Please be mindful that our space is limited. Please limit your guests to no more than 2. Due to the size of your care team, there is usually only space for 1 guest to be in the exam room with you (if you want them present).

Please review the information in this packet prior to your appointment. We have included important details about our financial and privacy policies along with a detailed history form so that we can provide the best possible care for you.

It is our privilege to participate in caring for your health. We look forward to meeting you.



FINANCIAL POLICY

We strive to offer the highest quality of care to all patients. Your treatment will not be contingent upon your insurance coverage. Considerable care has been taken in determining our fees. We want to assure you that our charges accurately reflect the complexity of care rendered and the skill and expertise required for your care.

INSURANCE: Insurance companies vary greatly in their coverage for medical services. Please be aware that the cost of non-covered services is your responsibility. We will bill your insurance for each service according to the most current billing regulations. We recommend that you personally contact your insurance company with specific questions or concerns regarding your policy. The office will inform you whether or not we are contracted with your insurance, but you are responsible for knowing if your specific plan is in-network or out-of-network.

REFERRALS: Many insurance companies require a referral for a visit to a specialist. Our physicians are specialists in gynecologic oncology so your visit(s) are NOT considered a well woman check, nor a routine OB-GYN visit. Please refer to the front of your insurance card or call your insurance company to understand your coverage and whether you need a referral. *It is the patient's responsibility to obtain a referral from the primary care physician or gynecologist prior to an appointment*. Referrals are generally limited to a certain period of time or number of visits, so please ensure your referral is up to date before each visit. Referrals can be mailed or faxed to our office or presented at the time of your visit.

PAYMENT: We expect payment of your co-payment and deductible (when applicable) at the time of service. For your convenience, we are pleased to accept cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard credit cards. Any patient with a balance on their account is required to make a payment prior to the next office visit. The practice mails statements every month with any balance on the account. We will be forced to send a balance to a collection service when no attempt at balance payments have been received. Call our billing coordinator with any questions at 708-422-3242, extension 225.

NON-COVERED SERVICES: As part of your care, your physician may recommend a test or service that is not covered by your insurance plan. Some services that may not be covered by your insurance are: blood tests; bone density test; mammogram; CA-125 blood test, OVA-1 blood test, Pap smear, ultrasound, CT, MRI, or PET scan.

SURGICAL ASSISTANTS: We feel strongly about providing the best quality surgical care. Gynecologic oncology surgeries require tremendous expertise and time, so our physicians often rely on an experienced surgical assistant. This may include a physician's assistant, resident, or certified surgical assistant provided through the hospital. Some insurance companies do not cover non-physician surgical assistants in which case the patient would be responsible for this fee along with any deductible, co-insurance or co-payment.



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ROBOTIC SURGERY: When lifestyle changes, medicine or other treatments do not ease your symptoms, your doctor may suggest surgery. Surgery can include:

- Open surgery: done through one large incision
- Laparoscopic / robotic-assisted da Vinci Surgery: this type of minimally invasive surgery is done through a
 few small incisions

With robotic-assistance, laparoscopic surgeons obtain technical advantages that include visual enhancements, dexterity and ergonomics. The majority of leading payers, such as a Medicare, CIGNA, United Healthcare and most Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, consider robotic-assistance incidental to the primary surgical procedure and is payable at the carrier's discretion. The patient is responsible for any charges incurred by this procedure that is not covered by the insurance. The patient may choose to appeal any denials, which is managed by the patient and not the office.

DISABILITY FORMS: Patients who require surgery or chemotherapy often request that we complete forms certifying their disability so they may receive income during treatment. This includes paperwork from your employer such as the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA.) Given the volume of these forms and the significant time required from our clinical staff to complete these forms, there is a \$25 fee for completion of initial disability forms. Subsequent disability forms will be priced at \$5 for completion. We require payment of these fees at the time of request. We make every effort to complete disability forms within 7-14 business days of receiving them. In some cases, forms require additional information (pathology or hospital reports) that are not immediately available which may delay their completion.

MISSED or LATE CANCELLED APPOINTMENTS: A GCIC staff member will contact you with a reminder call 1-2 days prior to your appointment. We require at least 48 hours' notice to cancel an appointment. This allows other patients with an urgent problem the opportunity to be scheduled into that time slot. Appointments missed or cancelled without the appropriate notice may be subject to a fee of \$25.00. Insurance will not cover this charge.

Late arrival to your appointment will result in that appointment being rescheduled to another day or time at the doctor's discretion. GCIC will consult with your referring or primary care physician if continued tardiness or absences are recorded.

Service	Fee
FMLA/Disability (initial)	\$25.00
FMLA/Disability (subsequent)	\$5.00
Missed or late cancellation appointment	\$25.00
Prices are subject to change without notice.	

Your signature on the acknowledgement page later in this packet documents that you have read and understand this form and agree that you are responsible for the payment of all charges incurred regardless of insurance coverage or other plans available.



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago employs three Certified Physician Assistants (PA-C): Heather Gannon Stringer, Nicole Burrows, and Brooke Pierson. Certified PA-Cs can address your health care needs and be your trusted adviser when it comes to maintaining or improving your health. PA-Cs obtain medical histories, examine, diagnose and treat patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests and recommend and implement treatment plans. They can perform minor surgery and assist in major surgery, instruct and counsel patients, order or carry out therapy and prescribe medications. PA-Cs perform these roles within a scope of practice established by the supervising doctor in accordance with state regulations; generally speaking, PA-Cs can perform many tasks delegated by the doctor.

They are licensed and certified health care professionals who practice medicine in *partnership with physicians* and bring a breadth of knowledge and skills to patient care. Before they can practice, PA-Cs who graduate from an accredited program, must pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and get licensed by the state in which they will practice.

During the course of your care, you may have follow up appointments scheduled with the physician assistants. The physician assistants maintain chemotherapy regimens and you will also be scheduled with the PA-Cs for chemotherapy related office visits.

Sources:

http://www.nccpa.net/public

https://www.aapa.org/What-is-a-PA/

Edited to correspond with Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC standards and procedures.





NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

YOUR INFORMATION. YOUR RIGHTS. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

YOUR RIGHTS

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

Get a copy of health and claims records

- You can ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to
 do this.
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. We are allowed by law to charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.

Ask us to correct health and claims records

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.

Request confidential communications

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say "yes" if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.

Ask us to limit what we use or share

- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
- We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care.

Get a list of those with whom we've shared information

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

Get a copy of this privacy notice

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide
you with a paper copy promptly.

Choose someone to act for you

- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.

File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated

- You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us at 708-422-3242.
- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

YOUR CHOICES

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions. In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- · Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In the following cases we *never* share your information unless you give us written permission:

- Marketing purposes
- Sale of your information

OUR USES AND DISCLOSURES

How do we typically use or share your health information?

We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

Help manage the health care treatment you receive

We can use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you. *Example: A doctor sends us information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so we can arrange additional services.*





Run our organization

- We can use and disclose your information to run our organization and contact you when necessary.
- We are not allowed to use genetic information to decide whether we will give you coverage and the price of that coverage. This does not apply to long term care plans. Example: We use health information about you to develop better services for you.

Pay for your health services

We can use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services. Example: We share information about you with your dental plan to coordinate payment for your dental work.

Administer your plan

We may disclose your health information to your health plan sponsor for plan administration. *Example: Your company contracts with us to provide a health plan, and we provide your company with certain statistics to explain the premiums we charge.*

How else can we use or share your health information?

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information

see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

Help with public health and safety issues

We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- · Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- · Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- · Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

Do research

We can use or share your information for health research.

Comply with the law

We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.

Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director

- We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.
- We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual is deceased.

Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests

We can use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- · For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

OUR RESPONSIBILITITES

- · We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- · We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

Changes to the Terms of this Notice

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, on our web site, and we will mail a copy to you.

This notice became effective April 1, 2015. Please ask a Patient Service Representative or Privacy Officer for assistance or clarification regarding your privacy at Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC.

Privacy Officer:
Roger Warner
Chief Operating Officer
rwarner@gcichicago.com
708-422-3242



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	MEDICAL H	ISTORY	Today's Date:
Name (Last, First):		Birthdate:	Age:
Referring Physician (Last, First):			
Primary Care Physician (Last, Fir	 st):		
REASON FOR VISIT TODAY:			
PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:			
PAST SURGICAL HISTORY (include	any complications):		
Do you consent to blood products	s if necessary in a surgical pro	ocedure? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No C	Comment:
FAMILY HISTORY OF ILLNESS (ple	ase include any history of ca	ncer & specify what type):	
Father: Alive: \square Yes \square No			
Mother: Alive: ☐ Yes ☐ No Other Family Member:			
ALLERGIES: To Medications (list name of med	ication and what reaction yo	u had to it):	
To Other Products (i.e., food, late	x, etc):		
MEDICATIONS: /places include no	an procesintian drugs aspiris	and for borbal supplement	-1.
MEDICATIONS: (please include no Name & Type of Medication			•
Name at type of meancaston	Desage and Frequency	Traine a Type of meanage	
Have you ever been on a hormon	\parallel e replacement therapy? \square	Yes □No If yes, how lo	ong?
SOCIAL HISTORY:			
Alcohol usage: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Гуре:	How much:	How often:
Tobacco usage: (Please check one Illicit drug usage (which drug and	e):□Yes □No □Past □Pi	resent Type: □Cigarettes	□Cigars □Pipe □Chew
Occupation/Student Status (briefl	y describe; if retired, please	state your previous occupati	on):
How often do you exercise:	W	/ho do you live with:	
OB/GYN:			
Last normal period: # of P	regnancies: # of Births:	# of C-Sections: # of	Normal Vaginal Deliveries:
Oral Contraceptive Rx (and how lo	ong): Age o	f 1 st Period: # Days of Cyc	le: # Lifetime Partners:
PREVENTATIVE SCREENING (list t	he date or month/year of te	st/procedure):	
DEXA Scan:			
Pap Smear:	History of abnormal pap sme	ars? □ Yes □ No Last abr	normal pap smear:



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REVIEW OF SYSTEMS:

AREA		SYMPTOM		Other/Detail
	(please check all that apply)			(Explain any other
		T		symptoms)
CONSTITUTIONAL	☐ Recent weight loss	□ Recent weight gain		
	□ None	□ Weakness		
		☐ Fatigue		
EYES	□ Pain	☐ Loss of vision		
	□ Glaucoma	□ None		
EARS, NOSE, THROAT	☐ Pain	☐ Soreness		
	☐ Redness	□ None		
CARDIOVASCULAR	☐ Chest Pain	☐ Irregular Pulse	☐ Swelling of Legs	
	☐ Palpitations	☐ Fluid Retention	□ None	
RESPIRATORY	☐ Shortness of	□ Cough	□ None	
	Breath	☐ Asthma		
	☐ Wheezing			
GASTROINTESTINAL	☐ Diarrhea	☐ Bloody stool	☐ Vomiting	
	□ Constipation	☐ Heart Burn	☐ Acid Reflux	
	☐ Distension	□ Nausea	□ None	
GU Female (urinary	☐ Frequency	□ Incontinence	☐ Increased Cramping	
system and/or genitals)	☐ Urgency	☐ Slow stream	□ Irregular	
system and, or germans,	□ Blood	☐ Hesitancy		
	□ Vaginal Pain	☐ Vaginal Dryness		
	□ None			
MUSCULO/SKELETAL	☐ Pains	☐ Sprains	☐ Swelling	
	☐ Limitation of Range	□ None		
	of Motion			
INTEGUMENTARY	□ Rash	□ Ulcers	☐ Redness	
(skin or breast)	☐ Itching	□ Scaling	☐ Masses	
	☐ Lumps	☐ Tenderness	□ None	
NEUROLOGICAL	☐ Dizziness	☐ Headaches	☐ Weakness	
	☐ Light-headedness	□ Numbness	□ None	
PSYCHOLOGICAL	☐ Depression	☐ Anxiety	□ None	
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ENDOCRINE	□ Diabetes	☐ Hyperthyroidism	☐ Hypothyroidism	
	☐ Adrenal Disease	□ None		
HEMA/ LYMPH	☐ Recent Bleeding	☐ Anemia	☐ Recent Bruising	
-		□ None		
ALLERGIC/IMMUNOLOGY	☐ Running Nose	☐ Itching Eyes	☐ Swelling of Eyes	
,			□ None	



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Name (Last, First):	Birthdate:	Today's Date:
Please list the name(s), city and fax number of phy	ysicians who have referi	red you to us, you are seeing o
who you want us to send results to.		

Patient Physician List

Specialty	Name (first and last name)	Location (city)	Fax
Primary care (family practice or internist)			
Gynecology			
Hematology/Oncology			
Cardiology (heart doctor)			
Pulmonology (lung doctor)			
Breast Surgeon			
General Surgeon			
Gastroenterology			
Urology			
Nephrology (kidney doctor)			
Radiation Oncology			
Dermatology			
Neurology			
Endocrinology			
Reproductive Medicine (IVF)			
Other			



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DEMOGRAPHIC FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION	TODAY'S DATE:
Patient Name:(Last, First)	Birth date: Age: Gender: F/M
Address:Apt/Unit	Social Security Number
City, State, ZIP:	The following questions on race, ethnicity & language are required to be asked by Federal Government
Primary phone: home cell work	Regulations. (optional)
Secondary phone: home cell work	Race: ☐ Black/African American ☐ White/Caucasian
Marital Status: □Single □Married □ Divorced	□American Indian/Alaska Native American Indian
□Widowed □ Separated □ Domestic Partner	□Asian □Refuse to answer
Spouse/S.O. Name: home cell work	Ethnicity☐Hispanic☐Non-Hispanic☐Refuse to answer Language:
GUARANTOR INFORMATION (Party responsible for	
Name:	Relationship:
(Last, First)	
Date of Birth:	Phone Number:
Address:	Apt/Unit:
City:	State: Zip Code: Y CONTACT
Name: Relationship:	Phone Number:
(Last, First)	
PHARMACY IN	
Name of Pharmacy: Pharmacy Address (Cross street information if address is	harmacy Phone Number:unknown):
I agree that Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC my prescription medication history from other healthcatreatment purposes.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
The above information is true to the best of my knowledg Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC. I authorize C information required to process my claim. I will notify this pr physician relationship.	Synecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC to release any
I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand my fina be responsible for the payment of all charges incurred regar also acknowledge that any unpaid balance for which I am fi fee in addition to the principal balance owed.	rdless of insurance coverage or other plans available to me.
Patient Signature	Date



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REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION METHODS

Name (Last, First):	Birthdate:
Please check the following statements if yo	ou agree:
I approve leaving messages regarding	g my care and appointments at the following phone numbers:
Home:	Work:
	Fax:
person(s) listed below. I understand that the results/information on my behalf. I author	stitute of Chicago, LLC to release my medical information to the e person(s) named on this authorization will be given access to obtain orize the person(s) indicated to pick-up materials pertinent to my rmation regarding my billing, condition, treatment and prognosis to
Spouse:	Relative/Friend (list relationship):
to create a password in order to access I discontinue emails. By providing your e communication via email and the sending of	ou are consenting for us to email you a unique link that you will use My Care Plus, our Patient Portal. At any time you can change or mail, you understand the security and privacy risks of patient of patient records via email. ECORDING OF PATIENT-PROVIDER CONVERSATIONS
	ute of Chicago that all patient-provider conversations are privileged
understand that this consent is valid until it time by giving written notice of my desire to	ve received, read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices. I is revoked by me. I understand that I may revoke this consent at any do so. I also understand that I will not be able to revoke this consentied on it to use or disclose my health information. Written revocation office.
for the purpose of carrying out treatment, patient record. I understand that the physical patient record.	t to Gynecologic Cancer Institute of Chicago, LLC to use or disclose, payment, or health care operations, all information contained in my ician has reserved a right to change his or her privacy practices that and that a copy of any Revised Notice will be provided to me or made www.GCIChicago.com.
Signature	Date



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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Name (Last	, First):		Birthdate:	Today's Date:
I hereby au	thorize that the protected	health information reg	arding the above	e-named person be forwarded:
FROM:	Person/Institution			Fax
	Address			
	City			
то:				Fax
	Address			
	City			
Disclos	ure will include: (<i>check all</i> i	that apply)		
	Entire Record			
	The medical records conc		of	•
	Operative/Procedure Not	es		
	Pap Smear Reports			
	Biopsy Reports			
	Laboratory Reports			
	Progress Notes			
	Pathology Reports	F DET MADI		
	CDs of imaging studies (CT			
	Imaging study reports (CT	, PET, MRI, mammograi	ms, x-rays, etc.)	
	History and Physical	_		
	Face (demographic) Sheet	L		
	I understand that I have the	_		•
	I understand that I do not	_	_	
				n information related to HIV status
			•	uthorize release of this information
			wish to have red	cords containing this information be
	released to another physic	•		
>	withdrawn by me at any t			for a period of (1) year and may be ponse thereon.
>	REDISCLOSURE: Notice is he that Gynecologic Cancer I requested health information	nereby given to the pati nstitute of Chicago, LLC tion will not disclose ar its the disclosure of an	ent or legal repre C cannot guarant by or all of it to o	esentative signing this Authorization tee that the Recipient receiving the others. Notice is hereby given to the ation regarding drug and/or alcoho

Date _____

Patient's Signature_____