

A **Gynaecologic Oncologist** is a specialist who is dual qualified with 5-6 years of training in general obstetrics and gynaecology, with an additional training period of a minimum of 3 years undertaken in gynaecologic oncology (cancer surgery and management).

The additional training in gynaecologic oncology is predominantly focused on increasing advanced surgical skills. This includes additional surgical expertise in bowel, urinary tract, abdominal, and laparoscopic surgery to enable a gynaecologic oncologist to be capable of handling almost any surgical situation that may arise during treatment. It has been shown categorically that treatment of gynaecological cancers should be undertaken under the care of a gynaecological oncologist as survival is improved.

Gynaecological oncologists work with a multidisciplinary team that also includes medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, genetics specialists, highly experienced nurses, psychologists, and other allied health staff, all with experience in providing the best evidence-based care for women diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer. This ensures that all women with gynaecological cancer receive the best standard of care, and the best possible survival outcome.

Dr Farrell has been a gynaecological oncologist for over 10 years and works closely with a multidisciplinary gynaecological cancer team to ensure that you receive the highest standard of care.