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Gynecologic Oncology Outreach Evaluation

Medical consultation on oncology cases is routine medical practice. These consults serve both to confirm diagnosis and also as a teaching tool for residents and adjunct staff. Physician specialists in Pathology, Radiology, Surgery, Oncology, and Gynecology are required to jointly review and evaluate patient data in order to plan patient care, with a particular focus on increasing the survival rate of persons diagnosed with gynecologic malignancies.

Medical treatment facilities throughout Europe will submit gynecologic oncology specimens for review to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) Gynecologic Tumor Board for evaluation via video teleconferencing equipment connected at 384 Kbps.

This project will evaluate the effects of teleoncology on the quality of patient care, quality of continuing medical education, patients' quality of life, patient and provider satisfaction, and potential cost savings. The evaluation will take place through the use of various Web-based and hardcopy surveys, examination of cost data, and review of patient medical records.

This project provides an objective measure to evaluate new technology, and will be useful as a prototype for future efforts by the U.S. Army to provide gynecologic oncology consultation services for many more patients than is currently possible.

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