

**Society of Gynecologic Oncology & Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology  
Policy and Procedure**

<b>POLICY NUMBER</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>POLICY NAME</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>DATE OF ORIGIN</b>	1969
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ To establish the criteria for SGO Membership</li></ul>

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**1.0 POLICY**

- Membership in the SGO is offered in the following categories: Full, Associate, International Affiliate, Candidate, Fellow-in-Training, Senior, Allied and Resident/Student.
- SGO members have a responsibility to the public not to make false, deceptive or misleading communications or claims. To that end, SGO members shall not in their written and oral communications to the public make inaccurate or inappropriate claims concerning their membership in the SGO or what SGO membership signifies as to their qualifications and training.
- Member prospects must complete an application form and application fee. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- After review by the Membership Committee, election is by majority vote of the SGO Council. The Council considers applications on a bi-monthly basis from August 1 – April 1. Membership services are provided to applicants from the time of their approval and dues payment. Dues are invoiced upon election to membership.

**2.1 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

**FULL MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Full Membership

To qualify for Full Membership an applicant must:

1. Be fully licensed to practice medicine in their country of residence.
2. Be of high moral, ethical, and professional standing
3. Be trained in obstetrics and gynecology, internal

medicine, radiation oncology or pathology and provide either primary or consultative care to patients with gynecologic cancers or disease.

4. Provide proof of certification:
  - a. Certificate in Obstetrics and Gynecology AND Gynecologic Oncology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)
  - b. Certificate in Medical Oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Certificate in Pathology by the American Board of Pathology (ABP)
  - c. Certificate in Radiation Oncology by the American Board of Radiation (ABR)
  - d. Certificate in Gynecologic Oncology by the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOBOG).
  - e. International Affiliate and Associate Members may be nominated to Full Membership when certain criteria established by the Board of Directors are met.

## **2.2 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Associate Membership:

To qualify for Associate Membership an applicant must:

1. Be of high moral, ethical, and professional standing
2. Be a board certified clinician or other scientist who holds a terminal degree and devotes a substantial portion of his/her professional time investigating the biology, diagnosis prevention or treatment and other areas of gynecologic cancers.
3. Candidate members who have reached the 8 year limit for Candidate Membership and who are not yet eligible for Full Membership.

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## **2.3 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBER TO FULL**

Applicant must be a SGO Associate Member or be eligible for SGO Associate Membership.

1. Applicant has demonstrated an unquestionable dedication to the field of gynecologic oncology.
2. This individual should be recognized for their impact on the field by national/international experts in gynecologic oncology.
3. **Clinicians:**
  - Board certified
  - Six (6) years practicing from residency or equivalent terminal degree for their field of study OR practicing three (3) years from fellowship
  - Substantial portion of practice in women's cancers.
  - Combinations of scholarship AND/OR
  - Leadership AND/OR
  - Academic rank
4. **Scientists:**
  - Evidence of scholarship (national and/or international)
  - Number of publications in high-impact journals
  - Number of first-authored or co-authored in gynecologic oncology publications

## **2.4 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

International Affiliate Membership shall be reserved for individuals who through professional training or experience desire to the further mission of the Society or do not meet criteria for other membership categories.

## **2.5 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP TO FULL MEMBERSHIP OR NONMEMBERS WITHOUT U.S. BOARD CERTIFICATION**

To qualify for Full Membership an individual practicing outside of the U.S. or a current International Affiliate member requesting Full Membership an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be eligible for International Affiliate Membership or a current SGO International Affiliate Member.
2. Should be easily recognized for their impact on the field by national/international experts in gynecologic oncology.
3. Six (6) years practicing from residency or equivalent terminal degree for their field of study OR practicing three (3) years from fellowship.
4. A substantial portion of practice in women's cancers.
5. Combinations of scholarship AND/OR leadership AND/OR evidence of scholarship (national and/or international) AND/OR first-authored or co-authored in gynecologic oncology publications.

## **2.6 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

### **CANDIDATE MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Candidate Membership:

1. Applications for Candidate Membership shall be considered after verification of graduation from the applicant's fellowship training program director.
2. Candidate Members must obtain their ABOG subspecialty certificate in obstetrics and gynecologic oncology within-eight (8) years of graduation from fellowship. If the certificate has not been achieved during that interval, the Candidate Membership will be terminated.
3. Terminated Candidate Members are eligible to continue at the Associate Member level.

## **2.7 STANDARDS/CRITERIA**

### **FELLOW-IN-TRAINING MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Fellow-in-Training Membership:

1. Applications for Fellow-in-Training Membership shall be considered after verification of enrollment from the applicant's fellowship training program director.
2. Membership is terminated upon graduation from program.

## 2.8 STANDARDS/CRITERIA

### ALLIED MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Allied Membership:

To qualify for Allied Membership an applicant must:

1. Be eligible for membership in his or her professional discipline's national association.
2. Have demonstrated an interest in gynecologic oncology practice, research or education.
3. Be a degreed professional in fields including, but not limited to: social work, psychology, pharmacy and nursing, end of life, psycho-oncology, genetic counselors, research, etc.

## 2.9 STANDARDS/CRITERIA

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Senior Membership:

To qualify for Senior Membership an applicant must:

1. Be a Full Member in good standing;

AND

2. Retired from the health care field.

Retired status is defined as an individual who is not in the active practice of providing surgical or non-surgical patient care, participating in funded research or performing compensated teaching or administrative duties related in any way to the field of gynecologic oncology.

## 3.0 STANDARDS/CRITERIA

### RESIDENT/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the requirements for membership captured in the SGO bylaws, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Resident/Student Membership:

1. Applications for Resident/Student Membership shall be considered after verification of enrollment from the applicant's program director or faculty advisor.
2. Membership is terminated upon graduation from program unless special exceptions are made with the approval of the SGO CEO.

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