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Robin Lacour, M.D., a gynecologic oncologist and alumna of the MD Anderson Cancer Center Graduate Medical Education program, loves to tell the story of why she believes the MD Anderson Cancer Network is “a gift for me and my patients.”

Dr. Lacour practices at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, Colorado. Prior to moving to Colorado, she was in a mixed academic/community practice in her home state of Louisiana. She went into medical school wanting to become an OB/GYN but after completing her gynecologic oncology rotation, she knew she had found her special niche in medicine from which she would build her career.

As a teenager, Dr. Lacour’s interests always leaned in the direction of science. She didn’t have any strong familial influences toward a medical career as her mother was a bus driver and her father a carpenter. She found a way to mix her love of science and people in the form of a career in medicine.

Dr. Lacour describes her experiences at MD Anderson as some of “the best years of her life”, both academically and personally. The wealth of knowledge she gained was tremendous and provided a base from which her professional growth stems today. While in the GME program, she also obtained a Master of Public Health from the UTHealth School of Public Health. Her combined surgical, medical, and research experience plus caring for her mother during her fight with cancer gives Dr. Lacour the opportunity to fully immerse herself in the care of her patients.

Working at an MD Anderson Cancer Network facility in Colorado has many advantages for Dr. Lacour. She can pick up the phone and discuss a difficult and/or unusual case with an expert at MD Anderson in Houston, many of which she knows personally. For Dr. Lacour to have access to experts and for patients to benefit from MD Anderson Cancer Center expertise and protocols without having to leave their home is what Dr. Lacour describes as “a gift for myself and my patients.”

This is my story

	<p><i>So what is the story she loves to tell?</i></p> <p>A woman in Arkansas received a cancer diagnosis and did extensive online research before deciding to pursue treatment at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center in Greeley, Colorado, which is more than 1,000 miles from her home. The woman chose this route for three reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Greeley is located approximately an hour from Denver. She had family living outside of Denver who could help care for her during recovery. 2) She was a flight attendant and was able to schedule her shifts to have layovers in Denver so she could return to Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center in Greeley for follow up care. 3) And the most important reason was the quality of care and reputation of MD Anderson. She was now in a battle for her life and she wanted peace-of-mind knowing she would receive the care and support that MD Anderson is well known for. <p>This woman’s story ends well. Her treatment outcomes were successful and today she is living a good life as she did before her cancer diagnosis. She continues to schedule her work to have extended layovers in Denver so she can continue to receive care from Dr. Lacour and the Banner MD Anderson medical team.</p> <p>The ability to connect with patients and help them through one of the toughest times in their lives is reason enough for Dr. Lacour to go to work every day with passion and confidence that she can provide her patients with the care needed to maximize their outcomes. Continuing to work with MD Anderson beyond her educational experiences has helped Dr. Lacour extend some of <i>the best years of her life</i> into present day.</p>
<p><i>MD Anderson School(s) from which I graduated</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Graduate Medical Education Program • UTHealth School of Public Health
<p><i>Focus</i></p>	<p>Gynecologic Oncology</p>
<p><i>Graduation Year</i></p>	<p>2010</p>
<p><i>Current Employer</i></p>	<p>Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center at North Colorado Medical Center</p>
<p><i>Current City</i></p>	<p>Greeley, Colorado</p>
<p><i>Current Position</i></p>	<p>Gynecologic Oncologist</p>

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<p><i>Academic area of specialization</i></p>	<p>Gynecologic Oncology</p>
<p><i>Who are your mentors?</i></p>	<p>Every attending I worked with during my fellowship at MD Anderson was a mentor to me. They each had their own specialty concentration within gynecologic oncology and each one was an expert in their own way. Specifically, there were two individuals I want to point out – Dr. Karen Lu and Dr. Diane Bodurka.</p> <p>Dr. Lu was my clinical research mentor. I had never done clinical research, nor did I know much about it. Dr. Bodurka and I were close throughout my fellowship. She became family to me providing me much support during my fellowship in addition to when my Mom passed away during my time at MD Anderson. Both Drs. Lu and Bodurka are well versed in education as well as amazing research scientists and clinicians. They are equally amazing mothers which gave me confidence that I could do well with my career and being a mother myself.</p> <p><i>Karen H. Lu, M.D., is Chair of the Department of Gynecologic Oncology and Reproductive Medicine, Division of Surgery, MD Anderson Cancer Center.</i></p> <p><i>Diane C. Bodurka, M.D., MPH, is the Chief Education & Training Officer at MD Anderson Cancer Center.</i></p>
<p><i>Works of interest</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinoma of the lower uterine segment: a newly described association with Lynch syndrome • Evaluating women with ovarian cancer for BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations: missed opportunities • Improved survival in non-Ashkenazi Jewish ovarian cancer patients with BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations
<p><i>Family</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married with 2 children
<p><i>Graduate school(s) from which I received a degree(s).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD Anderson Cancer Center Graduate Medical Education Program – 2010 • UTHealth School of Public Health Master of Public Health – 2008 Focus – Epidemiology • Louisiana State University School of Medicine M.D. – 2002

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<i>Undergraduate school(s) from which I received a degree(s)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centre College – Danville, Kentucky Bachelor of Science – Biology – 1998
<i>High school from which I received a degree.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Shore High School Slidell, Louisiana – 1994

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