

Fellowship in Surgical Oncology

The Department:

The Department of Surgical Oncology aims to offer site-specific surgical services and is staffed by experienced full time consultant. The Department is divided into the following sub-units: Head-Neck ,Gastrointestinal and Thoracic ,Breast ,Urology, Gynecology, Reconstructive and Sarcoma Surgery. The hospital has 8 operation theatre for brachytherapy. The theatres boast of positive pressure laminar air flow , HEPA filter , sophisticated anaesthetic equipments, pendants, State-of-the-art operating lights and tables, touch-screen surgeon's panels, PACS, minimally invasive equipments, Robotic Surgery, vessel sealing devices , operating microscope, laser ,sentinel node biopsy , intra-operative ultrasonography, frozen section biopsy, TEG etc.

Fellowship Objective:

The Fellowship module aims to tutor personal willing to devote their subsequent career in oncology. Ingrained in the training program, is the mandated philosophy of multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment. The Fellows would be involved in out-patient and in-patient care with assessment of new and review patients, and also in the operation theatres. This would help Fellows develop skills to judge and decide independently. The Department is keen on site-Specialization and it is expected that the multi-disciplinary format would enthuse Fellows to develop site speciality interest.

No of Fellowship Positions:

Twelve (12) positions, starting from Jan 2011

Fellowship Duration:

2 years

Eligibility Criteria

Essential:

M.S. or DNB degree in general surgery

Desirable:

Work for more than 1 year following a Masters Degree, preferably in an oncology unit.

Candidates appearing for final PG examination may also apply.

Tata Medical Center Fellowship Program Clinical responsibilities:

The Fellow will be involved in the managing out-patient and in in-patient clinical services, and actively assisting or operating in the theatre. They have to be resident while being on-call for night cover.

Academic Responsibilities:

The Fellows will be involved in case presentation, discussion contemporary publications, seminars and organizing multidisciplinary meetings. These will be reinforced by periodic faculty lecture. During this tenure they may be required

to do audits and research work. Fellows will have to maintain a Log Book. In addition, the fellows may be expected to teach the nursing staff.

Expected Rotation/Work Schema:

The Fellows will spend four months in each of the six broad surgical sub-specialties indentified, GI and Thoracic Surgery, Breast Surgery, Gynaec onco surgery, Head and Neck surgery, Uro ONco surgery and Reconstructice Onco and sarcoma Surgery.

Opportunity for career advancement:

The Fellows will be closely monitored using a structured assessment scale. Taken in conjunction with their academic performance, the fellows may be considered for subsequent advancement in this institution.

Evaluation:

The Fellows will be assessed constantly, keeping into account several parameters like the aptitude to take independent decision, communication skills, ability to work in a team etc. They will have to appear for periodic assessment Exams, including Mid Term and Exit exams.