



FELLOWSHIP IN GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY

Conceptualised in the year 2004 as a philanthropic initiative for the Eastern and North-Eastern parts of India and the neighbouring countries, the Tata Medical Center (TMC) started operations in Kolkata on May 16, 2011. The hospital is governed by a charitable trust – Tata Medical Centre Trust. It is an integrated Oncology facility with well-trained professional staff and equipped with modern facilities and the most contemporary medical equipment. Set up at a cost of Rs. 350 crores, the Hospital, with a capacity of 183 beds, serves all sections of the society, with 50% of the infrastructure earmarked for free or subsidized treatment for the underprivileged sections. The hospital provides a wide spectrum of services from diagnosis, therapy to rehabilitation and palliative support in cancer. The Institution's objective is to excel in service, education and research.

To fulfil the above objectives TMC invites applications for the position of Fellow in Gynaecological Oncology

PHILOSOPHY OF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM:

For the treatment of women with gynaecological cancers the clinician needs to be able to make an accurate diagnosis with determination of the extent of the disease, with the best precision and competently perform advanced surgery, liaise with colleagues in other related departments to provide multidisciplinary care to the woman and be an excellent communicator for counselling the woman and her family members to assist them to comprehend the implications of the disease and participate in all decision making processes. A gynaecological oncologist should also be able to make contributions to the ever-expanding knowledge in this subspecialty through clinical and translational researches.

The training in gynaecological oncology is divided into two components. The initial two years' training is aimed at developing a general gynaecologist into a gynaecological oncologist where emphasis is given on training in the principles of cancer diagnosis and management with special reference to reproductive biology. The proposed third year of the training is aimed at developing additional skills either in minimal access surgery or advanced cytoreductive surgery for gynaecological cancers as knowledge and practice in these areas have advanced exponentially over the past few years. At the completion of the training the fellow should come out as a confident caring and ethical practitioner with a very high competence level who will be able to lead the service and develop similar skilled manpower for the future generation.

TRAINING MODULES

Core gynaecological oncology

- o General assessment of a gynaecological oncology patient
- o Pre and postoperative care
- o Generic surgical skills
- o Cancer of the ovary, peritoneum and the tubes
- o Cancer of the uterus
- o Cancer of the cervix
- o Cancer of the vagina
- o Cancer of the vulva
- o Gestational trophoblastic disease

Preventive oncology

- o Cervical screening
- o Colposcopy
- o Gynaecological ultrasound scan

Additional training

- o GI oncology
- o Uro oncology
- o Plastic surgery
- o Medical oncology
- o Radiation oncology
- o Clinical audit and research
- o Communication and interview skills

Advanced modules (Proposed)

- o Minimal access surgery
- o Advanced cytoreductive surgery

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The trainee is expected to develop the skills and attitudes and demonstrate the knowledge, required to make an appropriate clinical assessment of a patient with a suspected or known gynaecological cancer, plan appropriate surgery, identify surgical and anaesthetic risks, prepare patients for surgery, and manage peri-, intra- and postoperative complications, and achieve surgical skills appropriate for a subspecialist gynaecological oncology surgeon. A major part of the training will be to develop appropriate communication skills so that modern evidence based treatment can be imparted to the patients with ethics and empathy along with training in clinical audit and research.

KNOWLEDGE

The trainee is expected to maintain a broad knowledge of the pattern of presentation of gynaecological malignancies, of care pathways for suspected gynaecological cancer and of investigations required confirming diagnosis of gynaecological malignancy. The trainee should be able to make appropriate assessment of the stage of the disease and clinical condition of the patient to counsel them and their relatives regarding the benefits and risks involved with the treatment of cancer. The fellow should be equipped with the thorough knowledge of the basic biology and anatomy relevant to the management of gynaecological cancers and appropriately comprehend the physical and psychosexual morbidity of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

SKILLS

Obtain an appropriate history, and undertake clinical examination. Initiate and interpret relevant investigations.

Communicate clinical plan to patient and relatives and able to counsel patients regarding entry into clinical trials.

Liaise with nutritional support team, infection control team and other departments for all issues relating to patient care

Provide support to colleagues in other surgical departments when asked for

Conduct multidisciplinary team meeting

Able to select and perform appropriate surgical management of gynaecological cancer according to patient's needs.

Recognise and manage intra-operative and postoperative complications

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (Qualifications)

MD, MS or DNB in Obstetrics and Gynaecology or MRCOG

High level of motivation and focus in gynaecological oncology

Keen to work in an academic institution

Those who want to undertake training for the advanced module only must have completed two years' basic gynaecological oncology training at a tertiary care cancer institute and can be marked competent in all sectors of the basic logbook.

SELECTION PROCESS

Application on prescribed format with full curriculum vitae may be sent to the HR department at any time of the year. The last date for receiving application for the 2020 batch will be 3rd February 2020. Short-listing process is generally completed by the end of February each year. Interview of the short-listed candidates will be conducted tentatively on 16th March 2020. Selected candidates are advised to join in the first week of June.

DURATION OF TRAINING

The candidate selected will be offered initial two years placement. Subject to successful completion, satisfactory appraisal and vacancy, training in the advanced modules in the third year may be available.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties and responsibilities of the fellow will be explained in detail after he/she joins the department by the supervising consultant. These will include but not limit to outpatient duties, ward responsibilities and operating theatre; night on-call shared with other surgical oncology specialties on a rotation and participate in all departmental and hospital teaching programs. The fellow should be punctual, behave ethically with professionalism and be devoted to patient care fulfilling the service needs of the hospital along with keeping up-to-date with knowledge. The fellows are expected to undertake clinical audit and research projects and present their results in national and international conferences and work towards getting these works published in peer-reviewed medical journals.

Interested candidates may email or post applications to:

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For any informal inquiry regarding the fellowship you may write to Dr Jaydip Bhaumik, Senior Consultant (jaydip.bhaumik@tmckolkata.com).