

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 Consultants. The department is divided into the following seven sub-units: Head-Neck, Gastrointestinal and Hepato, Pancratic Biliary, Breast, Urology, Gynecology, Thoracic, and Plastic, which also handles sarcoma. Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic and Paed surg is handled by visiting consultants. The hospital has 10 operation theatres and 1 operation theatre for brachytherapy. The theatres boast of positive pressure laminar air flow, HEPA filter, sophisticated anesthetic equipments, pendants, state-of- the-art operating lights and tables, touch-screen surgeon's panels, PACS, minimally invasive equipments, vessel sealing devices, operating microscope, laser, sentinel node biopsy, intra-operative ultrasonography, frozen section biopsy, TEG etc. Robotic Surgery is being done too, at TMC

Fellowship Objectives:

The Fellowship module aims to tutor personnel 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. Active efforts would be made to ensure that Fellows understand the value of molecular medicine in diagnosis and they would undergo brief structured laboratory training. The Department is keen on site-specialization and it is expected that the multi-disciplinary format would enthuse Fellows to develop site-specialty interest.

No of Fellowship Positions:

14 positions at any given time.

Fellowship Duration:

2 years

Eligibility Criteria

- **Essential:**

M.S. or DNB degree in General Surgery

- **Desirable:**

Worked for more than 1 year following a Masters Degree, preferably in an oncology unit. Candidates appearing for final PG examination may also apply.

Clinical responsibilities:

The Fellows will be involved in the managing out-patient and 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, discussing contemporary publications, seminars and organizing multidisciplinary meetings. These will be reinforced by periodic Faculty lectures. During this tenure they may be required to submit a dissertation. In addition, the Fellows may be expected to teach the nursing staff.

Expected Rotations/Work Schema:

3 months rotation in each in the following 7 Depts- Breast Surgery, GI PHB, Gynaec Oncosurgery, Head and Neck, Plastic and Sarcoma, Thoracic and Urology. Last one month to be utilized for critical care, Palliative care etc. Exposure to allied specialties like radiation oncology, medical oncology, molecular medicine, hematology, pathology, radiology etc will be given during the weekly Multidisciplinary Team meetings. They may choose to use the last one month for posting to a nationally acclaimed centre. If any Fellow chooses a subspecialty, the Fellowship may be extended by 1 year in sub specialty of choice, for suitable candidates. The Fellows will have to carry a Log Book to chronicle their operative/academic exposure.

Opportunities 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 or a possible placement in other centers.

Evaluation:

The Fellows will be assessed by periodic examinations, (Mid-term and Exit Exams) but in addition, a point-based system has been developed in house. The Continuous Assessment of Structured Training (CAST) score takes into account several parameters like the aptitude to take independent decision, communication skills, ability to work in a team etc.

***For more details about the job positions, qualifications, eligibility and application forms, please log on to our website: www.tmckolkata.com.**

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