

Consultant- Paediatric Haematology and Oncology

The **Tata Medical Center** is a philanthropic, tertiary care cancer centre governed by the Tata Medical Centre Trust. The hospital opened its doors in May 2011 and the Phase 2 expansion became functional in February 2019 to provide a total of 431 beds. The hospital aims to deliver comprehensive ethical cancer Management in a safe and comfortable environment with compassion, concern and care; to create a high standard of Teaching and Learning and promote a wide spectrum of academics, training and research activities in the field of Oncology. The centre is state of the art with modern accredited diagnostic facilities, electronic patient records receiving over 20,000 new referrals annually from West Bengal, neighboring states and countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. The main hospital campus is one of the three institutions established for management of cancer. The Tata Translational Cancer Research Centre (TTCRC) is located within the hospital campus. Premashraya, an affordable accommodation facility for outstation patients is located 1 km away. St Jude India has accommodation for children and their families in Premashraya spread over 2 floors.

More information on the hospital and the various departments and facilities are available on our [website](#).

This department has been active since the opening of the hospital. Initially, in-patient and day care facilities were shared with other departments. The department is now located in Phase 2, where there is dedicated floor for children with cancer. The in-patient facility has 33 beds with 7 isolation cubicles with both positive and negative air flow. There is a Paediatric day care facility on the same floor with 11 beds. Paediatric Intensive Care is positioned adjacent to the day care unit with 10 beds. The facility has its own waiting area for patients, offices and there is a plan to also shift the Paediatric outpatient clinic to the same floor. There is a play room/school room for children attending the facility.

The unit benefits from having dedicated social workers, nutritionist and a paediatric nursing team (Lead: Sister Sangita Choini). We are well supported by all diagnostic facilities, anaesthesia, paediatric surgery, paediatric orthopaedic surgery, palliative care, radiation oncology (Dr Rimpa Basu Achari) and child psychiatry (Dr Soumitra Shankar Dutta). There is a partnership with two leading ophthalmology centres for patients with retinoblastoma.

The clinical service looks after patients with solid tumours, haematological malignancies, benign haematology as well as children requiring stem cell transplantation. The latter is a shared facility with adult haematology. We receive approximately 500 new referrals annually. The centre is a member of the Indian Pediatric Hematology and Oncology (INPHOG) Research Foundation and St Jude Global.

Education, Training and Research

The department is accredited for subspeciality training in paediatric haematology and oncology by the National Board of Examinations with an annual intake of 3 Fellows annually. We benefit from having Adult Haematology Fellows on rotation as well as international fellows who come here for training. We are recognised by the WHO for the training of paediatric haematology and oncology. There are many options for research. The department is supported by TTCRC and faculty have extensive collaborations with other centres in India and abroad.

There are dedicated clinics for children with different malignancies as well as benign disorders. Management of complex tumours benefits from multidisciplinary in-house expertise. These include bone and soft tissue sarcomas, brain tumours and other paediatric solid tumours. The unit is the nodal centre for the Indian Childhood Collaborative Leukaemia Group.

Consultant Staff

1. Dr Arpita Bhattacharyya, MBBS, DCH, MRCP. The “founding consultant” of the department, Arpita’s interest’s lie in solid tumours, survivorship and infectious complications in paediatric cancer patients.
2. Dr Reghu KS, MBBS, MD, DM. Reghu’s areas of interest are bone tumours, sarcomas, lymphomas and bone marrow transplant. He is also the convenor for our fellowship program.
3. Dr Niharendu Ghara, MBBS, DCH, MD, MRCPC, FRCPath. Nihar, who is currently also our clinical lead, specialises in malignant and benign haematology as well as bone marrow transplant
4. Dr Parthasarathi Bhattacharyya, MBBS, DCH, MRCP. A certified intensivist, Partha is in charge of the paediatric intensive care unit. He coordinates the fellowship training program with Reghu coordinates the Blinatumomab program and runs the long term follow up (LTFU) clinic.

Supportive Consultant Staff

The department is supported by two consultant staff who are primarily based at TTCRC. They are:

1. Dr Shekhar Krishnan, MBBS, MRCP, FRCPath, PhD. Shekhar supports the benign and malignant haematological service.
2. Professor Vaskar Saha, MBBS, DCH, MD, PhD, FRCPCH, FRCPath. Vaskar, who is head of the department as well as Director TTCRC, supports the malignant haematology service.

Locum Consultant

1. Dr Debjani Ghosh, MBBS, MD

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

		Clinics						
	Solid Tumour	Specialised*	Haematology	Maintenance	BMT	LTFU	Teaching	MDT
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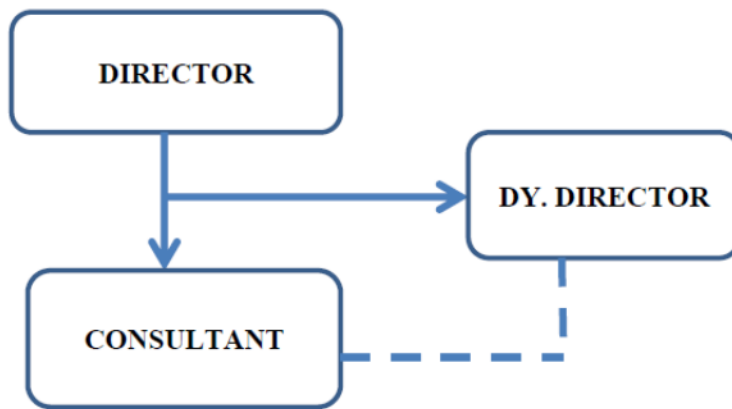
* Neuro-Oncology, Sarcomas, Hodgkin Disease Mon/Fri; Neuroblastoma, Hepatoblastoma Mon/Wed

LTFU = Long Term Follow Up Clinic held once a month

Every Saturday morning there is a hospital wide combined educational session

All clinics are consultant led. Consultants attend in-patient services and provide on-call service. This is 2 consultants (1:2) on weekdays and 1:4 on Sundays and Holidays. BMT is 1:2 rota.

Functional Hierarchy:



THE POST

Essential Qualifications and Experience Required:

The successful candidate is expected to be a qualified paediatrician with a DM in Paediatric Oncology/Haematology or equivalent which is NMC recognized / certified, with sufficient experience post qualification to qualify as a recognised teacher for the FNB program which is likely to be upgraded to the 3-year DrNB program. The minimum requirements are 2 years of experience after DM/FNB in paediatric haematology oncology or 5-years of exclusive experience in paediatric haematology oncology for a junior consultant. For a senior consultant the minimum experience required are 5 years post superspeciality training or 8 years of exclusive experience.

Job Responsibilities

Clinical

The post holder will work along with the current team of clinicians in in-patient, out-patient, day-care areas and participate in the consultant on-call rota. While special areas of interest are encouraged, the post holder is expected to be competent in the day to day management of all types of paediatric malignancies as well as typical emergencies seen in children with cancer. The department functions as a team oriented single unit and it is important that the individual works well within a team and is an effective communicator. The person should be able to take full and independent responsibility for the care of all patients.

Academic

The post holder is expected to actively contribute to all academic activities of the department. This includes multidisciplinary team meetings, training and supervision of Fellows, take part in Disease Management Groups, undertake departmental audits, studies, research projects and publish results of studies. The post holder is also required to participate in the academic activities of the hospital such as TALES and MARC meetings.

Technical

The post holder will be required to commit to participating in the managerial and administrative requirements of the department. This will include provide technical advice and evaluation for purchases for the Dept; develop treatment protocols and departmental SOPs and Guidelines and implement Quality control and Patient safety instructions

Administrative

The person may be required to help in organising departmental meetings, doctor's rotas as well contribute to the planning for the advancement of the Department. This may include maintaining and collection of department data, store and financial asset management.

Research

The post holder is expected to conduct research directed at improving patient care. He/she will also be expected to participate in national and international collaborative studies particularly the clinical trials for the different cancers being planned by INPHOG. We encourage participation and presentation at national and international conferences.

Others

We require an open minded, pleasant, reliable person who will communicate and work well with the medical, nursing teams and our patients.

***For more details about the job positions, qualifications, eligibility and application forms, please log on to our website: www.tmckolkata.com. For Further informal queries about the job and arrange a visit to the department please contact Dr Niharendu Ghara (niharendu.ghara@tmckolkata.com).**

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