



## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### DEPARTMENT OF GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY

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# TATA MEDICAL CENTER

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## ABOUT THE INSTITUTION AND THE DEPARTMENT

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.

The gynaecological oncology team now consists of five consultants and six national and additional international trainees, supported by a highly skilled multidisciplinary team. Our team attends about 200 women in the OPD each week and performs nearly 800 advanced gynaecological cancer surgical procedures each year. We specialize in robotic surgery in gynaecological cancer and advanced cytoreductive surgery for ovarian cancer along with hyper-thermic intra-peritoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). We are the only centre in India that is accredited by the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) for advanced ovarian cancer surgery.

## PHILOSOPHY OF THIS TRAINING PROGRAMME:

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 ability 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 not only treats the women with cancer of the reproductive organs, they also play a major role in preventive oncology and makes contribution to the ever expanding scope of knowledge in this super specialty. The training is aimed at developing a gynaecological oncologist who is caring and competent and can work in a team environment to provide the best possible care to the ailing women.

## TRAINING MODULES

- Core gynaecological oncology
  - Clinical assessment
  - Interpretation of investigation results
  - Pre-operative assessment
  - Perform advanced gynaecological cancer surgery
    - Open surgery
    - Minimally invasive surgery
  - Post operative care and follow up
- Preventive oncology
  - Cervical screening
  - Colposcopy
- Additional training (Subject to the duration of training)
  - GI oncology
  - Uro oncology
  - Clinical and radiation oncology
  - Communication skill
  - Clinical audit and research

## THE DEPARTMENTAL TIME TABLE

Days	Before 9 am	9am – 12pm	12pm – 2pm	2pm – 5pm	Beyond 5pm
Monday	Journal club Surg Onc	Ward round All day OPD or OT			Evening ward round In OT if needed
Tuesday	Ward round	All day OPD or OT			Evening ward round In OT if needed
Wednesday	Ward round	All day OPD or OT			Evening ward round In OT if needed
Thursday	Ward round	MDTM	OPD		Evening ward round Complete seeing patients in OPD
Friday	Ward round	All day OPD or OT			Evening ward round In OT if needed
Saturday	TALES/MARC	Grand round Lecture classes OT planning Reflections		Complete any pending work End of day ward round	
Sunday	Ward round by rotation, emergency cover as and when necessary				
Weekly	All trainees are posted on day time ward duty, 7 am till 10 pm from Sunday to Saturday by rotation attending to all new admissions and admitted patients.				

## TRAINEES ROUTINE

Trainee type	Schedule	Yr one		Yr two	
		First 6 mo	6 to 12 mo	First 6 mo	6 to 12 mo
International 2 yr Fellowship	MDT	Y	Y	Y	Y (supervise)
	OPD	Y(4/wk)	Y(3/wk)	Y(2/wk)	Y(1/wk)
	Ward Week	Y	Y	Y	Supervise
	OT	Y (1/wk)	Y (2/wk)	OT (3/wk)	OT (4/wk)
Trainee type	Schedule	First 3 mo	Months 3 to 6	Months 6 to 9	Months 9 to 12
International 1 yr Fellowship	MDT	Y	Y	Y	Y
	OPD	Y(4/wk)	Y(3/wk)	Y(2/wk)	Y(1/wk)
	Ward Week	Y	Y	Y	Supervise
	OT	Y (1/wk)	Y (2/wk)	OT (3/wk)	OT (4/wk)
Trainee type	Schedule	First 1 month	Months 2 and 3	Months 4 and 5	6th month
International 6 months Fellowship	MDT	Y	Y	Y	Y
	OPD	Y(4/wk)	Y(3/wk)	Y(2/wk)	Y(1/wk)
	Day Ward Duty	Y	Y	Y	Supervise
	OT	Y (1/wk)	Y (2/wk)	OT (3/wk)	OT (4/wk)

## THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The candidate will have to send an application to the Deputy Director Tata Medical Center, Dr Sanjay Kapoor (sanjay.kapoor@tmckolkata.com) copying to the Head of the Department, Gynaecological Oncology, Dr Jaydeep Bhaumik (jaydip.bhaumik@tmckolkata.com). The application should clearly mention the intention of training of the candidate and the intended duration.

As we get many applications, an interview is organised by the institution from time to time based on the availability of the fellowship position. Once a candidate is deemed fit for the post through a zoom interview, the position is offered and the registration process initiated. The candidate needs to obtain temporary permission from the National Medical Commission of India before starting the training. This may take up to 3 months before the permission is granted. The institution provides personal support to the candidate during the application process.

The training post at our institution is not funded and there are no stipends. There are no fees for the training either. The international trainees has to arrange their own funding for accommodation and subsistence through their Government or University or other charitable agencies. The duration of training ranges between one and two years, depending on the background experience of the candidate and the availability and provision for funding.

*For any query contact Dr Jaydip Bhaumik, Head of the Department, Gynaecological Oncology*

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