

Fellowship programme for doctors in Palliative Care



Tata Medical Center, Kolkata

The Tata Medical Center is a state of the art, philanthropic, comprehensive cancer centre which aims to provide high standards of quality assured care. The various departments of the centre work closely in a multidisciplinary manner, thereby ensuring standardised care to the patients. The hospital aims to provide unique training opportunities to young clinicians keen to obtain enriching experience in clinical service and research. The Fellowship programmes have been designed in a manner, which would not only help enhance their knowledge, but also develop a holistic, compassionate approach to combat cancer. Our mission is to develop compassionate knowledgeable physicians who would be leaders in cancer medicine. This mission will be accomplished through comprehensive education and training in both clinical and community-based practice, laboratory services, and research, clinical, translational and basic science. Department of Integrated Palliative Care and Psycho-oncology of Tata Medical Centre looks after the physical, psychological, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of adults and children suffering from terminal cancer and their family members. The care starts from the time of diagnosis and the department works in harmony with the department of Surgical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Gynaecological Oncology and Medical Oncology.

Fellowship objectives:

1. To learn and pick up skills to look after the patients who are under palliative care.
2. To learn pain management in a palliative setting.
3. To learn diagnosis and management of psychiatric co morbidities in a medically ill person.
4. To learn to provide a holistic care for patients under palliative care that includes physical care, emotional care, spiritual care and social care.
5. To learn to work in and interface with multidisciplinary teams and from various other specialities as Surgical Oncology, Paediatric Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology and other specialities.
6. To understand the care needs of patients who are being discharged home and help in setting up systems in place.
7. To learn communication skills to help in the care of the patients and family members.
8. To engage in research activities of the department that includes doing systematic reviews, independent studies on special patient groups, pain management and service development related research.

Essential Qualifications:

MD in General Medicine or allied specialities is essential. There may be some posts in addition to the above post for candidates who do not have an MD, to give them experience in the field to work as a medical officer.

No of Fellowship Positions: One every year

Fellowship Duration: One year