

Jewish General Hospital (Palliative Tertiary Care)

The resident will spend two months at the Jewish General Hospital, a tertiary care university affiliated hospital which offers a wide range of services, including medical and radiation oncology.

One of the characteristics of the Supportive Care/Palliative Care Division at the JGH is the early integration of Palliative Care in the follow-up of cancer patients. A specific member of the division is assigned to a specific oncological team (gyne-oncology, pulmonary, radiotherapy, hemato-oncology, medical oncology and young adults with cancer) and holds ambulatory clinic side by side with the treating oncologists. This presents a unique opportunity for the resident to practice an early integration of supportive care/palliative care in the follow-up of cancer patients still receiving active oncologic treatment.

The resident will also take care of patients on the palliative care units (a short term unit of 17 beds and a semi-acute palliative unit of 13 beds). The resident will also act as a consultant on various medical and surgical wards. As a consultant on these wards, the resident will have the possibility of working with other specialties outside of oncology that are exploring how to collaborate with our service in providing end of life care to their patients, such as cardiology and nephrology.

The resident will also have an opportunity to teach more junior residents and mentor them on the palliative care unit each month an average of 4 to 5 residents and trainees rotating through our Division.

There will be call duties during these two palliative care rotations: two weekend days per month, which can be done together, such as a Saturday and Sunday, or separately such as two different Saturdays. The resident will be expected to be in hospital those call days as of 9 am, to address issues on the palliative care unit as well as consults in the Emergency Department or on other wards. The resident will be expected to be in hospital until 17:00 but will have to answer the pager until 23:00. A palliative care staff will always be available by pager but will be in hospital during the day.