

Fellowship in GI Oncology Radiotherapy

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General Information

Duration: one year

Number of fellows: maximum of one

Hospital involved: Jewish General Hospital/ Montreal General Hospital

Goals and Objectives

The fellowship program goal is to allow for a broader understanding of present controversies in ano-rectal cancer as well as upper GI cancer. This fellowship program is designed for acquisition of new technical skills from standard radiation therapy, IMRT, image guided high dose rate brachytherapy and electronic brachytherapy. The fellow is expected to develop better understanding of clinical trials and research, and the complexity of multimodalities management of GI patients. During this fellowship year, he or she will participate in the writing of a new phase II clinical trial and will be actively involved in the recruitment of ongoing clinical trials and daily management of patients with GI tumors.

Content and Organization

The fellow will attend all relevant clinics at the JGH/ MGH as well as all relevant tumour boards, radiotherapy rounds and patient's management conference.

Scholarly activities are an integral component of the program. In addition to participation in ongoing clinical research studies it is expected that the fellow will develop and take to completion at least one clinical/translational/basic research project. A presentation at national or international scientific meetings is strongly encouraged and will be supported financially.

He/she will act as a resource for residents in radiation oncology and contribute to the postgraduate and undergraduate teaching programs in radiation oncology as well as those of related programs (surgical oncology, neurosurgery, medical oncology ...).

The fellow will be expected to participate in the department coverage schedule during regular daytime working hours

Vacation/Conferences

The fellow is granted 4 weeks of vacation plus an additional week during either the Christmas or New Year's holidays. The fellow is also granted one week to attend a conference if he/she wishes to do so. If he/she presents a paper at a major conference, the time of the conference is not counted against his/her conference or vacation time. In addition, he/she may request funding for expenses incurred to attend the meeting where he/she presents, provided that the research was done in the department of Radiation Oncology at McGill University

General guidelines, prerequisites, and general and specific competencies

General guidelines, prerequisites, and general and specific competencies are given in the McGill Faculty of Medicine website:

<http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/postgrad/programs.htm>

Evaluation and assessment of progress

The fellow will present a progress report quarterly to the Fellowship Director. Formal evaluation of the fellow's progress will be performed quarterly according to the Promotions Guidelines.

Before the end of the training period the fellow will be expected to present the results of his/her research project at Radiation Oncology Rounds.

Evaluation on completion of the fellowship will require submission of a clinical case log and updated curriculum vitae to the Fellowship Director. On successful completion of the fellowship the fellow will receive a certificate signed by the Program Director.

Impact of fellowship on resources for residency training

The fellow will be based at the Jewish General Hospital/ Montreal General Hospital. He/she will be provided with working space and a computer and will have access to treatment planning computers and all other equipment and support required in order to meet the training objectives.

Patient numbers and other resources at the McGill University Health Centre are more than adequate to support the fellowship program without jeopardizing residency training. To the contrary, we believe that the presence of a fellow in stereotactic radiotherapy program will strengthen training for our residents as well as for residents in other related programs by acting as a resource for them and providing additional teaching through participation in rounds, journal clubs, and the formal teaching programs.