

Residents

The training course for residents is divided into two categories: 3-year resident program and 2-year chief resident program. The former is for physicians and surgeons who have more than three years of clinical experience as generalists. This course is designed to train clinicians to have general knowledge about clinical oncology. They spend one year rotating among divisions related to imaging diagnosis, pathology, and critical care medicine to obtain wide basic knowledge and to learn the techniques specific to clinical oncology. In the remaining two years, they rotate clinical units of their interest. For example, trainees in surgical oncology will rotate to all the organ-specific units of the Surgical Division, focusing on training in specialized surgical technique, perioperative management, and policies for decision making regarding treatment. For those in medical oncology, specific training program oriented to general oncology is provided.

The chief resident program provides advanced

training designed to develop leading clinical oncologists in specific fields. Trainees who are selected, normally have more than five years of clinical experience including the resident program. They spend the first year as chief residents of specific clinical units. This category of our training program is more organ- or disease-specific than that for residents. Chief residents are responsible in organizing the staff, residents, and patients and also for the clinical practices of the team. The second year is devoted to clinical or basic research. The Research Institute provides an opportunity for participants to pursue basic research at their request.

In recent years, the capacity for residents has gradually expanded, reflecting a nationwide need for physicians and surgeons specializing in the care of cancer patients. The following table shows the residents currently working at our institution. They are the backbone of our clinical activities.

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Number of Residents Trained (2003)

	Total
Residents	79
33rd term (third year):	22
34th term (second year):	28
35th term (first year):	29
Chief residents	35
13th term (second year):	18
14th term (first year):	17