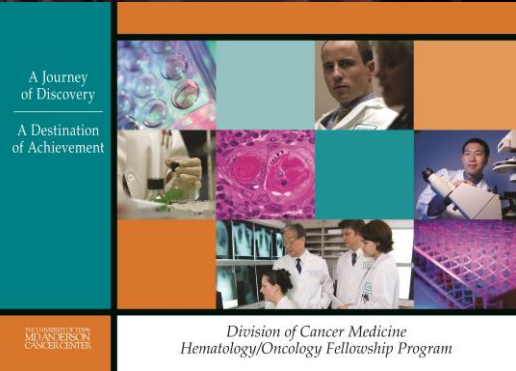




Need for Clinical Cancer Biologists Medical Oncology Training Programs



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Making Cancer History®

Hematology/Oncology Curriculum

1-18 M:

- Mandated clinical rotations for 12-18 M
- Continuity clinic 1 ½ per week

19-36 M:

Individualized (tailored) training tracks:

- **Physician Scientist:**
 - ▶ Predominantly laboratory-based research
- **Clinician Investigator:**
 - ▶ Drug development and clinical trial design
 - ▶ Epidemiology, genetics, outcomes research, prevention
 - ▶ Masters of Science in patient-based biological research
- **Community-Based Practice:**
 - ▶ Electives in neuro-oncology, radiation oncology, community oncology (satellite clinics)

American Society of Clinical Oncology and Fellowship Training

- ASCO has no OFFICIAL role in fellowship training
 - ASCO supports educational initiatives
 - In-training examination for 2nd and 3rd-year fellows, 2007
 - Career planning workshops
 - Fellows lounge
 - Communications/breaking bad news
 - ASCO supports research
 - Young investigator awards: \$50,000 for 1 year
 - Grant-writing workshops
 - Travel awards to present original research
- } Annual Meeting

Oncology is Changing!

1960s-1970s

- Cell cycle kinetics
- Alkylator therapy

1980s-1990s

- Expansion of cytotoxic agents
- Colony-stimulating factors
- High-dose chemotherapy
- Begin multidisciplinary care

2000-Present

- Molecular therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Routine multidisciplinary care
- Personalized cancer therapy

Training Must Change!

Clinical Cancer Biologist Team Medicine & Team Science

- **Administrator/Leader**
- **Clinician**
- **Clinical Investigator**
- **Epidemiologist**
- **Translational Researcher**
- **Basic Researcher**

Role of Academic Oncologists

- **High quality of care for patients**
 - **Establishment of standard of care**
 - **Innovative research opportunities**
 - **Implementation of multidisciplinary care**
- **Production of high-quality evidence or ideas**
 - **Innovative research**
 - **Innovative clinical trials**

Building a system for the future

- **Platform oriented approaches**
(Pharmacogenomics, biomarkers, etc.)
- **Seamless delivery of care and treatment**
- **Patient-oriented and patient-centered research and treatment**
- **Survivorship Medicine**

The Oncologist of the 21st Century

- **Multidisciplinary team member or team leader**
- **Maximize efficacy, minimize toxicity, and respect organ preservation (personalized medicine)**
- **Develop robust communication skills & leadership**
- **Biology- and patient oriented clinician**

Studying Abroad

- What is your vision?
- Is your vision aligned with your host/mentor?
- Well defined goals based on mission and vision
- Communication and leadership skills?

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