Department of Radiation Oncology

The Department of Radiation Oncology (http://radonc.wustl.edu) was created on July 1, 2001, having been part of the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology for many decades. The department has a broad academic program that focuses on excellence in patient care and the development of new treatment paradigms; innovative research in each of the four divisions of clinical, physics, biology and bioinformatics; and teaching for residents in radiation oncology, medical students and allied health personnel. The department is one of the largest, most academically balanced and best equipped in the country, and is responsible for all radiation therapy procedures at Washington University Medical Center. Our faculty have gained international recognition for innovative technological advances in physics and treatment planning, biological research, computer applications and clinical investigation.

Milestones

- Implementation of novel respiratory gating algorithms
- Development of biomarkers of DNA repair capacity of tumors
- Demonstrated the use of proton therapy
- Implementation of first Mevion S250 single room proton therapy system
- Implementation of real-time MRI guidance for radiation therapy treatment with the ViewRay system. Real-time MRI guidance provides the ability to see tumors move in real-time during a patient’s entire treatment. This helps ensure that tumor targets are hit and healthy tissue is spared.
- Acquisition of high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) with MRI thermometry mapping

The Department of Radiation Oncology currently occupies a large and convenient clinical facility on the lower level of the Center for Advanced Medicine. The downtown clinical facility includes nine linear accelerator rooms, three simulator rooms, and a brachytherapy center with two high dose-rate treatment units. Furthermore, the facility houses the latest Gamma Knife Perfexion unit. We have advanced treatment planning computer systems for 3-D conformal and intensity-modulated radiation therapy. We have five linear accelerators with on-board CT imaging capability. The brachytherapy suite includes capability for high dose-rate remote afterloading and for image-guided permanent prostate seed implants. Interstitial and external hyperthermia treatments are also available. We recently implemented a new type of proton treatment facility, using a superconducting synchrocyclotron mounted on a gantry, and also recently implemented the world’s first MRI-guided radiation therapy treatment program. Additionally, the department provides radiation therapy treatment at BJ South County, BJ West County, BJ Christian Hospital Northeast, and BJ St. Peters.

The Physics faculty have research laboratories and offices on the fourth floor of the Clinical Sciences Research Building plus designated areas adjacent to the clinical facility in the CAM building. The Radiation Biology laboratory and faculty offices are housed at the 4511 Forest Park Building and Wohl Hospital Building.

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Degrees & Requirements

While the Department of Radiation Oncology does not offer its own degree, some of the department’s courses are open to students in the MD and MSTP (MD/PhD) programs. Further information about the MD and MSTP degrees can be found in the Degrees & Programs Offered (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/degrees) section of this Bulletin.

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Please visit the Department of Radiation Oncology website (http://radonc.wustl.edu/research) for more information about current research in the department.

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