Department of Radiation Oncology

The Department of Radiation Oncology (http://radonc.wustl.edu/) was created in 2001, after 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 our three divisions: Clinical, Medical Physics and Cancer Biology; and teaching graduate students, medical students, residents in both radiation oncology and medical physics, and allied health personnel.

The department is one of the largest, most academically balanced, and best equipped in the country, and it is responsible for all radiation therapy procedures at Washington University Medical Center and at Siteman Cancer Center facilities throughout the St. Louis regional area. Our faculty have gained international recognition for innovative technological advances in physics and treatment planning, biological research, computer applications and clinical investigation.

We have advanced treatment planning computer systems for 3D conformal and intensity-modulated radiation therapy as well as the latest Gamma Knife, the ICON unit. We have six linear accelerators with on-board CT imaging capability. The brachytherapy suite includes capabilities for high dose rate remote after-loading and for image-guided permanent prostate seed implants. Interstitial and external hyperthermia treatments are also available.

The Department of Radiation Oncology offers the following formal educational programs:

- Clinical Residency Training Program (4 years), ACGME-accredited; established 1971
- Medical Physics Residency Training Program (2 years), CAMPEP-accredited; established 1993
- Post-PhD Graduate Certificate in Medical Physics (1-2 years), CAMPEP-accredited; established 2017
- Master of Science (MS) in Medical Physics (2 years), CAMPEP-accredited; established 2020
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Medical Physics (2-5 years); established 2022

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Research Electives
Radiation Oncology Research Electives
The Cancer Biology division provides opportunities for graduate students in the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences (http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Pages/ (DBBS)) and the Medical Scientist Training Program (http://mstp.wustl.edu/Pages/) (MSTP) to train with faculty in the cancer biology research laboratories.

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

Courses
Graduate Programs in Medical Physics
For course information related to the Master of Science in Medical Physics, the PhD in Medical Physics, and the Post-PhD Graduate Certificate in Medical Physics, please visit the Medical Physics page (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/areas-of-study/medical-physics/#courses) of this Bulletin.

MD/MSTP Programs
The Department of Radiation Oncology offers courses that are open to students in the MD and MSTP (MD/PhD) programs. For course information, please visit the online course listings (https://acadinfo.wustl.edu/CourseListings/Semester/Listing.aspx).

M92 RadOnc 801 Clinical Radiation Oncology (Clinical Elective)
The Radiation Oncology clinical division offers an elective with emphasis on the evaluation, planning, and administration of radiation therapy in patients with malignant tumors. Students will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the natural history of cancer as well as its pathological and biological features. Students will sharpen
their clinical skills by participating in the management of cancer patients. Students will be mentored to prepare and lead a department noon conference on the management of a specific patient’s care, including literature review and discussion. Students will be expected to prepare for clinical consultations by reviewing patient records and relevant literature, obtaining the patient’s history, and performing a physical examination. This will be followed by presenting findings and a proposed care plan to the attending and resident physicians. This course is designed for MS4 students who are entering the Radiation Oncology Match. If a student is an MS4 applying in another specialty but interested in a radiation oncology elective, we encourage them to pursue a two-week special study elective in Radiation Oncology.

M92 RadOnc 910 Radiation Oncology Advanced Clinical Rotation (ACR)
The Department of Radiation Oncology invites students planning to apply for radiation oncology residency to enroll in the Radiation Oncology Advanced Clinical Rotation (ACR). The field of radiation oncology involves the delivery of therapeutic radiation for patients with malignant and some benign conditions. Radiation oncology is a field which has a great team dynamic among physicians, physicists, nurses, therapists, social workers, and many others. We also collaborate in a multi-disciplinary fashion with medical oncology and surgical oncology. Clinical care will be provided at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, South County, and West County.

This course will fully immerse the student in the field of radiation oncology and prepare them for a successful transition to radiation oncology residency. Students will be directly involved in patient care, including seeing new outpatient and inpatient consults, follow ups, and on-treatment patients. Students will review the patient charts as well as relevant literature, obtain the patient’s history, perform a physical exam, and counsel the patient regarding their proposed treatment recommendations. The student will then present their findings and proposed treatment plan to the resident and attending. Students will also be involved in radiation simulations, contouring, and treatment planning. Students will attend lectures on clinical management, radiation biology, and radiation physics. Students will present at the department case management conference as well as give a talk at the completion of the rotation to department faculty and residents. During this course, students will expand their knowledge of radiation oncology and will be well prepared to start radiation oncology residency.

Student time distribution: Inpatient 10%; Outpatient 75%; Conferences/Lectures 15%; Subspecialty Care 100%

Patients seen weekly: 20-35

On-call/weekend responsibility: ACR students will participate in on-call duties during the rotation.

Credit: 140 units.