# Application Guidelines for October Admission, 2017 and April Admission, 2018

# Doctoral Program in Medicine Graduate School of Medicine Fukushima Medical University

(This is a translation of the original Japanese version. The Japanese version is authoritative and always takes precedence over this version.)

# 1. Major, Division and Enrollment Capacity

The applicants for the PhD program of the Graduate School of Medicine are required to choose one of courses below, according to their research purpose, and to choose one of the divisions of research below to specialize in.

	Enrollmen	t Capacity	Division (*1)		
Major & Course	October Admission in 2017	April Admission in 2018			
Graduate School of Medicine (*2)	Examination for General Applicants: Several	Examination for General Applicants:	Detailed information on the features of each course and research subjects of each division can be found on page 14 and following of this guidebook.		
Course for Researchers	includes	Applicants Working onals (*3)			
Course for	Examination for International	【Examination for International			
Medical Practitioner Researchers	Students (*4): Several	Students (*4): Several			

Notes: 1. The divisions in the above table is as of April in 2017. On applying for the entrance examination of the April admission in 2018, confirm the latest information about the divisions available on the web site of Fukushima Medical University.

2. It is possible to conduct research at the graduate school while working for Fukushima Medical University Hospital as a doctor-in-training.

- Working professionals are defined as professionals who are currently employed at public agencies, research institutes, hospitals, or private companies and who will maintain their employment status after enrollment.
- 4. International students are defined as students who have entered Japan for the purpose of enrolling in graduate schools at universities and who hold or are expected to hold the resident status of "college student" as stipulated under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.

#### **Course for Researchers**

This course is mainly for graduates of a School of Medicine, and holders of a Master's degree from the Master's program in Medical Science at Fukushima Medical University and those who have a Master's degree in a field other than medicine, and graduates researchers who will contribute to the development of the field of medicine.

#### **Course for Medical Practitioner Researchers**

This course is mainly for residents who have completed clinical resident training in the School of Medicine at Fukushima Medical University or other university after graduating from the School of Medicine at Fukushima Medical University or other university. This course produces specialized practitioners with research ability who will contribute to the development of clinical medicine.

This course also includes the "Oncologist Training Course" based on the "Cancer Professional Training Plan" (See page 11).

#### 2. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must have one of the following qualifications.

There may be cases where foreign applicants, who have received school education in Japan, are qualified for application even if they don't meet the conditions below. For further information concerning your eligibility, please contact Student Affairs Division, Entrance Examination Section.

- (1) Those who have completed or expect to complete a 6-year program in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medical sciences or pharmacy, at a university by March 2018. For those who will enroll in October 2017 the term just mentioned will be by September 2017.
- (2) Those who have completed or expect to complete, by March 2018, 18 years of school education ending with the program in the field of medicine or related area in a country other than Japan. For those who will enroll in October 2017 the term just mentioned will be by September 2017.

Note: The above qualification includes those have received less than 18 years of school education but have spent an equivalent or longer period conducting research in a university, research institute, research organization or other facility, and whose research has been evaluated by the Graduate School of Fukushima Medical University as showing a scholastic ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate in medicine or related field.

- (3) Those who are approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as following:
  - (i) Those who have graduated or expect to graduate from the National Defense Medical College pursuant to the Act for the Establishment of the Ministry of Defense (Act No. 164 of 1954) by March 2018. For those who will enroll in October 2017, the term just mentioned will be by September 2017.
  - (ii) Those who have completed a master's program or a professional graduate school program pursuant to article 99, paragraph 2 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947) or can receive master's credentials.
  - (iii) Those who have been enrolled for two years or more in a doctoral course that does not distinguish between a master's and doctoral period, have earned 30 credits or more and have received necessary research guidance (including those who fall under Article 6-1 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No.9 of 1953) prior to the revisions enacted under Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No.29 of 1974, and who have been recognized by the Graduate School of Fukushima Medical University as having a scholastic ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate in medicine or related field.
  - (iv) Those who have graduated from a university (in other than courses in medicine or related field) or who have completed 16 years of school education and subsequently spent at least two years conducting research in a university, research institute, research organization or other facility, and whose research has been evaluated by the Graduate School of Fukushima Medical University as showing a scholastic ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate in medicine or related field.
- (4) Those who have been recognized by the Graduate School of Fukushima Medical University in its individual qualification screening process as having a scholastic ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate in medicine or related field and who are 24 years old or older, or will be 24 years old by the end of the academic year.

The above qualifications are independent of whether or not the applicant has a medical license.

# 3. Preliminary Screening for Qualification

Applicants included in the Note in (2), (iii) and (iv) in (3), or (4) in Qualifications for Application must submit in person or send the required documents (specified in the Section (2) below) and undergo a screening for qualification in advance.

#### (1) Application Period For Preliminary Screening

October	July 10 (Monday) – July 14(Friday), 2017, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Admission	July 10 (Moliday) – July 14(Pilday), 2017, 9.00 A.M. – 3.00 P.M.
April	October 27 (Friday) – November 2 (Thursday), 2017, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Admission	October 27 (Filday)— November 2 (Fildisday), 2017, 9.00 A.M. – 5.00 F.M.

In the case of mailing, the documents must be sent by registered mail, and "Application for

Preliminary Screening for Qualification" must be written in red ink on the front of the envelope. They must reach the office no later than the appointed day above.

#### (2) Application Materials

All documents must be in Japanese or English.

Materials	Notes			
Application Form for	Prescribed form			
Preliminary Screening	rieschibed form			
Statement of Application	Draggeihad form or form againstant to proggrihad and			
Purpose	Prescribed form or form equivalent to prescribed one			
A - 1 - mi - To- m - mint	Certificate issued and sealed by the educational institute last			
Academic Transcript	attended			
Craduation Contificate	Certificate of completion or expectation to complete the degree,			
Graduation Certificate	issued and sealed by the educational institute last attended			
	Only for working professionals			
Employer's Permission to	Prescribed form completed by the applicant's superior or the			
Take Examination	director of the institute or organization where the applicant is			
	currently employed			
Statement of Research	Prescribed form or form equivalent to prescribed one			
Activities and	A statement clearly providing the details of the contents and			
Achievements	results of the research conducted by applicant			

The applicants may be required to submit documents or certificates other than those listed above when necessary for screening.

#### (3) Screening Procedure

The School will examine the documents submitted by applicants for preliminary qualification screening. In the process of preliminary screening, it is possible that applicants may be requested to have interviews (oral examination) when necessary for screening.

# (4) Notification of Results

Applicants will be notified of the results of the Preliminary Screening for Qualification before the application period.

# 4. Period for Reception of Application

October	July 18 (Tuesday) – July 26 (Wednesday), 2017, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Admission	(Except Saturday & Sunday)
April	November 13 (Monday) - November 22 (Thursday), 2017, 9:00 A.M
Admission	5:00 P.M. (Except Saturday, Sunday & Holiday)

In the case of mailing, the documents must be sent by registered mail, and "Application for

the Doctor's Program of the Graduate School" must be written in red ink on the front of the envelope. They must reach the office no later than the appointed day above.

# **5. Application Procedures**

Before applying, the applicants are required to contact a prospective academic supervisor and sufficiently understand the contents of the education and research curriculum.

The applicants who have undergone Preliminary Screening for Qualification do not have to submit the application materials they have already submitted.

# (1) Application Materials Common for All Applicants

Application Materials	Notes					
	Prescribed form					
Application Form	Complete the Curriculum Vitae which includes the applicant's careers					
Application Form	since graduating from high school, on the back side of Application					
	Form.					
	Prescribed form					
Photo Identification	Paste a photograph in the space provided on the card. The					
Card /Examination	photograph should have been taken within three months prior to					
Admission Card	application and should be 4cm long by 3cm wide, clearly displaying a					
	frontal, hatless view of the upper part of the body.					
Statement of						
Application Purpose	Prescribed form or form equivalent to prescribed one					
	Transcript issued and sealed by the educational institute last attended					
	Applicant who has completed the master's program of a graduate					
	school must submit transcript issued by the graduate school as					
Academic Transcript	well as one issued by the undergraduate university attended.					
	Not required for those who have completed or expect to complete the					
	School of Medicine or the Master's Program of the Graduate School of					
	Medicine, Fukushima Medical University					
Cartificate of	Certificate of completion or expectation to complete the degree,					
Certificate of	issued and sealed by the educational institute last attended					
(Expected)	Not required for those who have completed or expect to complete the					
Graduation /	School of Medicine or the Master's Program of the Graduate School of					
Completion	Medicine, Fukushima Medical University					
	Transfer 30,000 yen to the designated account at the Japan Post					
Application Foo	Bank or post office and paste the Certificate of Payment stamped					
Application Fee	with the receipt date in the specified space on the Application Form.					
	Post Office transfer fee is to be paid by the applicant.					

Envelope for	Affix a stamp/stamps for 362 yen, and write full name, address and					
Delivery of	postal code on a standard envelope for delivery of Examination					
Examination	Admission Card.					
Admission Card						

# (2) Application Materials for Working Professionals

Working Professionals who have not been required to take Preliminary Screening for Qualification must submit the following application materials in addition to those listed in (1) above.

Application Materials	Notes
Statement of	Prescribed form or form equivalent to prescribed one
Application Purpose	
Employer's	Prescribed form completed by the applicant's superior or the director
Permission to Take	of the institute or organization where the applicant is currently
Examination	employed
Statement of Research	Prescribed form or form equivalent to prescribed one
Activities and	A statement clearly providing the details of the contents and results of
Achievements	the research conducted by applicant

# (3) Application Materials for International Students

International students must submit the following application materials in addition to those listed in (1) above.

Application Materials	Notes			
Certificate of Health	Prescribed form			
Certificate of Foreign Resident (Alien)	Issued by the local government office			
Registration				
Letter of Recommendation	Any format			
	A letter of recommendation from the president			
	of the university where the applicant graduated			
	or from the applicant's faculty supervisor			

Note: Applicants may be required to submit documents or certificates other than those listed above when necessary for screening.

#### 6. Selection Procedure

The applicants will be selected on the basis of comprehensive evaluation of the results of essay and oral examination and the information given in the submitted application materials.

- (1) Examination Subjects for general applicants and working professionals:
  - (i) Essay Examination
  - (ii) Oral Examination (Interview)

### (2) Examination Subjects for International Students:

- (i) Essay Examination
- (ii) Oral Examination (Interview)
- (iii) Medical Checkup

Note: International students are permitted to write the essay in English.

# 7. Schedule of Examination for All Applicants

	Date	Subjects & Time		
October	August 5 (Sat) 2017			
Admission	August 5 (Sat), 2017	Essay Examination: 9:00 – 10:00		
April		Oral Examination: 10:30–		
Admission	December 9 (Sat), 2017			

Detailed information of examination place and appointed time for assembling will be provided with Examination Admission Card sent to applicants.

#### 8. Announcement of Successful Applicants

October Admission	September 21 (Thu), 2017	
April Admission	January 18 (Thu), 2018	

The examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the Building No.6 south outdoor bulletin board at 10:00 AM. Official notification of result will also be issued and mailed with admission documents and instructions for its procedure to successful applicants.

# 9. Admission Procedure

Successful applicants must send by mail the required documents and certificates to the office indicated in (2) below or submit them in person to the office.

# (1) Period of Admission Procedure

October	September 21 (Thu) – September 29 (Fri), 2017, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Admission	(Except Saturday & Sunday)
April	January 18 (Thu) – January 26 (Fri), 2018, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Admission	(Except Saturday & Sunday )

- (i) In the case of mailing, the required documents and certificate of admission must be sent to the office indicated below by registered express mail and must reach there during the above period.
- (ii) If the applicant has not completed the admission procedure within the specified period, she or he will be considered to have declined admission.

#### (2) Office for Admission Procedure

**Educational Affairs Section** 

**Student Affairs Division** 

School of Medicine

Fukushima Medical University

1 Hikarigaoka, Fukushima-shi, Fukushima 960-1295, Japan

Tel: +81-24-547-1095 (direct line)

# (3) Materials Required for Admission

- (i) Written Pledge (ii) Letter of Guarantee (iii) Certificate of Residence
- (iv) Application for the Specialized Subjects (v) Student Record
- (vi) Photograph (two copies) (vii) Application for Automatic Account Transfer of Tuition Fee
- (viii) Documents related to System for an Extended Period of Study

#### (4) Admission Fee and Tuition

- (i) Admission Fee: 282,000 yen (Admission Fee must be paid at time of admission procedure.)
- (ii) Annual Tuition: 535,000 yen (Annual Tuition must be paid after enrollment. The payment must be by bank account transfer and will be due in half-yearly installments by the end of April and October.)

Note: The amount of Admission Fee and Annual Tuition are subject to change. If the tuition is revised after enrollment, the revised amount will be applied from the time of the revision.

#### 10. Other Information

- (1) Applicants must assemble in the examination room no later than an appointed time and follow the instructions given there.
- (2) Application materials submitted on applying and application fee once paid will not be returned, under any circumstances.
- (3) Admission can be canceled even after matriculation if any of application materials are falsified or fabricated.
- (4) Personal information provided in application documents and certificates are used only for admission selection procedure, admission procedure, study guidance after enrollment, and liaison work. The personal information is not used for any other purpose.
- (5) For Further Information and Inquiries

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# **Admission Guide**

#### 1. Aim and Mission

The aim of the Fukushima Medical University Graduate School PhD Program is to teach and research both theory and practice of science, to investigate thoroughly its principle, to provide new insights into scientific achievement, to contribute to the development of culture, and to foster talented men and women who will be the leaders in medical research.

Since 2004 four divisions of research, namely, Community Medicine and Aging Science, Functional and Regulatory Medical Sciences, Neurology, and Molecular Pathogenesis had been organized for education and research. In 2009 these divisions were integrated and reorganized as Graduate School of Medicine, PhD program.

In the newly established Graduate School of Medicine, PhD program, a course of study allows students to study various medical fields widely as well as investigate in depth a specific field, so that the disposition and desire of the students can be maximally met and through the practice of advanced medicine in new fields the talent of students can be nurtured for the benefit of regional medicine.

#### 2. Standard Duration of Study

Four Years

#### 3. Course Structure and Outline

Refer to the Appended Table 1.

#### 4. Division of Research and Research Topic

Refer to the Appended Table 2 for each division of research, its academic advisors and their research topics. (The contents in the Appended Table 2 is as of April in 2016. On applying for the entrance examination of the April admission in 2017, confirm the latest information available on the web site of Fukushima Medical University.)

# 5. Degree Conferment

In order to receive a degree of PhD, students are required to enroll in the program for four years or longer, complete the prescribed course of subjects, submit a doctoral dissertation based on their original research, and successfully pass a review of the dissertation and the final examination.

For the students who have achieved distinguished research results, however, the required years for completion can be three years or longer.

#### 6. Scholarship Fund

Scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization is available. If students are unable to receive the scholarship from this organization, they may be eligible for the scholarship provided by Fukushima Medical University.

# 7. Clinical Training and Scholastic Requirements

International students must get permission under the provisions of Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the Law concerning the Exceptional Cases of the Medical Practitioners' Act, Article 17, on the Advanced Clinical Training of Foreign Medical Practitioners, in order to practice medicine.

# 8. Tuition Exemption System

Graduate students who, for financial reasons, have severe difficulties in paying their tuition fees and have excellent academic records may be eligible for tuition exemption.

# 9. System for an Extended Period of Study

Students who, because of regular employment or for other reasons, are unable to complete the course work in the prescribed time, may apply for an extension, which the system will allow.

#### Table 1

# **Requirements for Gaduation and Course Requirements**

In order to receive a PhD degree, graduate students are required to enroll in the program for four years or longer, complete the specified course of subjects, submit a doctoral dissertation based on their original research, and successfully pass the review of the dissertation and the final examination.

Among General Basic Subjects, students in the Course for Researchers and students in the Course for Medical Practitioner Researchers are required to take "Outline of Medical Research" and "Integrated Medical Humanities, Sciences and Technology" respectively and must take one or more other general subjects, to earn two or more credits. The students must also acquire twelve credits of Specialized Subjects, ten credits of Subjects for Further Research (if four credits of General Basic Subjects have been taken, eight credits are sufficient) and four credits of Special Research.

#### **Cancer Professional Training Plan**

This is a comprehensive educational program conducted through the cooperation of the university and communities to foster cancer specialists. The Course for Medical Practitioner Researchers at Fukushima Medical University Graduate School includes the Oncologist Training Course based on the Cancer Professional Training Plan.

The Oncologist Training Course consists of three sub-courses leading to certification of clinical oncologist: Radiation Oncologist, Medical Oncologist, and Surgical Oncologist. Students are required to take Doctorate Coursework (Clinical Oncology: Internet School) and Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum which includes chemotherapy, surgical treatment, radiation therapy and palliative medicine.

#### **Course for Radiation Oncologist**

This is a course for board certified radiation oncologists of the Japanese Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and board certified radiologists of the Japan Radiological Society. The training will be done at Fukushima Medical University Hospital according to the curriculum to prepare specialists.

#### **Course for Medical Oncologist**

This is a course for board certified medical oncologists of the Japanese Society of Medical Oncology (JSMO). The training will be done at Fukushima Medical University Hospital according to the curriculum of JSMO.

# **Course for Surgical Oncologist**

This is a course for board certified breast specialists of the Japanese Breast Cancer Society. The training will be done at Fukushima Medical University Hospital according to the curriculum to prepare specialists.

# **Course Models**

The graduates, no matter which course model they follow, are expected to be distinguished specialists or researchers actively involved in universities, and research and medical institutions.

Course Model (1): Students who aim to be a researcher in the field of Basic Medicine

	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year		Total Number
	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	of Credits
General Basic Subjects	Outline of Medical Research Introduction to Research in Medical Science	1							1
Specialized Subjects	Doctorate Coursework  Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum		Doctorate Coursework  Doctorate Advanced		Doctorate Coursework Doctorate Advanced		Doctorate Coursework  Doctorate Advanced	4	4
Subjects	Research & Practicum		Research & Practicum		Research & Practicum		Research & Practicum	8	8
Subjects for Further Research	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	4	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	10
	Graduate School Seminar	1	Graduate School Seminar	1					2
Special Research	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	4

Course Model (2): Students who emphasize clinical research and aim to be a specialist or certified specialist

	1st Year		2nd Year	2nd Year 3rd Yea		r 4th Year			Total Number
	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	of Credits
General Basic Subjects	Integrated Medical Humanities, Sciences & Technology Outline of Medical Research Seminar & Practicum in Integrated Medical Humanities, Sciences &	1 1							1
	Technology		D + + C 1		Doctorate		D + + C 1		
Carrieliand	Doctorate Coursework		Doctorate Coursework		Coursework		Doctorate Coursework	4	4
Specialized Subjects	Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum		Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum		Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum		Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum	8	8
Subjects for	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	3	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	9
Further Research	Graduate School Seminar	1	Graduate School Seminar	1					2
Special Research	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	4

Course Model (3): Students who aim to be a certified medical researcher

	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year		Total Number
	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	of Credits
	Integrated Medical								
	Humanities,	1							1
	Sciences &	1							1
General Basic	Technology								
Subjects	Outline of	1							1
Subjects	Medical Research	1							1
	Introduction to								
	Research in	1							1
	Medical Science								
	Doctorate Coursework		Doctorate Coursework		Doctorate Coursework		Doctorate Coursework	4	4
Specialized Subjects	Doctorate Advanced		Doctorate Advanced		Doctorate Advanced		Doctorate Advanced	Q	8
	Research & Practicum		Research & Practicum		Research & Practicum		Research & Practicum	0	0
	Doctorate Seminar		Doctorate Seminar		Doctorate Seminar		Doctorate Seminar		
Subjects for Further	& Practicum	3	& Practicum	2	& Practicum	2	& Practicum	2	9
Research									
	Graduate School Seminar	1	Graduate School Seminar	1					2
Special Research	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	4

Course Model (4): Students who take the oncologist training course and aim to be a oncology specialist

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	1st Year		2nd Year				4th Year	1	Total Number
	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit	of Credits
General Basic Subjects	Integrated Medical Humanities, Sciences and Technology Outline of Medical Research Seminar & Practicum in Integrated Medical Humanities, Sciences & Technology	1 1							1
	Doctorate Coursework (Clinical Oncology)		Doctorate Coursework (Clinical Oncology)		Doctorate Coursework (Clinical Oncology)		Doctorate Coursework (Clinical Oncology)	4	4
Chariolizad	Doctorate Advanced Prese	earch & Pra	cticum (Clinical Oncology)	is taught by usi	ng "internet school."				
Specialized Subjects	Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum (Clinical Oncology)		Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum (Clinical Oncology)		Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum (Clinical Oncology)		Doctorate Advanced Research & Practicum (Clinical Oncology)	8	8
	Doctorate Advanced Rese	arch & Prac	ticum requires practice of c	hemotherapy, s	urgical treatment, radiation	on therapy and p	palliative medicine.		
Subjects for	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	3	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	Doctorate Seminar & Practicum	2	9
Further Research	Graduate School Seminar	1	Graduate School Seminar	1					2
Special Research	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	Research Guidance	1	4

Division of Research		Reseach Topics		
Developmental Neurobiology	Department of Neuroanatomy and Embryology	Professor	Hiroyuki Yaginuma	1) Programmed cell death unique to the cervical spinal cord of the vertebrate during early developmental stages 2) Mechanisms of layer formation by cell migration in brain development 3) Regulatory mechanisms for neurotrophic factor receptor expression 4) Analysis for the expression pattern of developmental regulatory molecules in the CNS 5) Roles of intracellular protein trafficking in axonal tract formation 6) Study of developmental process and function in cerebellar compartmentalization 7) Study of brain function with optogenetic technique
Functional Histology	Department of Anatomy and Histology	Professor	Satoshi Waguri	1 Autophagy-lysosomal degradation system in cells, tissues, and diseases 2 Intracellular membrane trafficking in cells, tissues, and diseases 3 Cell proliferation regulated by intracellular degradation systems
Biomolecular function	Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology	Professor	Akihiro Hazama	Function of Ion Channels and Transporters
Neurophysiology	Department of Systems Neuroscience	Professor	Satoshi Eifuku	1) Neurophysiological, cognitive psychological and functional neuroimaging studies on the neural bases for social recognition (face recognition, recognition of the personal relationship etc.) 2) Neurophysiological mechanisms of sleep and wakefulness
Neurophysiology	Department of Neurophysiology	Associate Professor	Eiichi Jodo	Neurophysiological studies on the pathogenesis of psychiatric disorders with animal models of disease (especially focused on schizophrenia)      Pathophysiological studies of psychiatric disorders in human patients
Molecular Biomarker Regulation	Department of Biochemistry	Professor	Yasuhiro Hashimoto	1.Diagnostic markers for dementia     2.Cancer glycan markers     3.Regulation of glycan expression
Molecular Immunology	Department of Immunology	Professor	Hideharu Sekine	<ol> <li>Roles for complement factors MASP-1/3 in the development of lupus nephritis.</li> <li>Development of a novel drug target for diseases caused by the alternative complement pathway activation.</li> <li>Roles for IFN-γ in the development of autoantibody producing B cells in systemic lupus erythematosus.</li> </ol>

Division of Research		Reseach Topics		
Molecular Pharmacology	Department of Pharmacology	Professor	Kenju Shimomura	1 Electrophysiological studies on KATP channels on brain function and insulin secretion. 2 Investigation of food intake regulation mechanism in brain. 3 Basic and clinical study on pharma-food interaction
Clinical Microbiology	Department of Microbiology	Professor	Tatsuo Suzutani	1 Study of the molecular pathogenesis of herpes virus infections with an emphasis on cytomegalovirus infections. 2 Study of the effects of microbial flora on health and disease. 3 Development of functional foods possessing antimicrobial, antioxidant or immune-stimulating functions.
Molecular and cellular pathology	Department of Basic Pathology	Professor	Hideki Chiba	1. Cell adhesion signaling in epithelial differentiation of embryonal stem cells 2. Abberant cell adhesion signaling in promoting malignant phenotypes of cancer 3. Regulation of the behavior of intestinal stem cells by the cell adhesion signal 4. Generation of a novel direct reprogramming method 5. Expression and function of JAM family proteins in mesenchymal stem cells 6. Development of targeted therapy for refractory cancers 7. The functional significance of tight-junction formation in podocytes of nephrotic syndrome—Identification of a novel diagnostic marker and therapeutic target 8. Development of a novel treatment against hepatitis C 9. Disruption of blood-brain barrier in schizophrenia and its molecular mechanism
Hygiene and Preventive Medicine	Department of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine	Professor	Tetsuhito Fukushima	1 Preventive medicine against lifestyle related diseases 2 Clinical epidemiology in hospitals 3 Health (medical) economics, community health planning, health policy research 4 Industrial medicine for safety and health of workers 5 Health education, behavioral sciences 6 Biological effects by environmental chemicals and preventive medicine
Clinical epidemiology	Department of Orthopaedic Surgery	Professor	Tetsuhito Fukushima	Through the innovations of research and education, evidences for improvement of healthy life of Fukushima population are created. In addition, we encourage and educate the next generation leaders who provide higher level of clinical researches.

Division of Research		Reseach Topics		
Public Health and Epidemiology	Department of Public Health	Professor	Seiji Yasumura	We instruct epidemiological research on various topics using patients and community data: lifestyle related diseases; falls, home-bound and long-term care among elderly; end-of-life care, mental health, suicide and disaster management.
Social medicine (forensic medicine)	Department of Legal Medicine	Professor	Naohito Kuroda	1.Histopathological studies on conducting system of the heart in juvenile sudden deaths 2.Histopathological studies on developing mechanism of rotational brain injuries 3.Development of postmortem examination techniques specific to corpuses polluted by radioactive substances 4.Radiological studies on postmortem effects on computed tomography of cadavers 5.Histological and epidemiological studies on thyroid latent carcinomas in medico-legal autopsy cases 6.Experimental studies on pathophysiology of unexplained intoxications by animal models (mice)
Radiation life sciences	Department of Radiation and Biology	Professor	Akira Sakai	Establishment of biodosimetry method for chronic low-dose ionizing radiation exposure.     Analysis of dicentric chromosomes and translocated chromosomes in lymphocytes using FISH before and after a CT scan.     Elucidation of abnormal B cell as a tumor origin in multiple myeloma using induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell derived from normal B cell (BiPSC).
	Department of Epidemiology	Professor	Tetsuya Ohira	
Environmental Health	Department of Radiation Physics and Chemistry	Professor	Tetsuo Ishikawa	1. Internal and external exposure due to natural radiation 2. Environmental dynamics of radioactive materials released from the Fukushima accident and their effects on dose to humans 3. Mechanisms of internal exposure due to radon and thoron
Department of Health Risk Communication	Risk Assessment	Professor	Hitoshi Ohto	1 Evaluation of multiple risks and cost- effectiveness analysis of countermeasures 2 Evaluation of effects of countermeasures on anxiety reduction and improvement of subjective well-being 3 An analysis of associations of risk information with risk perception, risk acceptance, and trust

Division of Research		Reseach Topics		
Cardiology	Department of Cardiovascular Medicine	Professor	Yasuchika Takeishi	Development of a new strategy for treatment of heart failure     Molecular mechanisms of aging and cardiovascular function     Cardiovascular biology     Oxidative stress and regulation of coronary flow     Cardiovascular function of metabolic syndrome     Sleep disordered breathing and cardiovascular diseases     Cardiovascular imaging     Cardiowascular imaging     Cardiomyocyte generation from iPS cells of familial cardiomyopathy     Bone marrow cell transplantation for cardiac amyloidosis     Onetic analysis of hematological disorders
	Department of Cardiovascular Medicine	Professor	Takahumi Ishida	
Hematology	Department of Hematology	Professor	Takayuki Ikezoe	1.Identification of novel prognostic markers in hematological malignancies     2. Investigation of molecular pathogenesis in myeloproliferative neoplasms     3. Investigation of the pathogenesis of transplant-associated complications     4. Investigation of molecular mechanisms by which leukemia cells acquire drug-resistance
Gastroenterology	Department of Gastroenterology	Professor	Hiromasa Ohira	Analysis of pathological and host immune mechanism of autoimmune hepatic diseases     New therapeutic strategy and pathological analysis of gastrointestinal cancer     New therapeutic strategy and pathological analysis of chronic pancreatitis     New endoscopic therapy of gastrointestinal cancer     Analysis of pathological mechanism and new therapeutic strategy of inflammatory bowel diseases
Rheumatology	Department of Rheumatology	Professor	Kiyoshi Migita	Pathogenesis of systemic lupus erythematosus and other rheumatic diseases: roles of autoantibodies and complement.  Pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis: role of osteopontin.  Pathogenesis of IgG4 related disease.  Genetic and immunological features of autoinflammatory disease.

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	Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism	Professor	Junichiro Kazama	
Metabolic and Homeostatic Regulatory Medicine	Department of Nephrology, Hypertension, Diabetology, Endocrinology and Metabolism	Professor	Mitsuki Shimabukuro	
Clinical Neurology and Neurophysiology	Department of Neurology	Professor	Yoshikazu Ugawa	Tactics for neurological patients: how to see neurological patients using clinical neurological examination     Pathological mechanisms underlying neuro-immunological and cerebrovascular disorders     Physiological analyses of ion channels in neurological disorders: epilepsy, periodic paralysis and so on     Physiological analyses of brain neuroplasticity in several neurological disorders using transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)     Neuroplasticity induction treatments by transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) for various neurological disorders     Neurophysiological approach to peripheral neuropathy and neuro-muscular disorders
Pulmonary Pathophysiology	Department of Pulmonary Medicine			1 Analysis of gene-environment interaction in the development of pulmonary diseases 2 Exploration of biomarker predicting etiology and pathogenesis regarding as pulmonary diseases 3 Structure-function relationship in pulmonary diseases 4 Development of non-invasive method for the diagnosis of pulmonary diseases (e.g. pulmonary sound, expired gas, exhaled breath condensate, induced sputum, etc.) 5 Exploitation of novel diagnostic methods of pulmonary diseases using bronchoscopy 6 Development of novel therapeutics of pulmonary diseases using bronchoscopy (e.g. endobronchial intervention) 7 Establishment of new treatment strategies for patients with pulmonary diseases
Oncology for Thoracic Malignancy	Department of Chest Surgery	Professor	Hiroyuki Suzuki	Basic study for carcinogenesis     Basic and clinical study for thoracic malignancy     Tumor Immunology     Novel imaging analysis for malignancy
	Department of Organ Regulatory Surgery	Professor	Koji Kohno	

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Surgical Oncology and Regenerative Surgery	Department of Hepato-Biliary- Pancreatic and Transplant Surgery	Professor	Shigeru Marubashi	1 Basic research for cancer and oncology in Gastroenterology 2 Regenerative surgery. Liver regeneration and islet composit sheet. 3 Organ transplantation and Tolerance 4 Multidiciplinary treatment for advanced GE malignancies. 5 Intraoperative navigation system using AI and 3D images. 6 Diagnosis and prediction of prognosis using Omics technology.
Surgical oncology	Department of Organ Regulatory Surgery	Professor	Tohru Ohtake	1. Development of the appropriate breast-conservative surgery in consideration of an optimal excision by the latest image diagnosis system 2. Development of the optimal intrinsic subtype marker for breast cancer by comprehensive gene expression analysis and clinical application 3. Development of the optimal predictive marker for breast cancer drug therapy by comprehensive gene expression analysis and clinical application 4. Clinical significance and functional analysis of novel tumor markers in breast cancer
Reconstruction of Cardiovascular System	Department of Cardiovascular Surgery	Professor	Hitoshi Yokoyama	1 Improvement of off-pump cardiac surgery 2 Development and evaluation of angiogenetic therapy 3 Aortic repair using stent graft
Neurosurgery	Department of Neurosurgery	Professor	Kiyoshi Saito	Intraoperative functional monitoring of nervous system using evoked potentials     Analysis of genes expressed in brain tumors     Analysis of cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers     Creation of neurosurgical tools and techniques     Development of intraoperative fluorescence angiography     Development of new generation of intraoperative navigation system
Restorative medicine of neuro-muscloskeletal system	Department of Orthopaedic Surgery	Professor	Shinichi Konno	Study of mechanisms of pain associated with orthopedic disorders
Functional and disability	Department of Orthopaedic Surgery	Professor	Shinichi Konno	The change of circulatory dynamics with the aging and the occurrence mechanism of limbs and truncral dys-function
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery			Research for the ideal microsurgical neurovascular anastomosis by evaluation of the functional improvement

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Obstetrics and Gynecology	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology	Professor	Keiya Fujimori	1 Mechanism and prevention for preterm labor 2 Physiological study for non-reassuring fetal status 3 Basic research for metastatic mechanism, chemotherapy and gene therapy in gynecologic cancer. 4 Therapeutic basic study for In Vivo Fertilization - Enbryo Transfer and Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection 5 Effect of metformin on endocrine milieus, endometrial expression of androgen-regulated molecules and endometrial receptivity in patients with polycystic ovary syndrome
Pediatric Health	Department of Pediatrics	Professor	Mitsuaki Hosoya	Early diagnosis of and treatment for pediatric infectious diseases Inflammatory diseases and organ failure
Pediatrics	Department of Pediatrics	Professor	Mitsuaki Hosoya	Influence of chemical compounds on the growth and the deelopment of children Attachment failure between mother and child and psychomotor development disorder
Ophthalmology and Visual Science	Department of Ophthalmology	Professor	Tetsuju Sekiryu	Investigation and New Treatment for Vitreoretinal disease
Dermatology	Department of Dermatology	Professor	Toshiyuki Yamamoto	Research on the pathogenesis of fibrosis and scleroderma
Urology	Department of Urology	Professor	Yoshiyuki Kojima	Chronic ischemia related bladder dysfunction     Renal cell carcinoma: molecular targeted therapy and cytokine     The effect of aging on nitric oxide and noradrenaline release in prostate     Mechanism of prostatic hypertrophy     Pharmacogenomics and personalized medicine     Robot assisted surgery
Otolaryngology	Department of Otolaryngology	Professor	Shigeyuki Murono	1 Carcinogenesis, metastasis, and novel therapy in head and neck cancer associated with virus including EBV and HPV 2 Immunological reaction in the sentinel lymph nodes of head and neck cancer 3 Hearing impairment caused by cytomegalovirus 4 Surgical technique and functional preservation for head and neck cancer 5 Histopathology of the temporal bone in various diseases 6 Pathophysiology and surgical technique to improve function in dysphagia and voice disorder

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Neuropsychiatry	Department of Neuropsychiatry	Professor	Hirooki Yabe	1. Cognitive Physiological Study of Neuropsychiatric Diseases (Event-Related Brain Potential (ERP) research, Near-infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) research, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) research, and Experimental Psychology research, etc.) 2. Psychopharmacological Study of Neuropsychiatric Diseases (Monoamine research and Pharmaco-Electroencephalography (Pharmaco-EEG) research, etc.) 3. Histopathological research of Neuropsychiatric Diseases (Postmortem Brain research and DNA research, etc.) 4. Psychosocial research of Neuropsychiatric Diseases (Clinical Psychology research and Mental Health research, etc.)
Radiology and Nuclear Medicine	Department of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine	Professor	Hiroshi Ito	Neuroradiology using CT and MRI     Interventional Radiology     Cerebral circulation and metabolism     Diagnostic radiology using PET/MRI     Nuclear Medicine Imaging
Anesthesiology	Department of anesthesiology	Professor	Masahiro Murakawa	General anesthesia and release of neurotransmitters     Neurologic mechanisms of the local anesthetic poisoning     Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of general anesthetics     Precision management of vital sign monitor
Division of perioperative medicine and bioregulation	Department of anesthesiology	Professor	Shin Kurosawa	1 Analysis of the mechanisms of T cell apoptosis induced by volatile anesthetics. 2 Investigation of immunosuppression caused by general anesthetics. 3 Surveillance of clinical biomarkers in patients with infectious systemic inflammatory response syndrome or sepsis.
Emergency and Critical Care Medicine	Department of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine	Professor	Ken Iseki	1 The role of Glia 2 Cell biology and Pathophysiology of The Diacylglycerol kinase 3 Animal model of stress response 4 Animal model for toxicological studies 5 Epidemiological study in Acute Medicine
Hematological Oncology	Department of Diagnostic Pathology	Professor	Yuko Hashimoto	
	Department of Laboratory Medicine	Professor	Hiroki Shimura	1) Clinical research for sonographic diagnosis of thyroid diseases 2) Epidemiological study of thyroid diseases in children and adolescents 3) Development of novel clinical tests for thyroid diseases 4) Development of novel strategies for redifferentiation of thyroid cancer cells 5) Identification of thyroid cancer biomarkers

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Infection Control and Laboratory Medicine	Department of Infection Control and Laboratory Medicine	Professor	Keiji Kanemitsu	1 Development of novel molecular diagnostic method for infectious diseases 2 Epidemiologic study of healthcare associated infection 3 Development of novel sterilization method 4 Development of detection method for autoantibodies using proteomics 5 Study of interferences in immunoassays 6 Study of various problems in ELISA
Transplantation Immunology	Department of Blood Transfusion and Transplantation Immunology			Evaluation and regulation for Alloimmunization
	Department of Blood Transfusion and Transplantation Immunology	Professor	Nollet Kenneth Eric	International Medical Communication     Emergency Preparedness and Disasaster     Response     Global Transfusion Standards and Ethics
Community and Family Medicine	Department of Community and Family Medicine	Professor	Ryuki Kassai	Essential clinical competencies     Expertise to address wide varieties of health problems     Core competencies to define family doctors     Education and research in family medicine     Health economics, health policy, and health management
	Department of Radiation Health Management	Professor	Akira Otsuru	Nuclear disaster and community health care     Epidemiological and psychosocial studies     regarding thyroid cancer screening using     ultrasound     Pathological and immunohisochemical studies of     the pathophysiology of thyroid cancer in children     External and internal exposure dose in daily life     and risk perception of radiation exposure
	Department of Radiation Health Management	Associate Professor	Sanae Midorikawa	
	Department of Thyroid and Endocrinology	Professor	Shinichi Suzuki	
Radiation Oncology	Department of Radiation Oncology	Professor	Yoshiyuki Suzuki	Radiation-induced anti-tumor immunity and its modification

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Oncology Specialist Course	Clinical Oncology Center ( Department of Medical Oncology )	Professor	Shigehira Saji	The knowledge and skills of chemotherapy for solid tumors, especially GI, respiratory, breast and blood cancers, are the main subjects in this course.  Clinical research and training for getting board certification of Japan society of medical oncology could be the one of preferable goal after completion of this course.
Medical Oncology Course	Department of Medical Oncology	Professor	Shigehira Saji	•Research exploring biological mechanism and predictive factor of cancer drug response and resistance •Analysis of trend of cancer incidence in Fukushima by using cancer registration program
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Department of Rehabilitation Medicine	Professor	Naoyuki Oi	<ol> <li>Orthopedic rehabilitation for aged person</li> <li>Sports activities for the disabled</li> <li>3D-motion analysis of daily activities</li> <li>FDG-PET imaging of muscular activity</li> <li>Motion analysis of sports activities</li> </ol>
	Department of Natural Science (Mathematics and Statistics)	Professor	Tatsuya Okada	
Bioanalytical Chemistry	Department of Natural Science (Chemistry)	Professor	Kiyohito Shimura	Research and development of affinity probe capillary electrophoresis (APCE) for rapid and sensitive analysis of protein isoforms.     Research and development of new principles for the analyses of proteins and other biomolecules.
Molecular Biology	Department of Natural Science (Bology)	Professor	Ariki Matsuoka	Molecular mechanism of autoxidation for human hemoglobin     Crystallographic analysis of hemoprotein     Analysis of genome rearrangement in ciliates
Cell Signaling	Department of Biomolecular Science	Professor	Yoshimi Homma	<ol> <li>Research on signaling mechanism of cell growth and differentiation.</li> <li>Study on molecular mechanisms of mitochondria regulation.</li> <li>Epigenetic regulation for development of immune system.</li> <li>Development of novel bioactive compounds</li> </ol>
Cell Science	Department of Cell Science	Professor	Ikuo Wada	1 Cellular mechanisms for quality control of proteins 2 Membrane fusion machinery for phagocytosis 3 Dynamic regulation of membrane traffic 4 Development of biomedical tools for regenerative medicine
Molecular Neurobiology	Department of Molecular Genetics	Professor	Kazuto Kobayashi	

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Experimental animal model for human disease	Laboratory Animal Center	Professor	Miho Sekiguchi	Study design and methods for in vivo studies using laboratory animal models for himan diseases
Oral histology	Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Associate Professor	Hiroshi Hasegawa	Basic and clinical study of intra-arterial chemotherapy for oral cancer     Maxillofacial growth in cleft lip and palate patients     Improvement of mastication by dental implants
Gastrointestinal endoscopy	Department of Endoscopy	Associate Professor	Takuto Hikichi	I. Improvement and development of endoscopic diagnostic and treatment methods for early gastrointestinal cancer.     Development of new screening system for gastric cancer eradication in Fukushima Prefecture.     Improvement and development of diagnostic and treatment methods utilizing endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) and EUS-guided injection for gastrointestinal tumors and pancreatic tumors.     Elucidation of the pathogenesis of gastrointestinal varices and development of endoscopic treatment for them.     Development of new endoscopic treatment with the combination of laparoscopic surgery for gastrointestinal cancer and submucosal tumor.     Clarification of the carcinogenic mechanism of gastric cancer.     Clarification of the influence on the gastric peristalsis after endoscopic treatment or in various diseases.
	Center for Medical Education and Career Development	Professor	Yayoi Kameoka	
International Community Health	Integrated Center for Science and Humanities	Professor	Aya Goto	Among six building blocks of the health system (service delivery, workforce, information, medical products, financing, leadership, and governance), we focus on the first three blocks. Our work "imports" and "exports" model health programs between Asian and Western regions by applying both quantitative and qualitative research methods in order to respond to complexities of community health.  **  http://www.fmu.ac.jp/univ/en/nursing/program/ebm .html
		Professor	Hiroyuki Yokoyama	
	Advanced Crinical Research Center	Professor	Noboru Oriuchi	Development of targeted radionuclide therapy     Dosimetry-based efficacy and safety assessment for α and β particle therapy     Development of theranostics using PET/CT and PET/MRI for targeted radionuclide therapy     Quantitative analysis of PET/MRI

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Tumors of Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues	Department of Hematology	Professor	Masatsugu Ohta	Impact of MRI or PET-CT in the predictive of treatment outcome in hematological malignancy     Biological and clinical characterization of Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) in Aizu area, Fukushima     Clinical characteristics of lymphomas in Aizu area -incidence, therapeutic outcome and prognosis-
Coloproctology	Coloproctology	Professor	Kazutomo Togashi	1. Development of computer-and diagnostic system using artificial intelligence (collaboration with Aizu University)  2. Serrated pathway in ethe volution of colorectal cancer  3. Mechanism of less frequent delayed hemorrhage after cold snare polypectomy  4. Inhibitory effect of lidocaine for intestinal spasm during colonoscopy  5. Validation study of pocket creation method in colorectal ESD  6. Clinical application of image-enhanced colonoscopy: Blue Laser Imaging  7. Colorectal diseases and colon length measured by CT colonography  8. Prognostic factors of chemotherapy with oxaliplatin for unresectable colorectal cancers  9. Preoperative N staging of rectal cancer by MRI with intraluminal jelly injection  10. Development of complete laparoscopic surgery for rectal cancer
	Department of Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgery	Professor	Osamu Shirado	1. Biomechanical study for developing a novel spinal instrumentation 2. Comprehensive study on adult spinal deformity in terms of diagnosis, treatment, and prevention 3. Development of a novel therapeutic exercise program for the patients with chronic low-back pain 4. Pathophysiological study on natural absorption mechanism in lumbar disc herniation 5. Kinesiological study on the patients with various spinal disorders
Pediatric Oncology	Department of Diagnostic Pathology	Professor	Hiroshi Hojo	