MATION ----Dalhousie University - Career Evening 2022

TECHNOLOGY



Linear Accelerators are used to generate ionizing radiation to treat cancer patients



Patients are immobilized for their daily treatments using high precision techniques

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Radiation can be sculpted around sensitive structures to specifically target tumors





Deep tumors can be precisely treated (example: prostate as seen here)



Advantage can be made of advanced imaging techniques to guide treatment



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PATIENT CARE



Close relationships with patients are formed as they transition through their cancer care



Practice includes curing cancers as well as palliating symptoms in advanced cases

TEAM WORK



Multidisciplinary team of Radiation Therapists, Medical Physicists, Nurses and Dosimetrists



Work closely with medical oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, and other MDs

CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH



Variety of research opportunities, including clinical trials, basic science and patient outcome studies



Many Medical Physics and Radiation Oncology collaborative research projects exist

WORK-LIFE BALANCE



Excellent lifestyle with adequate remuneration and reasonable call schedule



Busy during regular working hours with reasonable hours on evenings/weekend

PROCEDURAL WORK



Opportunities to practice Brachytherapy (implantable forms of radiation therapy)



Brachytherapy allows radiation dose in excess of that achievable with external beam RT (Common in prostate, cervical, uterine cancers)



Real-time imaging allows radiation treatments to be planned and delivered during the procedure

TEACHING



Many opportunities to teach medical students, residents and the general public

Radiation Oncology

RESIDENCY



5 year direct entry from CaRMS Programs offered at 13 schools (21 spots available)



Funding and support from department for resident travel and exam preparation

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