University Hospital



Kobe University Hospital began as Kobe Hospital which first opened its doors in 1869. In 1944, Kobe Hospital became known as the Prefectural Kobe Hospital, affiliated with the Prefectural Medical College. In 1967, it was renamed once again as Kobe University Hospital, becoming the affiliated hospital of Kobe University School of Medicine. In 1994, it became an advanced treatment facility, and an international Patient Center was established in October 2001 for the purpose of accepting international patients who wish to receive medical consultation and treatment. Since 2004, it has been operating as part of the National University Corporation and in 2007 it was designated a regional cancer treatment hospital. The inclusion of a heliport allows the hospital to function as a disaster-base hospital, supporting the local residents' emergency care needs. Over time, it evolved into a national university hospital, consisting of 36 clinical divisions with 934 beds.

Our hospital has always been strongly rooted in the local community and has made it one of its missions to contribute to community medicine. Another vital mission as a training facility is the nurturing of good physicians who are rich in compassion and humanity, and to further its development as a leading Japanese and international center for state-of-the-art research and clinical care. One of the primary principles of this hospital is patient-focused medical care. Physicians, nurses, and medical staff of various disciplines work together as a team to provide caring and highly advanced medicine to our patients. In addition, we attempt to keep our system easy for our patients to understand, to improve our patient services, and to fortify strategies to ensure medical safety. Moreover, we have attempted to update our facilities with the most recent equipment possible, in order that we can provide both the best possible personnel and facilities to enhance the quality of medical care.

In April, 2014, new ward facilities in minimally invasive medicine (Department of Surgical Care, Cancer Center, Department of Endoscopic Medicine, Center for Perinatal Care, Center for Radiology and Radiation Oncology, Department of Diagnostic Pathology, etc.) became operational.

Our goal is a Kobe University Hospital that boasts a world-class level of care, while maintaining an open ear to our patients. We, together with our entire staff hope to continue our efforts towards these objectives.

