

University Hospital



Kobe University Hospital opened in 1869 as Kobe Hospital, which also functioned as a medical school. The hospital was the first to provide medical service in the Kobe area. In 1944, Kobe Hospital became known as the Prefectural Kobe Hospital, affiliated with the Prefectural Medical College. In 1967, it was renamed again as Kobe University Hospital, the affiliated hospital of Kobe University School of Medicine.

Kobe University Hospital, consisting of 35 clinical divisions with 920 beds, is one of the leading hospitals in Hyogo Prefecture and plays an important role in educating medical doctors as well as advancing medical standards through its activities. The Hospital is also responsible for providing preventive medicine, public health education, and advisory services on medical procedures at Kobe University and at other general hospitals in the Kobe area.

Kobe University Hospital's most important task is to play the central role in disaster and emergency medicine. It also plays an important role as an international hospital to meet the needs of patients from foreign countries.

The new ward, completed in September 2001 and relocated in February 2002, has ample space and a heliport, which can accommodate many sick and/or injured people even in case of a catastrophic disaster. This new ward also makes the Hospital a disaster-base hospital, supporting the local residents' emergency care activities.

The International Patient Center was established in October 2001 for the purpose of accepting international patients who wish to receive medical consultation, treatment, and second opinions. In addition to offering consultation, examination, and hospitalization, the International Patient Center offers an interpretation service with cooperation from staff members and the international doctors who are trained at the Hospital.

In April 2007, a reform effort was completed with the rearrangement of the medical service subdivisions into categories of internal organ functions. As it is stated in the Kobe University Hospital mission, "Our patient is the first priority in everything we do".

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