

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 services 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 once more as Kobe University Hospital, becoming the affiliated hospital of Kobe University School of Medicine.

Kobe University Hospital, consisting of 36 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 standards of medical care. The Hospital is also responsible for administering 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 a central role in providing medical care during disasters and emergencies. It also plays an important role as an international hospital, meeting the needs of patients from around the world.

A new ward which started offering treatment in March 2002 has the capacity to accommodate many sick and/or injured people even in the case of a catastrophic disaster. The inclusion of a heliport allows the Hospital to function as a disaster-base hospital, supporting the local residents' emergency care needs.

An International Patient Center was established in October 2001 for the purpose of accepting international patients who wish to receive medical consultation and treatment. In addition to this, the International Patient Center also offers an interpretation service with the cooperation of staff members, including the international doctors trained at the Hospital.

Kobe University Hospital mission statements reads, "Our patient is the first priority in everything we do".

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