

Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Curriculum (1 Year)

Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai

Fellowship Requirements:

Essential

- MS (gen surgery) recognised University
- MMC /MCI registration

Desirable

- 6 months in a specialist breast unit – preferable
- Research / Audit/ Publications related to Breast Cancer

Line of Reporting/ Course Director:

- Dr Ashutosh Kothari

How to apply:

Eligible candidates may mail their Curriculum Vitae to: Dr Ashutosh Kothari (ashutoshkothari@gmail.com) and Copy to Academics and Research department rfh.academics@rfhospital.org

Program Overview:

The Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship is a one-year surgical post-residency training program designed to provide in-depth expertise in the multidisciplinary management of benign and malignant breast disease. Fellows will gain advanced skills in surgical techniques, clinical decision-making, imaging interpretation, pathology correlation, and research methodology.

Program Goals and Objectives

Overall Goals

1. Train surgeons to deliver high-quality, patient-centred, multidisciplinary breast care.
2. Develop proficiency in diagnostic and therapeutic surgical procedures related to breast disease.
3. Foster academic and research excellence in breast oncology.
4. Prepare fellows for independent roles in clinical practice, education, and research.

Competencies

Fellows will demonstrate proficiency in the following six core competencies:

1. Patient Care
2. Knowledge of Breast Oncology
3. Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
4. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
5. Professionalism
6. Guidelines-Based Practice

Curriculum Structure

1. Clinical Rotations (12 months total)

Breast Surgical Oncology Management of benign and malignant breast disease; operative experience in lumpectomy, mastectomy, sentinel node biopsy, axillary dissection, oncoplastic surgery.

The candidate will also be encouraged to spend free time with other specialities like breast imaging, breast oncology and breast pathology as well as physiotherapy and plastic surgery to truly understand multi-disciplinary management of breast cancer.

2. Operative Experience

- **Core Procedures:**
 - Lumpectomy and simple mastectomy
 - Skin- and nipple-sparing mastectomy
 - Implant and autologous breast reconstruction
 - Partial breast reconstruction
 - Sentinel lymph node biopsy
 - Axillary dissection
 - Oncoplastic reconstruction (level I–II techniques)
 - Port placement for chemotherapy
 - Excisional biopsy and re-excision procedures

3. Multidisciplinary Conferences

Fellows will actively participate in:

- Weekly Breast Tumor Board
- Journal Club
- Morbidity & Mortality Conference
- Breast Cancer webinars and conferences and courses

4. Evaluation and Feedback

- Quarterly performance reviews by speciality mentors.
- 360° evaluations (from nurses, peers, and patients).
- Case log review and milestone tracking.

- Will be encouraged to sit the Fellowship [Exams in Breast Surgery FEBS, held by the European Board.

5. Optional Second-Year

- Based on performance and competencies.

Fellowship fees, Accommodation and Stipend:

- Fee for the Programme: Not Applicable for this programme.
- Stipend of Rupees 1 10 000/- per month is offered during the course tenure.
- The fellow is allowed 10 days leaves per year.

Exit criteria/Programme Completion Criteria & Certificate award:

Key Outcomes

Upon completion, fellows should be able to:

- Independently evaluate and manage all aspects of benign and malignant breast disease.
- Perform advanced breast surgical procedures with cosmetic and oncologic proficiency.
- Collaborate effectively within a multidisciplinary team.
- Contribute to research, education, and quality improvement in breast oncology.

Exit interview/Exam with the faculty and submission of Result to Academic department.
Successful completion merits the fellow with an Institutional certificate and a work experience letter.

If the candidate does not complete the fellowship for a reason not agreeable by the course director, the fellowship Programme may be extended for a suitable period by the Programme director or forfeit his/her fellowship.