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米国における癌専門薬剤師の役割

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会場：WTC ホール（C 会場）

The role of the Oncology Pharmacist in the US is forever changing. Over the past 10 years oncology pharmacists have faced significant challenges and opportunities. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in this country. With the increasing therapeutic possibilities, and spiraling costs to treat this condition, there's a growing need for pharmacists to act as a safety net in this area. Many pharmacists see oncology as a good area of specialization because it is a rapidly changing field. Of all the drugs and biologics now under development, 50% or more are related to cancer. For pharmacists who are looking for innovative changes in therapies and challenges, oncology is a very good area to practice.

In the US the kind of training pharmacists need to specialize in oncology vary by institution. Many are graduates of a Bachelor of Science degree with a Master of Science, graduates of a Pharm.D degree, general residency, fellowship or a specialty residency in oncology, of which there are 30 programs in our country.

In addition the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties has a certification in pharmacy oncology practice. This certificate is not required in the US to practice oncology pharmacy.

For more than 25 years, the Board has provided specialty level certification for pharmacists both nationally and internationally. Nuclear Pharmacy, Nutrition Support Pharmacy, Oncology Pharmacy, Pharmacotherapy, and Psychiatric Pharmacy exist today as bona fide specialties due to ongoing collaborative efforts by all segments of the profession. The primary purpose of specialization is to improve the quality of care individual patients receive, to promote positive treatment outcomes, and ultimate, to improve the patient's quality of life.

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