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The National Center of Oncology (NCO) of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan is the main structure responsible for the coordination of scientific, methodological and preventive activities providing specialized cancer care for the population in our country. The major objective of the Center is to achieve the best survival rate for patients; this is carried out by early diagnosis and such diversified treatment methods of cancer as modern surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

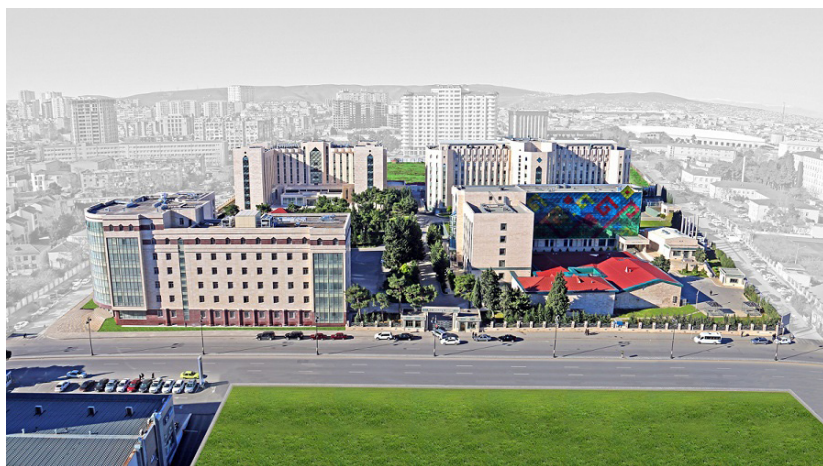
Having functioned as the Republican Oncological Scientific Center with a long historical development path, it received its contemporary title in 1995. Jamil Aziz Aliyev, an Academic of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, has been the General Director of the Center since March, 1990.

Both the NCO itself and the oncology service in the whole country have been tremendously developing last 20 years. In 2009, the Surgery Building equipped with the most modern medical facilities was opened at the NCO with the participation of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev. In 2012, the Pediatric Oncology Clinic was launched at the NCO with the participation of the First Vice-President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mehriban Aliyeva. The Clinic has all departments necessary for the treatment of childhood cancers. Additionally, the Treatment Building and Molecular Oncology Laboratory also started operating at NCO in 2014.

In 2014, the National Center of Oncology and ‘Varian Medical Systems’, a US Company designing and manufacturing the most advanced technologies for radiation treatment, signed an agreement. According to it, the most advanced universal system “TrueBeam™ STx” was installed at the Center, and it was accepted as the reference center of ‘Varian Medical Systems’. At the present time, the NCO has seven linear accelerators. Furthermore, in 2016, the Nuclear Medical Center was opened at the NCO with the participation of officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and for the first time in Azerbaijan, PET/CT examination was launched for diseases diagnosis. The Center is included in the Research for Life – the EARL accreditation program established by the European Nuclear Medicine Association.

Performing as the country’s leading medical center, the National Center of Oncology has a clinical base of 1500 beds, twenty-one scientific and fifty-one clinical departments. Currently, the medical personnel of the NCO consist of 1452 people – among them one Academician, eleven Doctors of Science, six Professors, two Honored Scientists and forty-seven Doctors of Philosophy.

The National Center of Oncology effectively cooperates with the world’s leading cancer institutions and centers in the global fight against cancer. Many examples of this include cooperative relations with the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, the International Prevention Research Institute, Hacettepe University and more. These relations comprise mutual scientific and research programs, the exchange of scientists and medical specialists, the conduction of joint meetings, workshops and training programs aiming to improve the knowledge and experience of the NCO’s personnel. This all leads to better care for patients.



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