At Seoul National University College of Medicine, our educational goal is to nurture medical talent, who will contribute to humanity and to society based on the value of respect for human life and dignity.
Korea’s history of advancing modern medicine coincides with the history of Seoul National University College of Medicine. Seoul National University College of Medicine was established in 1946, pursuing the philosophy of Ji Seok-yeong, Korea’s founding father of modern medicine. SNU College of Medicine produced its first graduates in 1947, thereby laying the foundation for Korea’s modern medicine.
Since Seoul National University College of Medicine first opened in 1946, we set a goal to develop capable and highly qualified doctors. As a result, we have produced extremely talented and dedicated medical professionals. Taking pride in shouldering the grave responsibility of bearing the future of Korea’s medicine with our school’s future, we are spearheading the advancement of Korea’s medicine.
Global medicine to Korea,
Korean medicine to the World!
Seoul National University College of Medicine is soaring to the top ranks of the world’s foremost medical research and educational institutions. Seoul National University College of Medicine strives to exceed its current successes, will continue to blaze new trails, and make its mark as a global leader in the field of medicine.

Korean medicine is poised to make a quantum leap
SNU Valley and International Campus in Siheung
Carrying Korea on its wings, SNU College of Medicine is soaring high in the world.

1899  Korea’s first modern medical school opened / Ji Seok-young was the school’s first principal / Kim Ik-nam was the first instructor.
1902  First commencement ceremony of the medical school was held / 18 certified doctors were produced.
1908  Kim Ik-nam and other graduates of the medical school formed the Doctors’ Association/Parent organization of the Korean Medical Association.
1946  Two Seoul Medical Colleges were merged to form SNU College of Medicine.
1947  First commencement ceremony of SNU College of Medicine was held.

1952  SNU College of Medicine’s six Ph.D.’s in medicine were awarded.
1954-61  Minnesota Project was launched and completed.
1963  Korea’s first successful open-heart surgery using a heart-lung machine was performed.
1972  Institute of Reproductive Medicine and Population opened.
1974  Medical Library was completed.
1975  Multi-Disciplinary Laboratory (MDL) opened.
1976  Museum of Medicine opened.
1977  World’s first vaccine for hepatitis B was developed.
1978  Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH) was established as a special corporation.
1984  Liver Research Institute opened.
1985  Korea’s first in vitro fertilization baby was born. Children’s Hospital opened.
1990  Basic Medical Science Building opened.
1994  Korea’s first successful remote cardiac transplantation performed.
1999  SNU College of Medicine Dormitory was built in Yongon campus.
2003  A new Cancer Research Institute opened / Dr. Lee Jong-wook was elected Director-General of WHO.
2007  SNUH completed their 20,000th stomach cancer surgery, setting the world’s record.
2008  SNU Biomedical Science Building opened.
2012  Center of Medicine and Korea Reunification opened / JW Lee Center for Global Medicine opened.
2013  Opened Ji-Seok-Yeong Center (Clinical Research Center) and SNU HQ Center.
2014  Established Protein Metabolism Medical Research Center, and opened Wide River Institute of Immunology.
Succeeding a deeply rooted tradition cultivated by established medical schools, Korea’s first modern institution for medical education was founded in 1899. Seoul National University College of Medicine has maintained its reputation as Korea’s top medical research institution, educational institution and hospital for the past 110 years. During this time, it has nurtured and produced numerous talented and dedicated medical professionals.

Our faculty members have attained great prominence in medical research and have published in numerous prestigious international medical journals. Approximately 1,600 outstanding students at our school diligently focus on their academic pursuits, hoping one day to graduate as dedicated medical professionals and scientists who promote the value of human life. I firmly believe that our graduates, armed with a quality education and arduous training, will play a pivotal role in promoting public health and medical science in the world.

The year 2012 was a turning point for our school, as it became a special corporation. With pre-med education transferred from the College of Natural Science to the College of Medicine, our students will be better able to cultivate a deeper understanding of human beings and acquire in-depth knowledge of human diseases with our pre-med curriculum. Together with the Center of Medicine and Korea Reunification and the JW Lee Center for Global Medicine, we are preparing ourselves for the reunification of our country. We are also committed to taking social responsibility for improving the health of the international community.

We are poised to go beyond Korea and become a world-class medical institution. We will strengthen fundamental research for the advancement of basic medical science, and become a global leader in the research of biomedical science through interdisciplinary cooperation. With pride in our history and tradition, and responsibility for our society and country, we will work toward this new goal of joining the ranks of the global top 10 medical schools.

At this critical juncture of embarking on an auspicious new journey, your support and interest will be warmly welcomed. Thank you.

SNU College of Medicine aspires to become the world’s best

Dahee Kang, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean, SNU College of Medicine
GLOBAL LEADERS
Nurture Talented Professionals in Various Fields

For the past 70 years, Seoul National University College of Medicine has earned its reputation as Korea’s finest institution for medical education and has produced medical professionals who have left their mark on the history of medicine in Korea.

Dr. Kwon served on the faculty of Preventive Medicine and held various administrative positions such as the Dean of Seoul National University College of Medicine, President of Seoul National University, and President of Korean National University of Education. He also held various government positions such as the Minister of Education and Culture, the Minister of Public Health and Society, and the Minister of Environment.

Dr. Kwon

Dr. Shin served on the faculty of the Department of Health Policy and Management and was the head of the Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service Agency. In 2009, he was elected Deputy Director-General of WHO/WPRO. Supervising the public health policy for 1.8 billion people (30% of the global population), he is dedicated to medical advancement and the eradication of diseases in the Asia-Pacific region.

Dr. Shin

Dr. Lee’s work in WHO started in 1983 when he worked with leprosy in the South Pacific. He reduced the attack rate of polio to one in 10,000, and because of this, was nicknamed the Vaccine Czar. In 2003, he began his term as Director-General of WHO, becoming the first Korean to lead a UN-affiliated agency. For having dedicated his whole life to the poor and marginalized, he was called “Schweitzer from Asia.” In 2004, he was chosen as one of the 100 most powerful people in the world by Time Magazine.

Dr. Lee

CAREER
- 10th, 11th, and 12th Dean of SNU College of Medicine
- 2nd President of SNU Hospital
- 13th President of Seoul National University
- 26th Minister of Culture and Education (the current Ministry of Education)
- 23rd Minister of Public Health and Society (the current Ministry of Health and Welfare)
- 3rd Minister of Environmental Office (the current Ministry of Environment)

CAREER
- Faculty of Department of Health Policy and Management
- Member of Executive Board of WHO
- WHO Global Health Leadership Senior Fellow
- Director of Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service
- Deputy Director-General of WHO/WPRO (current)

CAREER
- WHO, Director of Disease Prevention, West Pacific Regional Office
- WHO, Director in Global Programme for Vaccines and Immunisation
- WHO, Special Representative of the Director-General and Director of Tuberculosis
- WHO, 6th Director General
AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

http://medicine.snu.ac.kr
Seoul National University College of Medicine

http://www.snuh.org
Seoul National University Hospital
As Korea’s leading hospital, SNUH is endeavoring to raise Korean medicine to the global standard.
- Ranked first in the Korea Brand Power Index for 13 consecutive years
- Ranked first in the National Brand Competitiveness Index
- The first university hospital to earn Healthcare Organization accreditation from the Ministry of Health and Welfare

http://www.snubh.org
SNU Children’s Hospital
SNU Children’s Hospital opened up new frontiers for treatment and cares for children’s diseases.
- Opened in 1985, Korea’s first hospital specializing in children

http://cancer.snuh.org
SNU Cancer Hospital
With state-of-the-art medical facilities and relentless research, SNU Cancer Hospital is moving closer to curing cancer.
- Opened in 2011

http://www.bmh.org
Seoul Metropolitan Government-SNU Boramae Medical Center
SMG-SNU Boramae Medical Center is providing reliable, high-quality medical service to all Seoul citizens.
- 2012 Best medical institution for stroke treatment
- The first metropolitan/provincial public hospital to be certified by the Ministry of Health and Welfare

http://healthcare.snuh.org
SNU Hospital Healthcare System Gangnam Center
With its outstanding medical staff and superior facilities, SNU Hospital Healthcare System Gangnam Center is providing unrivaled medical service.
- 2008 Grand Prize of National Health and Culture Awards
- 2010 Grand Prize of Medical Korea Awards

http://medicine.snu.ac.kr
SNU Bundang Hospital
SNU Bundang Hospital is equipped with cutting-edge digital facilities and systems, providing preeminent medical services for patients.
- Korea’s first EMR hospital
Aspiring to nurture medical talent, who will contribute to humanity and society, based on the value of respect for human life and dignity.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students with limited financial means or excellent academic performance are awarded scholarships so that they may concentrate on academic work to become talented professionals who contribute to the development of our country.

Scholarships provided by SNU

Customized scholarship (provided in tandem with national scholarship), Scholarship for excellent academic performance, Scholarship for men of national merit and their children, Research Aid Scholarship (Graduate schools), Work-study scholarship

Scholarships provided by external sources

We receive donations from SNU College of Medicine’s student aid foundation, student aid foundations outside our school, and individuals.

SCHOOLS

Department of Medical Science

The Department of Medical Science encourages students to develop creative thinking necessary for medical research along with basic abilities needed to become educators of medicine and promote human health and welfare as medical professionals based on humanitarianism.

Department of Biomedical Science

The goal of the Department of Biomedical Science is to produce researchers who can think globally, lead the advancement of biomedical science, and promote the health of humanity. Offering courses on Physiology, Medical Information/Imaging, Immunology, Neurosciences, Oncology, and Biology separately or in combination, this program is playing a pivotal role in the field of medicine/life science education.

Advanced Education for Clinician-Scientists

As Korea’s first contract-based program in public health and medical services, the Advanced Education for Clinician-Scientists program produces professionals with outstanding ability by providing customized, work-based, and interdisciplinary education.

Combined Master’s and Doctor’s program

Combining the Master’s program and Doctor’s program shortens the time it takes to earn these degrees and hastens the date that graduates start working as professionals.

Combined M.D. and Ph.D. program

This program trains teaching professionals the skills to conduct independent research and enables students to simultaneously earn an M.D. and Ph.D.

Interdisciplinary Programs

Our interdisciplinary collaboration program nurtures students with integrated thinking and research ability. Currently, there are four different programs including tumor biology, clinical pharmacology, Biomedical science/Imaging, Immunology, Neuroscience, Oncology, and Biology.

Cultivation of Research Ability

Our five-week Integrative Course in Medical Research offered to fourth-year medical students provides them with opportunities to acquire in-depth knowledge in the field of their choice, allows them to conduct medical research on a topic of their choice, and encourages them to explore future career paths. In addition, students can develop a global perspective through student exchange programs with medical schools around the world.

Cultivation of Ability for Clinical Work

Our students hone their clinical skills at our clinical skills training center (Ji Seok-Young Center). In the latter half of their second year, our students use models of the human body for medical examination and receive intensive clinical skills training. In their third year, they embark on a full-scale clinical training and improve their clinical skills step-by-step.

Pre-med

We nurture medical students with a well-rounded understanding of humanities as well as of diseases and patients.
The ultimate goal of medical research is to identify the causes and mechanism of diseases and to develop innovative technology to prevent, diagnose, and cure diseases.
Students create a lively campus culture and attractive atmosphere through student union and student societies.

The student union organizes various events that are very popular and well received among students. In addition, 38 student societies help students enjoy a variety of experiences and achieve self-discovery.

**Activities of Student Union**

The student union is a self-governing body consisting of various divisions such as general policy, educational policy, volunteer work, student welfare, international exchanges, public relations, and the student societies association. The student union hosts an annual festival and sports competition, launches various campaigns, promotes participation in volunteer work, and creates internship programs. All of these activities are very popular and well received among students.

**Executive Body**

The executive body receives and resolves students’ complaints. It also oversees the group purchase of textbooks, hosts various events, and runs an academic advisor program to help make students’ campus life more comfortable.

**“Code of Honor” Campaign promoted by the Student Union**

Since 2012, the student union has been promoting a desirable campus culture with their “Code of Honor” campaign. The student union is helping students establish and take pride in their identity as an SNU College of Medicine student through various activities such as a swearing-in ceremony, a signing ceremony, a campaign to promote public facility use etiquettes, and a Code of Honor contest.

**Current Status of Student Societies**

- **Culture and Arts**
  - Arago | Music | Choir
  - MESIK | Drama | Fence

- **Religion**
  - CMF | Yongin Christian Association | AF | Yongin Buddhist Association

- **Medical Volunteer Work**
  - CAEA | Songbun | Eul | Soeun | Kongin | Gogo

- **Academic Societies**
  - Aorta | Creative Science Research Association | AMSA | Oriental Medicine Research Association | Umteum | International Health Forum | MD Winners

- **Social Issues**
  - Mixed | Edwardsingress

- **Sports**
  - Soccer (Basketball) | Tennis | Baseball | Weight Lifting | Volleyball | Swimming | Mountaineering

- **Hobbies**
  - Paintings | Photograph | Wine Heart | PAIM

**Activities of Student Societies**

SNU College of Medicine provides support to student societies for students to cultivate a spirit of volunteering, leadership, and community spirit. Currently, students actively participate in 38 different societies in seven different fields including medical volunteer work, culture and arts, religion, academic pursuit, social issues, hobbies, and sports.

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CONTRIBUTION

Dr. LEE Jong-wook – Seoul Project

'Minnesota Project' in the 1950s

The 'Minnesota Project' in the 1950s provided SNU College of Medicine with an opportunity to grow and develop as a medical institution. Merely a half century later, SNU College of Medicine is paying it forward by launching the Dr. LEE Jong-wook – Seoul Project to transfer advanced medical technology and knowledge to developing countries.

MOU with University of Health Sciences of Lao PDR in 2011

In 2011, SNU College of Medicine and University of Health Sciences of Lao PDR signed an MOU. SNU College of Medicine invites exchange students from Laos and provides medical equipment to their home country. SNU College of Medicine is striving to meet its social responsibility by helping Laos improve its medical technology and welfare.