

## Hematology

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### Major Scientific Interests of the Group

Molecular mechanisms underlying normal and abnormal hematopoiesis: genetic and epigenetic abnormalities in hematologic malignancies are studied using patient-derived samples and genetically engineered mouse models. Including studies of microenvironmental cells in the malignancies.

### Projects for Regular Students in Doctoral or Master's Programs

- Role of epigenetic regulator, Tet enzymes in hematologic malignancies.
- Studying microenvironmental cell abnormalities in the bone marrow and lymphoid malignancies.

### Study Programs for Short Stay Students (one week – one trimester)

- Learn procedures for analyzing progenitor cells from mouse bone marrow by flowcytometry
- Learn blood cell transplantation in mouse model

### Selected Publications

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