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The Cancer Hospital turns 50 years with great rates of cancer cure and recognition for the quality of its research to decipher the disease.

Monica Tarantino' s article

Brazil has more than a dozen Cancer Hospitals but, one of them, the Cancer Hospital A.C. Camargo in Sao Paulo, is the best center for tumor treatment and recently it has widely regarded as a center of excellence for scientific research. In collaboration with the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, which is located in the same building, the institution is devoted to basic research and it also integrates the worldwide effort to decipher the human genetic code. "the quality of research in those institutions is renowned worldwide" says Gilberto Schwartzmann, Professor of Oncology in the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. In the Hospital, ten thousand patients from around the country are seen every day. Six thousand surgeries are performed in the hospital every year.

The Hospital combines the largest experience in cancer patient treatment and research of Latin America with basic research performed at the Ludwig Institute of Cancer Research that has 84 M.Sc. and Ph.D. candidates each year. Daniela lerardi from Sao Paulo and Fabrício Costa from Minas Gerais are part of this exceptional team that works tirelessly to advance science. They investigate the role of a specific gene in breast and brain tumors. Daniela is working towards her Masters science degree and Fabricio is working towards his Ph.D degree. One of the pioneers of the Ludwig Institute, the pathologist Humberto Torloni, believes in these kids. "We are doing good science in Brazil and we have good researchers", he says. In the 80's, he was a key element in bringing the Ludwig Institute to the Hospital. "The American millionaire Daniel Ludwig wanted to start a branch of his research center in Brazil, but he did not know where. I showed him what the best options were" says Torloni, who was one of the first M.D.s and researchers to work in the institute.



The researchers Fabricio F. Costa and Daniela Ierardi