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In February 1962 the present National Cancer Center Research Institute was opened on premises formerly occupied by the Imperial Japanese Navy, which disbanded its facilities at the close of World War II. The former Naval Medical College and Hospital buildings were converted into the first units of the National Cancer Center Research Institute and Hospital. The Japanese Cancer Center includes 12 divisions in the basic biomedical, clinical, and epidemiological sciences. A view of the Center's more recent activities is given by W. Nakahara (collected papers from the National Cancer Center Research Institute, 1966, 2: v, 1967).

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