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FOR THE MEDIA



Ashok R. Shaha, MD, FACS

[Head and Neck Surgeon \(#about-me\)](#)



Areas of Expertise

Conditions I Treat

- Head and neck cancers
- Thyroid cancer and conditions



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Languages: English

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Get to Know Me

Dr. Shaha specializes in head and neck surgery, with a particular interest in thyroid and parathyroid surgery. He uses an algorithm of selective thyroid tumor criteria (the size, location, stage and type of cancer, along with the patient's age), to tailor therapy to each individual's circumstances. This can help thyroid cancer patients avoid unnecessary and potentially damaging over-treatment, while still providing the best option for control of their cancer and better quality of life after treatment.

Dr. Shaha works very closely with Memorial Sloan Ketterings' endocrinologists to monitor the careful post-treatment hormone balancing necessary for thyroid cancer patients. Many academic hospitals and medical societies worldwide have invited Dr. Shaha to speak on the principles of targeted thyroid surgery and to share his expertise in the treatment of head and neck cancers.

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What I Do at MSK

I'm a head and neck surgeon, which is a doctor with special training in surgery on the head and neck. This includes the tonsils, tongue, mouth, lips, larynx, nose, sinuses, salivary glands, and thyroid gland.

- Allan H. Selig Chair

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Education & Honors

Education

- MBBS, Maharaja Sayajirao University

Residencies

- Surgery - Shri Sayaji General Hospital
- Surgical Oncology - Tata Cancer Hospital
- Surgery - St. Vincent's Medical Center
- Surgery - SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Fellowships

- General Surgery - Shri Sayaji General Hospital
- Surgical Oncology - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Head and Neck Surgery - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Board Certifications

- Surgery

Insurance Information

Understanding your insurance options is an important part of managing your cancer care. We have relationships with many common healthcare providers and plans.

Don't see your carrier or plan? [We can help you understand your coverage](#) .

If you don't have health insurance or are worried that your care may not be fully covered, our [financial assistance](#) programs may be able to help.

If you have questions about insurance, call us at [646-497-9176](#) .

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New Patients

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Current Patients

Request an appointment by calling your Care Team or messaging them in [MSK MyChart](#).

Contact and Location


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Location

 New York, NY

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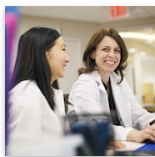
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Colleagues

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Clinical Trials



Find a Clinical Trial for You

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You may be able to participate in a clinical trial even if you are new to MSK. Search our online directory to find trial information and see more about who can participate.

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Research and Publications

Books

Proceedings of the Fifth International Head and Neck Oncology Meeting. Johnson J, Shaha AR. Los Angeles: American Head and Neck Society; 2000.

Operative Techniques in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Shaha AR. Philadelphia: WB Saunders; 2003.

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Selected Book Chapters

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Publications on PubMed

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Ashok R. Shaha discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

No disclosures meeting criteria for time period

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