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About Me

What I Do at MSK

- Co-Director, Specialized Advanced Care Unit

Get To Know Me

I am a chest surgeon who specializes primarily in the treatment of three groups of patients: those with lung cancer, those with cancers that have spread to the lung from other sites, and those with tumors that arise from structures in the chest other than the lung, such as the thymus gland or the chest wall.

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My Role at MSK

A thoracic (thor-A-sik) surgeon is a doctor with special training in surgery on the chest, lungs, trachea (windpipe), and thymus.

Areas of Expertise

My Specialties

Lung Cancer

Mediastinal Tumors

Mesothelioma

Pulmonary Metastases

Pulmonary and Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, including Laser Endoscopy

Critical Care Medicine

Thoracic Surgical Oncology

Tracheobronchial and Esophageal Stents

Education & Honors

Education

MD, Columbia University

Residencies

Surgery - Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

Awards and Honors

Castle Connolly: America’s Top Doctor (2024)

Top Doctors New York Metro Area, Castle Connolly (2023)

Castle Connolly: America's Top Doctors (2023)

Fellowships

Surgery - Mayo Clinic

Surgery - Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

Board Certifications

Thoracic Surgery

Surgical Critical Care

General 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.

Enter your insurance provider

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.

Contact and Location

Dr. Downey sees patients at three locations.

Office Phone

212-639-8124

Location

New York, NY

Basking Ridge, NJ

Rockefeller Outpatient Pavilion
160 East 53rd Street
New York, NY 10022
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Memorial Sloan Kettering Basking Ridge
136 Mountain View Boulevard
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Colleagues

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Clinical Trials



Find a Clinical Trial for You

Memorial Sloan Kettering's doctors and scientists are constantly developing new treatments for cancer. MSK is typically running hundreds of clinical trials at a given time.

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directory to find trial information and see more about who can participate.

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Research and Publications

Selected Book Chapters
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Robert J. Downey discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

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