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At Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), experts from many fields work as a team to give you the best care. They help create a plan to treat the cancer. They also support your health and well-being each step of the way. Here are some of the people who might be a part of your care team.

Request an appointment

Our Care Advisors can answer many of your questions. They will connect you with the best healthcare provider for your needs.

[Call 800-525-2225](tel:800-525-2225)

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Experts in diagnosis

Your care team uses blood tests, scans, and other tests to find the cancer's type, size, where it is, and if it has spread. This is called staging. Our pathology team plays a key role in staging by looking at cells and tissues under a microscope to learn more about the cancer.

Genetic tests help your care team learn more about the cancer. These tests look for changes in the cancer cells. This helps your care team choose drugs that are more likely to work. This is called precision medicine.

Learn more about experts in diagnosis

Oncologists

Oncologists are doctors with special training in diagnosing and treating cancer. There are many types of oncologists.

Learn more about oncologists

Surgeons and surgical oncologists

A surgeon is a doctor with special training in surgery. A surgical oncologist is a doctor who uses surgery to remove tumors. Most surgical oncologists specialize in treating one or more types of cancer that occur in a specific organ (such as the liver, lungs, bone, or skin), organ system (such as the nervous or hormonal system), or region of the body (such as breast or head and neck). Many MSK surgeons are trained to use specialized instruments or minimally invasive techniques, such as robotic surgery, laparoscopic surgery, or microsurgery.

Learn more about surgeons and surgical oncologists

Advanced practice providers

Advanced practice providers (APPs) are healthcare providers who have specialized training and work alone or with your doctor to care for you. APPs may be physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs), or certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs).

Learn more about advanced practice providers

Nurses

Nurses are often the team members you see the most. The nurses on your team will give you treatments, monitor your treatment and watch for side effects, and teach you and your caregivers what to expect during treatment.

VIDEO |

Nursing at MSK: Compassionate, Patient-Centered Care

A patient describes the expertise and caring of his nurses at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

[Video Details \(https://www.mskcc.org/videos/nursing-msk-compassionate-patient-centered-care\)](https://www.mskcc.org/videos/nursing-msk-compassionate-patient-centered-care)

They also help coordinate your appointments, keep track of your treatment information, and give you emotional support.

Learn more about
nurses

Other specialty doctors

In some hospitals and clinics, the doctors listed below focus on their specialties and care for people who have not been diagnosed with cancer. But at MSK, these doctors are also experts in preventing and treating problems that can happen because of cancer and its treatment.

Learn more about other specialty
doctors

Other healthcare providers

We know you need support beyond just cancer care. At MSK, we have teams of healthcare professionals who are here to support your physical and emotional needs.

Learn more about other healthcare
providers

Learn more about providers who offer physical
support

Learn more about providers who offer emotional
support

To locate doctors with special training in a certain type of cancer, or to schedule an appointment, please visit [Find a Doctor](#) .

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