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Clinical nurse Jennifer Fox, Evan Matros, MD, and physician assistant Eden Davis meet with a patient.

When you are a patient at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, your care is always a team effort. Each of our patient care teams combines the skills and experience of several healthcare professionals, many of whom specialize in diagnosing and treating one type of cancer—yours. Our team members meet regularly to discuss patients' diagnostic and treatment information, so that each patient benefits from a wide range of expertise. Representatives of many different disciplines involved in your care work to ensure that you receive the best possible treatment for your needs. Here is some information about their roles.

## Treatment Team

For most cancers, treatment is led by one or more primary physicians, including a [medical oncologist](#), [surgical oncologist](#), and [radiation oncologist](#). For some cancers, you may also see an [interventional radiologist](#). Each of these experts brings a clear set of skills and techniques for treating cancer.

Members of each Memorial Sloan Kettering treatment team specialize in treating one type of cancer. This means that the physicians and other healthcare professionals treating you can develop a plan for the combination of treatments that will lead to the best possible outcome for you.

To locate doctors who specialize in treating a specific type of cancer, or to schedule an appointment, please visit [Find a Doctor](#).

Medical Oncologist

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Surgical Oncologist

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Radiation Oncologist

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Interventional Radiologist

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## Nursing

Nurses play an important role in caring for patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering and are often the treatment team members with whom you will have the most contact. Nurses bring deep knowledge, experience, and expertise to your care, because they specialize in helping people with your particular type of cancer. Nurses will help you during your experience at MSK, whether you are being treated in the hospital or as an outpatient.

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### **Nursing at MSK: Compassionate, Patient-Centered Care**

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

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At MSK, nurses collaborate with doctors and other members of your patient care team to develop a treatment plan that is right for you, placing your needs and preferences first. The nurses on your team provide a range of services—administering therapies, monitoring your treatment and watching out for side effects, educating you and your family about what to expect during treatment, and offering emotional support. Nurses also help coordinate your appointments, communicate important information to various members of your patient care team, and keep track of other details related to your treatment.

Learn more about a [clinical nurse](#), [nurse practitioner](#), [clinical nurse specialist](#), and other nursing professionals you may encounter.

Clinical Nurse

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Nurse Practitioner

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Clinical Nurse Specialist

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Nursing Assistant and Patient Care Technician

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## Diagnostic Team

The diagnostic team at Memorial Sloan Kettering includes a [pathologist](#), [radiologist](#), [nuclear medicine specialist](#), and [genetic cancer specialist](#). These doctors and related healthcare professionals use information from blood tests, imaging tests, and other specialized diagnostic tests to identify the type and location of cancer and determine the stage (extent) of the disease. Like the treatment team, members of the diagnostic team are trained to identify specific types of cancer—and both work together to develop an individualized treatment plan.

Pathologist

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Radiologist

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Nuclear Medicine Specialist

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Genetic Cancer Specialist

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## Specialized Support Team Care

Memorial Sloan Kettering's multidisciplinary patient care teams include various medical specialists and subspecialists, such as an [anesthesiologist](#), [endocrinologist](#), [medical physicist](#), [radiation therapist](#), [pulmonologist](#), and more. Our specialists perform diagnostic and therapeutic tasks that enhance the overall coordination and quality of care.

Anesthesiologist

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Endocrinologist

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Gastroenterologist

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Hematologist and Hematologic Oncologist

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Medical Physicist

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Neurologist, Neuro-Oncologist, and Neurosurgeon

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Physiatrist

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Radiation Therapist  
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Pulmonologist  
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Physician Assistant  
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Supportive Care

Memorial Sloan Kettering’s patient care teams include various healthcare professionals who focus on helping patients and their families cope with a cancer diagnosis. At MSK, these may include a [genetic counselor](#), [nutritionist/dietitian](#), [oncology social worker](#), [psychiatrist](#), and [rehabilitation therapist](#). They provide services that address the many physical and emotional issues that can arise during cancer therapy, and help patients adjust to life after treatment.

Genetic Counselor  
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Nutritionist/Dietitian  
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Oncology Social Worker  
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Psychiatrist  
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Rehabilitation Therapist  
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