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At MSK Kids, our team of experts puts caring for children and their families in the center of all we do.

Your child. Our purpose.

If your child is facing cancer, you've come to the right place. At Memorial Sloan Kettering, finding new ways to treat cancer drives our team. Today, we know more about [childhood cancer](#) than ever before, and we use that knowledge to find the right treatment and provide the best care for your child.

We're MSK Kids, and our sole focus is caring for children, teenagers, and young adults with cancer and related diseases. Wherever you are in your experience — seeking a diagnosis or new sources of hope — we're here to help and partner with you. MSK Kids is the largest pediatric program in the

country, with [unparalleled expertise](#) and [treatment approaches](#) often not available anywhere else. Our specialists have insight and knowledge matched only by their dedication and compassion.

We're here to help

Call [833-MSK-KIDS](#)

Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time)

[Make an appointment](#) (<https://www.mskcc.org/experience/become-patient/appointment>)

Focused on you

Every child who walks through our doors is unique, and we work with you to develop the treatment plan that is best for their diagnosis. Our goal for every young person who comes to MSK Kids is to help him or her get back to being a kid as soon as possible. Call us today to [make an appointment](#) — we'll make every effort to see your family within 24 hours, even on weekends.

Questions? Get started here.

We know you have a lot of questions. These answers might help. Please give us a call if there is something you don't see listed below. We're here to help you make sense of the next steps forward.

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1. What cancers does MSK Kids treat?

MSK Kids treats all types of childhood cancer — from the most common to the most complex. That means no matter what diagnosis or stage of treatment you're facing, our team of experts is available. [Here](#) is a list of some of the cancers we treat.

2. How soon can I see a doctor?

We'll make sure to see you and your family as soon as possible, which is often within 24 hours of your first phone call to MSK Kids. To make a [first appointment](#), call us at [833-MSK-KIDS](#).

3. Can I come to MSK Kids for a second opinion?

Of course. At MSK Kids, we know you're facing a lot of big decisions, and we're here to help you find the path that's right for you. Call us at [833-MSK-KIDS](#) to talk with us about your options.

4. Do you take my insurance?

Many insurance carriers cover treatment at MSK Kids, but we know that the [approval process](#) can be confusing. Give us a call at [833-MSK-KIDS](#), and a member of our [designated team of counselors](#) can help you through the process.

5. Why should I choose MSK Kids for my child's care?

At MSK Kids, our goal is the same as yours: to get your child back to a full, healthy life as quickly as possible. Our experts and extensive [treatment](#)

[options](#) give us the best chance of doing so. As part of the largest childhood cancer program in the United States, the specialists at MSK Kids have seen and cared for children with all types of cancer.

And while our [doctors, nurses, and other staff](#) are caring for your child, MSK scientists are right next door, working in our labs to create the breakthrough treatments of the future. In fact, many therapies that got their start at MSK Kids are now the standard of care at other hospitals. We have made a number of notable discoveries that have led to longer, happier lives for young people with cancer — and we're always looking toward the future. Take a look at how [we've improved the outlook for people facing pediatric cancer](#).

We also recognize that treatment at MSK Kids goes far beyond medical care, and we have programs especially for parents, siblings, and other important people in your child's life to offer support and guidance on the road ahead. Check out [all of the ways we are here to support your family](#).

6. What types of treatment do you offer?

We offer the best and latest [treatments](#) in cancer care for children and young adults. These include the latest advances in [chemotherapy](#), [radiation](#), and [surgery](#). We're also able to offer innovative [immunotherapy and antibody treatments](#), including those that aren't widely available. We're continuously pioneering newer and more advanced techniques, which allows us to better [understand the nature of each child's tumor and use targeted therapies to treat it](#).

7. Will my child have to miss school?

If your child has to miss school, we will make sure that he or she stays on track, or quickly gets back up to speed. MSK Kids is part of the New York City Department of Education's Hospital Schools program, which means we have [full-time teachers](#) available for your child. We have instruction available for pre-kindergarteners through high schoolers, and our teachers will work together with your child's school. Your child can take classes with other children at MSK, or receive private lessons at his or her bedside. We also have specialists on hand who can assess your child's academic, social, and emotional needs as he or she heads back to school.

8. What resources do you have for my family?

From doctors to [dance therapists](#), nurses to [nutritionists](#), [child life specialists](#) to [chaplains](#), every single one of us is here to help strengthen and support your family throughout your child's care. Take a look at some of our offerings for you and your family [here](#).

9. What kind of follow-up care does a childhood cancer survivor need?

Reaching the end of treatment is a huge milestone, one everyone at MSK Kids loves to celebrate! Of course, our team will still be here to care for your child even after treatment ends. We offer two programs once children are no longer on active treatment, so they have [long-term support](#) from our team even into [adulthood](#).

Tow Center for Developmental Oncology

The Tow Center for Developmental Oncology (TCDO) at MSK Kids and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center focuses on developing ground-breaking treatments for cancers in children and young adults.

[Learn more](#)

