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William Breitbart (left), Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, leads a group dedicated to clinical care, teaching, and research into the psychological aspects of cancer.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) pioneered the introduction of psychiatry in the oncology setting. When we were founded in 1977, our department was the nation's first group solely dedicated to clinical care, teaching, and research into the psychological aspects of cancer. Today, we're established leaders in this arena. We meet with approximately 2,500 patients each year and provide 10,000 follow-up visits to patients, their family members, and their loved ones. We're the largest national resource for training and research in psychiatric oncology, and we represent one of a handful of sites for training in the psychological aspects of HIV/AIDS.

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