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About Me

Babak J. Mehrara

What I Do at MSK

- Chief, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Service
- Peter G. Cordeiro Endowed Chair in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Get To Know Me

I am a plastic surgeon dedicated to providing [reconstructive surgery](#) to patients with cancer.

I have special training in microsurgery, a type of procedure that transplants tissues from one part of the body to another by reconnecting small blood vessels using a microscope. I also have extensive experience in reconstruction performed with perforator flaps. This [includes deep inferior epigastric artery perforator \(DIEP\) flap](#) and [gluteal artery perforator \(GAP\) flap](#) surgery for breast reconstruction. DIEP flap surgery is the most common type of autologous breast reconstruction (reconstruction using your own tissue) and uses tissue from the abdomen to sculpt a new breast.

I have lectured nationally and internationally on breast reconstruction and have published extensively on the topic.

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My Role at MSK

A plastic and reconstructive surgeon is a doctor with special training in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. These procedures restore function and appearance.

Areas of Expertise

My Specialties

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Breast and Facial Reconstruction, Microsurgery, Lymphedema, Abdominal Wall Repair

Education & Honors

Education

MD, Columbia University

Residencies

General Surgery - New York University Medical Center

Plastic Surgery - New York University 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)

Castle Connolly: New York Magazine Top Doctors (2010, 2013, 2016-2020)

Fellowships

Microsurgery - University of California Los Angeles Medical Center

Board Certifications

Plastic 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.

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](tel:646-497-9176).

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New Patients

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Current Patients

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Contact and Location

Dr. Mehrara sees patients at two locations.


Office Phone

 [646-608-8639](tel:646-608-8639)


Location

-  New York, NY
-  West Harrison, NY

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Colleagues

Doctors at Memorial Sloan Kettering work as teams, with specialists from all different areas. This allows us to consider all your needs together, and to give you the best possible care.

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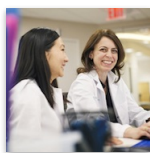
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Clinical Trials

Clinical Trials Co-Investigated by Dr. Mehrara

[A Study of a Comprehensive Prevention Program to Reduce Lymphedema After Underarm Lymph Node Removal in People With Breast Cancer](#)



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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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Research and Publications

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Publications on PubMed

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