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### 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 646-888-0200

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## About Me

Christian J. Nelson

## What I Do at MSK

- Chief, Psychiatry Service

## Get To Know Me

I am a clinical psychologist with expertise in treating men with prostate cancer and other genitourinary malignancies. As the psychological liaison to Memorial Sloan Kettering's genitourinary and sexual medicine services, I provide short- and long-term counseling services to patients struggling with cancer-related issues. Men who are undergoing treatment for these diseases sometimes experience treatment-related sexual dysfunction, and I help them and their partners optimize intimacy before, during, and after treatment. I also work with the Center's 65+ Program, providing psychological support for our patients who are 65 and older, and I co-facilitate a support group for patients dealing with the combined issues of cancer and aging.

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## My Role at MSK

A psychologist has special training in therapy to help people with mental and behavioral health issues.

## Areas of Expertise

### My Specialties

Psycho-oncology

Clinical Psychology

## Education & Honors

### Education

PhD, Long Island University

### Residencies

Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn

### Fellowships

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## 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

Scheduling an appointment is easy. Click or call [646-888-0200](tel:646-888-0200)— we're available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern time)

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## Current Patients

Request an appointment by logging on to MyMSK or calling your doctor's office. If you aren't registered for MyMSK, call [646-227-2593](tel:646-227-2593) for your Enrollment ID.

## Contact and Location

Dr. Nelson sees patients at one location.

Office Phone

 [646-888-0030](tel:646-888-0030)

Location

 New York, NY

[Rockefeller Outpatient Pavilion](#)

 160 East 53rd Street  
New York, NY 10022

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Looking to see a doctor at a different location? [See all MSK locations.](#)

## 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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## Clinical Trials

Clinical Trials Investigated by Dr. Nelson

[CARE: A Study Comparing the Effectiveness of Two Interventions to Help Reduce Distress in Older Adults with Cancer](#)

Clinical Trials Co-Investigated by Dr. Nelson

[A Study of Remote Behavioral Activation to Treat Depression in Older Adult Survivors of Cancer](#)



### Find a Clinical Trial for You

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.

You may be able to participate in a clinical trial even if you are new to MSK. Search our online directory to find trial information and see more about who can participate.

[Search clinical trials](#) →

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MSK requires doctors and faculty members to report (“disclose”) the relationships and financial interests they have with external entities. As a commitment to transparency with our community, we make that information available to the public.

Christian J. Nelson discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

*No disclosures meeting criteria for time period*

If you're a patient at MSK and would like more information about your doctor's external relationships, please talk with your doctor.

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