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About Me

What I Do at MSK

- Chief, Ophthalmic Oncology Service, Department of Surgery

Get To Know Me

I am a board-certified ophthalmologist with specialty training in ophthalmic oncology. Ophthalmic oncologists are ophthalmologists who specialize in diagnosing and treating cancer on the surface of the eye, in the eye, and in the tissues around the eye (the lid and orbit). I have a joint appointment in the Departments of Surgery, Pediatrics, and Radiation Oncology.

I am also Chief of the Ophthalmic Oncology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK). This is the only service dedicated to ophthalmic oncology in a cancer hospital in the United States. Because of our close association with specialists in pediatrics, genetics, interventional radiology, radiation oncology, diagnostic radiology, and medicine, we are able to offer coordinated, state-of-the-art care. Our patients have access to novel therapies and clinical trials not available anywhere else in the country.

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My Role at MSK

An ophthalmic (of-THAL-mik) oncologist is a cancer doctor with special training in eye cancers. This includes eye melanoma and retinoblastoma.

Areas of Expertise

My Specialties

Retinoblastoma
Ocular Melanomas (Melanoma of the Eye)
Uveal Melanoma
Orbital Tumors
Ophthalmic Oncology

Education & Honors

Education

MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Residencies

Ophthalmology - Columbia Presbyterian 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 (2000-2023)

Hall of Fame Honoree: Brooklyn Tech Alumni Foundation (2019), Retina Hall of Fame, Harvard University Athletic Club Hall of Fame (1993)

Charter Member, Retina Hall of Fame (2017)

Medal of Honor, Center for Sight (2013)

Dominic Purpura Award, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (2012)

Bjerrum Medal, Danish Ophthalmological Society (2012)

The Alcon Research Institute Award, Alcon Research Institute (2011)

Stallard Medal, Cambridge University (2009)

Honor, Senior Honor, and Lifetime Achievement Awards, American Academy of Ophthalmology (1982, 1990, 2008)

Mildred Weisenfeld Award for Excellence in Ophthalmology, ARVO Annual Meeting (2004)

Hobart Lerner Award, New York State Ophthalmological Society (2001)

Honoree, The Manhattan League of Helen Keller Services for the Blind (2000)

Best Doctors in New York, New York Magazine (2000-2020)

Franceschetti Medal, Swiss Ophthalmological Society (1997)

Fellowships

Ophthalmology - Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center

Board Certifications

Ophthalmology

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.

Enter your insurance provider

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 [833-MSK-KIDS](#)— we're available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 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](#) for your Enrollment ID.


Contact and Location

Dr. Abramson sees patients at one location.


Office Phone

 [212-639-7232](tel:212-639-7232)

Location

 New York, NY

[Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center](#)

 1275 York Avenue
New York, NY 10065
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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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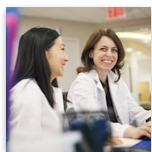
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Clinical Trials

Clinical Trials Co-Investigated by Dr. Abramson

[Effect of Treatment on Quality of Life in Survivors of Retinoblastoma in One Eye](#)

[Retinoblastoma Survivor Study: Assessment of General Health and Quality of Life](#)



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.

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Research and Publications

Miguez S, Lee Y, Chan AX, Demkowicz P, Jones B, Long CP, Abramson DH, Bosenberg M, Sznol M, Kluger H, Goldbaum MH, Francis JH, Pointdujour-Lim R, Bakhoun MF. [Validation of the prognostic utility of the gene expression profiling test in patients with uveal melanoma](#). *Ophthalmology*. 2023 Feb 3:S0161-6420(23)00064-7. doi: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2023.01.020. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36739981.

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Publications on PubMed

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David H. Abramson discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

The Fund for Ophthalmic Knowledge Inc.

Fiduciary Role / Position

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