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David H. Ilson, MD, PhD

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Areas of Expertise

Conditions I Treat

- Esophageal cancers and conditions
- Stomach (gastric) cancer
- Gallbladder cancer

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Languages: English

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Our Care Advisors can answer many of your questions. They will connect you with the best healthcare provider for your needs.

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Get to Know Me

I am a medical oncologist with special interest and expertise in treating patients who have upper gastrointestinal cancers, particularly those with esophageal cancer.

My research focus is studying new agents to treat advanced disease and evaluating novel agents in combined-modality therapy to treat locally advanced disease.

Read more +

What I Do at MSK

I'm a gastrointestinal (GAS-troh-in-TES-tih-nul) medical oncologist, which is a cancer doctor who specializes in gastrointestinal (GI) cancers. This includes anal, colorectal, esophageal, gastric (stomach), liver, and pancreatic cancers. We also treat GI stromal tumors and neuroendocrine tumors.

- Attending Physician

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- Stomach (gastric) cancer
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- Pancreatic cancer
- Liver cancer and conditions
- Colon cancer
- Rectal cancer
- Cancer of unknown primary origin (CUP)

Education & Honors

Education

- MD, PhD, New York University School of Medicine

Residencies

- NYU Medical Center/Bellevue Hospital

Fellowships

- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Board Certifications

- Internal Medicine
- Medical Oncology

Awards and Honors

- Castle Connolly: America's Top Doctor (2026)
- Castle Connolly: America's Top Doctor (2025)
- 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 (2007-2009, 2016)

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](#) .

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New Patients

Scheduling an appointment is easy. Click or call [646-497-9053](#) — we're available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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Current Patients


Request an appointment by calling your Care Team or messaging them in [MSK MyChart](#).

Contact and Location

Office Phone


 [646-888-4183](tel:646-888-4183)

Location

 New York, NY


 Middletown, NJ

[Rockefeller Outpatient Pavilion](#)

 160 East 53rd Street
New York, NY 10022

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[Memorial Sloan Kettering Monmouth](#)

 480 Red Hill Road
Middletown, NJ 07748

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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.

[See all Gastrointestinal Oncology Service doctors](https://www.mskcc.org/doctor#f:Departments=[Medicine,Division%20of%20Solid%20Tumor%20Oncology,Gastrointestinal%20Oncology%20Service]) ([https://www.mskcc.org/doctor#f:Departments=\[Medicine,Division of Solid Tumor Oncology,Gastrointestinal Oncology Service\]](https://www.mskcc.org/doctor#f:Departments=[Medicine,Division%20of%20Solid%20Tumor%20Oncology,Gastrointestinal%20Oncology%20Service]))

Clinical Trials



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](https://www.mskcc.org/cancer-care/clinical-trials) (<https://www.mskcc.org/cancer-care/clinical-trials>)

Research and Publications

Publications on PubMed

Visit PubMed for a full listing of Dr. Ilson's journal articles. Pubmed is an online index of research papers and other articles from the US National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.

[See all on PubMed](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?) (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?>)

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MSK requires doctors, faculty members, and leaders 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. Not all disclosed interests and relationships present conflicts of interest. MSK reviews all disclosed interests and relationships to assess whether a conflict of interest exists and whether formal COI management is needed.

David H. Ilson 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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