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Head and Neck Cancers (Larynx/Upper Aerodigestive, Thyroid, Salivary Gland, Skin)

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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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# About Me

## What I Do at MSK

- Chief, Head and Neck Oncology Service
- Associate Deputy Physician-in-Chief, Strategic Partnerships

## Get To Know Me

I am a medical oncologist with more than 20 years of experience in treating patients with a broad spectrum of head and neck malignancies including tumors of the mouth, throat, thyroid, salivary glands, and skin. For these years of service, I was honored to receive Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's Willet F. Whitmore Award for Clinical Excellence in 2011.

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## My Role at MSK

A head and neck oncologist is a cancer doctor with special training in head and neck cancers. This includes cancers of the larynx, lips, mouth, nose, salivary glands, and throat.

## Areas of Expertise

### My Specialties

Head and Neck Cancers (Larynx/Upper Aerodigestive, Thyroid, Salivary Gland, Skin)  
Lung Cancer  
Genitourinary Malignancies  
Larynx/Organ-Preserving Therapies  
Immunotherapy  
Outcomes Research

## Education & Honors

### Education

MD, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

### Residencies

Internal Medicine - Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

## 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 (2005-2008, 2010-2018)

## Fellowships

Clinical Epidemiology/Internal Medicine - Yale-New Haven Hospital/Yale University School of Medicine

Medical Oncology and Hematology - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Medicine - Weill Cornell Medical College

## Board Certifications

Internal Medicine

Medical Oncology

## 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).

## Make an Appointment



## New Patients

Scheduling an appointment is easy. Click or call [646-497-9161](tel:646-497-9161)— 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. Pfister sees patients at one location.


Office Phone

 [646-608-3760](tel:646-608-3760)

Location

 New York, NY

[David H. Koch Center for Cancer Care at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center](#)

 530 East 74th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
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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. Pfister

[A Phase III Study of Penpulimab or Placebo Plus Chemotherapy in People with Recurrent or Metastatic Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma](#)

Clinical Trials Co-Investigated by Dr. Pfister

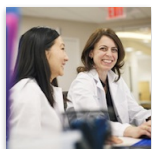
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### Find a Clinical Trial for You

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](#) →

## Research and Publications

### Publications on PubMed

Visit PubMed for a full listing of Dr. Pfister'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.

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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.

David G. Pfister discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

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National Comprehensive Cancer Network  
Fiduciary Role / Position; Professional Services and Activities (Uncompensated)

Nykode Therapeutics  
Professional Services and Activities

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