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# About Me

## What I Do at MSK

- Director, Dermatopathology Service
- Director, Dermatopathology Fellowship Program

## Get To Know Me

As dermatopathologist I examine skin tissue under the microscope to provide my clinical colleagues with information about the nature of their patients' skin disease. I am part of a multidisciplinary team of physicians dedicated to providing the best care to patients affected by skin cancer. The strength of the team reflects the depth of its expertise. Here at Memorial Sloan Kettering we see more patients with unusual or difficult-to-diagnose skin tumors than do clinicians and dermatopathologists almost anywhere else. Furthermore, we have the most advanced diagnostic methods available. Our research focuses on improving the accuracy of skin tumor diagnosis, in particular distinguishing nevi from melanoma.

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## My Role at MSK

A pathologist is a doctor who uses a microscope to make a diagnosis from cell and tissue samples. They analyze the samples to learn the cause and effects of a health condition.

## Areas of Expertise

### My Specialties

Dermatopathology

Melanoma

Skin Cancer

## Education & Honors

### Education

MD, University of Freiburg (Germany)

### Residencies

Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital (Boston)

## 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 (2015-2021)  
ASDP Founders Award (2021)

## Fellowships

Harvard Medical School

## Board Certifications

Anatomic Pathology  
Dermatopathology

## 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).

## Request an Opinion



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We can assess your case without an appointment. Click or call [212-639-6780](tel:212-639-6780)— 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](tel:646-227-2593) for your Enrollment ID.

## Contact and Location

Dr. Busam sees patients at one location.

Office Phone

 [212-639-5905](tel:212-639-5905)

Location

 New York, NY

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 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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## 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](#) →

## Research and Publications

### Publications on PubMed

Visit PubMed for a full listing of Dr. Busam'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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Doctors and faculty members often work with pharmaceutical, device, biotechnology, and life sciences companies, and other organizations outside of MSK, to find safe and effective cancer treatments, to improve patient care, and to educate the health care community.

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.

Klaus J. Busam discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

American Society of Dermatopathology

Fiduciary Role / Position

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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