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Naga Vara Kishore Pillarsetty, PhD

Radiochemist ([#about-me](#))



Areas of Expertise

My Specialties

- Clinical trials
- Radiotracers



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Languages: English

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Get to Know Me

I am a radiochemist working in Memorial Hospital's Department of Radiology with a focus on the synthesis and development of positron-emission tomography (PET) imaging probes. I have a PhD degree in chemistry and while a post-doctoral fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering, I developed an interest in biology. During my fellowship, I synthesized fluorine-18 and iodine-124 labeled molecules, which can act as PET probes for imaging *HSV1-tk* gene expression or function as a marker for proliferation, a hallmark of cancer. The information obtained from PET imaging was used to assess the biological status of the tumor cells.

Read more +

What I Do at MSK

I'm a radiochemist, which is a doctor and scientist who studies radioactive elements.

- Director, Preclinical Radiochemistry & Training, Lab Head
- Interim Chief Attending, Radiochemistry Service

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Education & Honors

Education

- PhD, University of Missouri. Columbia

Fellowships

- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

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 [800-525-2225](tel:800-525-2225) — 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

 [646-888-2221](tel:646-888-2221)

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.

[See all Radiochemistry and Imaging Sciences Service doctors](#) ([https://www.mskcc.org/doctor#f:Departments=\[Radiology,Radiochemistry and Imaging Sciences Service\]](https://www.mskcc.org/doctor#f:Departments=[Radiology,Radiochemistry%20and%20Imaging%20Sciences%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>)

Research and Publications

Publications on PubMed

Visit PubMed for a full listing of Dr. Pillarsetty'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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Members of the MSK Community 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. These activities outside of MSK further our mission, provide productive collaborations, and promote the practical application of scientific discoveries.

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Naga Vara Kishore Pillarsetty discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

- AbbVie
Equity
- Adjuvance Technologies
Intellectual Property Rights
- Amedisys
Equity
- Bayer
Equity
- Becton, Dickinson and Company

- Equity
- Celldex Therapeutics
 - Equity
- Coretag Therapeutics AG
 - Professional Services and Activities
- Edwards Lifesciences
 - Equity
- Evergreen Theragnostics
 - Equity; Professional Services and Activities
- General Electric
 - Equity
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
 - Professional Services and Activities (Uncompensated)
- Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
 - Equity
- Johnson & Johnson
 - Equity
- Jubilant DraxImage Inc.
 - Professional Services and Activities
- Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc.
 - Equity
- Revolution Medicines
 - Equity
- Samus Therapeutics LLC
 - Intellectual Property Rights
- Verastem
 - Equity
- Viking Therapeutics Inc
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- Y-mAbs Therapeutics, Inc.
 - Intellectual Property Rights

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