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Medical oncologist Dana Rathkopf (left) considers treatment options for a man with an aggressive form of prostate cancer.

MSK can help you choose treatments that give the best chance to control or cure prostate cancer. There are treatments for newly diagnosed early-stage prostate cancer, for cancer that returned after treatment, and for advanced disease.

We have made many advances in prostate cancer screening and treatment over the past 20 years. We can find prostate cancer earlier, when it is easier to treat. That means more people beat the disease for longer periods of time. Years ago, nearly 7 out of every 10 people with prostate cancer survived 10 years after their diagnosis. Now, that 10-year survival rate has jumped to more than 9 out of 10.

Listen Now: Treatment Options for Early Stage Prostate Cancer

MSK's 'Cancer Straight Talk' podcast uncovers what you need to know about early-stage prostate cancer, from risk factors to treatment options

and how to tackle their side effects.

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Surgery: Our prostate surgeons are among the most experienced in the U.S. They are part of a team that was ranked #1 in the nation for Urology Cancer Care this year by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Research studies have examined the track records of surgeons who regularly perform [radical prostatectomies](#) (removal of the prostate). This research shows these surgeons have fewer complications on average than surgeons who do these surgeries less often. Many of our prostate cancer surgeons focus only on prostate cancer. Their deep knowledge and experience means they can give you care with the best outcomes.

Radiation Therapy: Our radiation oncologists, medical physics experts, and radiologists work closely as a team to provide a comprehensive treatment plan. Recent research studies show patients have better outcomes when treated by an experienced radiation oncology team that specializes in prostate cancer.

In recent years, we have learned much about the biology of prostate cancer. We know more about why and how it happens, and better understand its many forms. There have also been many advances in surgery, radiation therapy, and medical therapies. These trends have made it possible to successfully treat most prostate cancers that have not spread. We can often lengthen life spans for people who have metastatic disease.

Many prostate cancers diagnosed today are indolent (grow slowly). They grow so slowly that they probably will not cause symptoms, spread, or shorten your life in any way. MSK experts will learn what kind of cancer you have and talk with you about the options best for you. Sometimes we may recommend that you do not have surgery or radiation therapy right away. Instead, we will carefully monitor the cancer's growth.

Each case of prostate cancer is different. The cancer you have may change over time. Our experts will keep assessing changes in the cancer and its response to treatment.

Many of our doctors are lead investigators in [clinical trials](#) that test new therapies and diagnostic methods in patients. If you choose Memorial Sloan Kettering for your cancer care, you may be able to join our research. You could have access to new approaches that usually are not as available at other hospitals.

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Choosing Your Treatment Options

Once your diagnostic tests are complete, we will know more about your condition. You may have:

No cancer

Clinically localized disease (cancer that has not spread from prostate)

Rising PSA after treatment, such as surgery or radiation

Metastatic disease (the cancer has spread)

Each has different treatment goals and treatment options for best managing the disease.

No Cancer Diagnosis

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Cancer That Has Not Spread From the Prostate
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Rising PSA after Surgery or Radiation
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Metastatic Disease
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