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Finding a Welcome Reuse

With more than 11,000 employees in 40 locations serving approximately 119,000 patients annually, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center recognizes that we are a substantial consumer of energy and material resources. To maximize our efforts to operate in an environmentally sustainable manner, Memorial Sloan-Kettering established an organization-wide “Green Team” committee in 2009 to identify opportunities to reduce waste and conserve resources.

The Green Team has instituted a number of successful initiatives, including efforts to recycle and reduce paper usage, compost food scraps from the kitchen, increase the use of tap water in lieu of bottled water at meetings and events, and shut down eligible computers at night — the shutdown rate



Paper is recycled in the operating room through Memorial Sloan-Kettering’s “Greening the Operating Room” program.

is now 90 percent, up from 16 percent just three years ago. Memorial Sloan-Kettering is also one of 12 hospitals participating in the Mayor’s Hospital Challenge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York City by 30 percent by 2017.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering’s Food and Nutrition Services department regularly works to identify environmentally preferable food service products and to increase healthy food options. The hospital’s cafeteria serves vegetables and fruit selected from local farms on Long Island and in New Jersey when available, seafood recommended by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program, and sushi provided by a vendor that uses responsibly raised and caught fish. During the growing season, a monthly farmer’s market in our cafeteria is open to staff, patients, and visitors. The Doe Fund, a local nonprofit organization, collects the hospital’s fryer oil for reprocessing into biodiesel fuel.

Through our medical supplies donation program, we provide the opportunity for others to reuse

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Free CancerSmart Lectures

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Advances Toward the Cure and Prevention of Breast Cancer

With Larry Norton, MD, Deputy Physician-in-Chief for Breast Cancer Programs

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Understanding Pancreatic Cancer: From Diagnosis to Treatment

TUESDAY, MAY 8

MSKCC Experts Discuss the Latest Advances in the Treatment and Cure of Skin Cancers in the 21st Century

All lectures will take place from **6:00 to 7:30 PM** in the **Rockefeller Research Laboratories** building, **430 East 67th Street** (between York and First Avenues). Please call 212-639-3074 or visit us at www.cancersmart.org to register for our lectures. To view previous CancerSmart lectures and discussions, please visit www.cancersmart.org/webcasts.

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equipment and furniture that can no longer be used. We partner with the Yonkers-based Afya Foundation to recover surplus medical supplies, equipment, and furniture that can be “upcycled” to support health initiatives in Africa and the Caribbean. In 2011, our hospital donated nearly 4,000 pounds of diagnostic and clinical supplies, IV poles, sutures, reclining treatment chairs, and other materials. In addition to diverting waste from the landfill, the Afya partnership allows our materials to have a second life and to make an impact on healthcare across the world. Danielle Butin, Executive Director of Afya, said, “Memorial Sloan-Kettering has always been one of our greatest supporters and partners. Right from the start, they recognized the potential that recycling medical supplies has for greening our local environment while improving healthcare abroad.”

In 2011 Memorial Sloan-Kettering was also honored to receive the “Partner for Change” Award from Practice Greenhealth, a national organization for healthcare facilities committed to environmentally responsible operations. The Partner for Change Award recognizes healthcare facilities that continuously improve and expand upon their mercury elimination, waste reduction, and



Von Chaney, Director of Supply Chain Support, accepts an award honoring Memorial Sloan-Kettering's impact on global health from Danielle Butin, Afya Foundation Executive Director, at a February 2012 benefit event. The Afya Foundation accepts donations of unused medical supplies at multiple locations in New York City. Visit www.afyafoundation.org to learn more.

pollution prevention programs. “We understand we are members of a larger community and we are committed to doing our part to reduce the institution’s environmental impact,” said Cynthia McCollum, Associate Hospital Administrator and Chair of the Green Team at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. “Receiving awards for these efforts helps us to know that we are on the right track as we move forward with our plans to further reduce waste and conserve resources.” ♻️

Go Green! Memorial Sloan-Kettering grows greener every day. Help us to reduce paper waste by signing up to receive *Community Matters* via e-mail. Please send your name, home address, and e-mail to communityaffairs@mskcc.org with a request for the online version of this quarterly newsletter.

FREE CANCER SCREENINGS

Head and Neck Cancer Screenings

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Enid A. Haupt Pavilion, 425 East 67th Street, 4th Floor, Suite 5 (between York and First Avenues)

No appointment necessary.

Skin Cancer Screenings*

TUESDAY, MAY 1 • THURSDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MSKCC Basking Ridge

136 Mountain View Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Dermatology Suite, Basking Ridge, NJ

By appointment only. To make an appointment, call 908-542-3400.

THURSDAY, MAY 17 • 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

MSKCC Hauppauge

800 Veterans Memorial Highway, 2nd Floor Hauppauge, NY

By appointment only. To make an appointment, call 631-863-5100.

THURSDAY, MAY 17 • 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Rockefeller Outpatient Pavilion

160 East 53rd Street, 10th Floor (between Lexington and Third Avenues)

By limited appointment only. To make an appointment, call 212-610-0772. Phone lines open at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 9.

* Individuals at increased risk for skin cancer who are most likely to benefit from screening are those with: a family history of melanoma in two or more blood relatives; multiple atypical moles; or numerous actinic keratoses (precancerous lesions that are scaly patches of skin, gray to pink in color, on sun-exposed areas of the body).

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