



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

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NEWS FROM MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER - COMMACK

Outpatient Services Expand in Commack



A two-story addition of MSK Commack is planned for completion in 2016 and will increase the size of the facility by approximately 70 percent, resulting in a state-of-the-art, 90,000-plus-square-foot treatment center.



Our expert care team is growing and now includes (left to right) doctors C. Jillian Tsai, Sarah J. Schweber, Jahan Aghalar, Jasmeet C. Singh, Lori Kelly, and Marsha Reyngold. Visit us at www.mskcc.org/commack to learn more about our newest clinicians.

We're renovating and enlarging our space to better meet the needs of the growing number of patients treated at Memorial Sloan Kettering Commack.

"We are excited to be able to offer increased services to additional patients in the Long Island area," says Richard Barakat, Deputy Physician-in-Chief for the Regional Care Network and MSK Cancer Alliance. "Demand for the specialty care that we provide is growing, and we are committed to giving more people access to our expertise and compassionate care closer to home." The overall incidence of cancer in Suffolk County is higher than the New York State average and is estimated to grow by 12 percent between 2016 and 2026.

Added and Extended Services

Since 2002, MSK Commack has offered outpatient medical oncology, chemotherapy

and infusion services, radiation oncology, surgical oncology consultations, neuro-oncology for patients with primary brain tumors, clinical genetics consultations, radiology, lymphedema management, clinical trials, and social work and nutritional support services.

The expansion at MSK Commack will include:

- Increased medical oncology, chemotherapy infusion, radiation oncology, and surgical oncology services
- An MSK physician specializing in pain management who will be supported by additional pain management staff
- A new MRI scanner, CT scanner, and ultrasound unit for radiology care
- A suite for interventional radiology procedures such as biopsies and placement of venous access devices

- A multimedia conference space and meeting rooms for educational activities

Meeting Patient Needs

Today, most cancer care is delivered in the outpatient setting, with treatment typically requiring many visits over an extended period of time. Only 10 percent of MSK's current patients will ever require hospitalization for their treatment, whereas 20 years ago, care was provided predominantly on an inpatient basis.

Over time, the duration of a typical patient's course of treatment has also lengthened. Cancer is increasingly a chronic illness, and patients are living longer with the disease while continuing to undergo active treatment.

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Patient care is also more likely to involve coordination between various health professionals from multiple disciplines. This model of integrated treatment is best achieved in physical settings designed to meet a range of clinical needs — such as our enhanced Commack facility.

We are investing in these additional services to provide our patients with the most streamlined and stress-free experience possible, while increasing access to MSK-quality comprehensive cancer care for residents of Suffolk County.

“Our goal is to have MSK Commack meet all of our patients’ cancer care needs in one location,” says Ephraim Casper,

Medical Director for the MSK Regional Care Network. “We look forward to engaging more Long Island patients, family members, and the broader community in education and support services at our facility in partnership with local health agencies, businesses, and other groups.”

MSK has six suburban outpatient treatment locations: two in Westchester County, three on Long Island, and one in New Jersey. Patients interested in receiving care at any MSK facility can contact our Physician Referral Service at 800-525-2225. We are in-network with most health plans.

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Memorial Sloan Kettering wishes you a healthy and joyous holiday season.

MSK Ranks First in the Nation for Cancer Care



MSK is proud and honored to share that we have been named the number one hospital for cancer care in the nation, according to [U.S. News & World Report](#) in its annual listing of Best Hospitals. Since the inception of the revered list 25 years ago, MSK has held either the first or second spot each year.

In addition to our recognition for cancer care, MSK was ranked number four for gynecology; number nine for urology; and number 28 for ear, nose, and throat, and was recognized as high performing in the fields of gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery and geriatrics. Just 3 percent of the nearly 5,000 hospitals analyzed earned national ranking in even one specialty.