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Cancer Center

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Blood/Platelet Donor Program

212-639-3666

Physician Referral Service

800-525-2225

Construction Information

212-639-4444

New Outpatient Facility Opens

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) treats more breast cancer patients than any other cancer center in the nation. Facing a projected 25 percent growth in breast cancer patient volume, MSKCC completed construction in July of its new Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center and MSKCC Imaging Center along Second Avenue at 300 East 66th Street.

Services offered at the new 16-story building include the following: medical oncology, surgical oncology office practice, chemotherapy, social work, nutrition counseling, genetics counseling, and integrative medicine. Two floors are dedicated to imaging — including mammography, ultrasound, stereotactic biopsy, MRI, CT, PET-CT, SPECT-CT, general x-ray, and bone densitometry.

The site is the new home for the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center, which offers leading-edge breast cancer prevention, diagnostic, and outpatient treatment services delivered in a serene, welcoming environment. When MSKCC's original Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at 205 East 64th Street first opened more than 16 years ago, it created a national model for providing comprehensive outpatient breast cancer services. "With the opening of this expanded Center," said Dr. Larry Norton, MSKCC Deputy Physician-in-Chief for Breast Cancer Services, "we are establishing a new standard. We are providing pioneering, comprehensive breast cancer prevention, diagnostic, treatment, and support services that go beyond the standard of care, all under one roof." Dr. Norton notes that the patient-centered facility was designed to make the patient



MSKCC's new breast and imaging center was opened to patients in September 2009.

experience less daunting and to enhance and facilitate interaction between the patient and care team.

Warm, natural hues and natural light are used to create soothing surroundings for patients and family members. The Center's tranquil and inviting environment includes more than 450 pieces of original artwork. Much of the collection was either donated or secured by Evelyn H. Lauder. A wide range of artwork, created by internationally recognized artists as well as employees of Memorial Sloan-Kettering, hangs in every waiting room, hallway, and examination, treatment, and changing room. The collection is composed primarily of photographs but also features paintings, prints, works on paper, and sculpture.

Breast cancer patients at the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center are cared for by a multidisciplinary staff of more than 200 healthcare professionals who have specialized expertise in managing breast-related issues. The facility's design reflects the changing modalities in breast cancer treatment including new diagnostic technologies, less invasive surgery, molecular pathol-

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An interior waiting room (top) in the newly constructed Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center features a warm, tranquil design and nature-themed artwork to create a serene environment. Patients are ensured privacy and comfort during their visits.

Geriatrics Service Established

Among all known risk factors for developing cancer, the most powerful is aging. According to the National Cancer Institute, Americans 65 and older account for 55 percent of new cancer cases and 70 percent of all cancer deaths. The 65-and-older population will grow dramatically in the next few decades and by 2030 will account for 20 percent of all Americans. To address the increasingly complex clinical needs of older cancer patients, Memorial Sloan-Kettering recently established a Geriatrics Service in the Department of Medicine. The service's dedicated staff of geriatricians and a geriatric nurse practitioner work closely with the hospital's oncologists to provide comprehensive geriatric evaluations and coordination of care for older patients — especially those with multiple health conditions.

This new service builds on an MSKCC initiative called the 65+ Program, which began in 2002 with support from the Joachim Silberman Family Foundation. The program offers the services of a multidisciplinary geriatric team focused on meeting the clinical and psychosocial needs of older cancer patients. The team includes physicians, clinical nurse specialists, social workers, nutritionists, pharmacists, and psychiatrists, as well as members of the Pain and Palliative Care Service and the Integrative Medicine Service. As a benefit to the community, MSKCC's 65+ Program hosts monthly educational lectures for older patients with cancer that address topics such as nutrition, coping with sleep difficulties, and memory loss. It also sponsors an annual health fair that is open to the community. ✨

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ogy, more effective chemotherapies, new targeted treatments, vaccine development, and an emphasis on prevention. In addition to services and amenities such as art therapy, a boutique, and a patient education library, rehabilitation and occupational therapy with a focus on lymphedema therapy are available to patients.

As well as offering the most advanced imaging services for breast cancer, a full range of state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging services for patients with other types of cancer is pro-

vided at the new facility. "We are excited to offer patients with breast and other cancers an array of leading-edge imaging services for diagnosis and treatment follow-up," commented Dr. Hedvig Hricak, Chair of MSKCC's Department of Radiology.

Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. For more information about the services at the breast and imaging center, please call the MSKCC Physician Referral Service at 800-525-2225. ✨

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free Prostate Cancer Screenings

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

All screenings will take place from 3:30–5:30 PM at **Guttman Diagnostic Center, 55 Fifth Avenue** (between 12th and 13th Streets).

By limited appointment only. To make an appointment, call 212-463-8733. Please note: Appointment scheduling will start on Tuesday, September 1.

Free CancerSmart Lectures

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

A Conversation About Prostate Cancer: Screening, Watchful Waiting, and Surgery

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

An Update on Colorectal Cancer

All lectures will take place from 6:00–7:30 PM in the **Rockefeller Research Laboratories** building, **430 East 67th Street** (between York and First Avenues).

65+ Health Fair

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Preventing Falls in the Older Cancer Patient

This event will take place from 11:30 AM–2:30 PM in **Memorial Hospital, 1275 York Avenue, M-107** (between 67th and 68th Streets).

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