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Cancer Center

# Community M A T T E R S

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NEWS FROM MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER

## Resources

### Blood/Platelet Donor Program

212-639-3666

### Community Matters

212-639-3199

### Physician Referral Service

800-525-2225

## New President and CEO at MSKCC

Craig B. Thompson, MD, has been named the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center effective November 2, 2010. Dr. Thompson comes to MSKCC from the University of Pennsylvania, where he has served as Director of the Abramson Cancer Center and Associate Vice President of Cancer Services for the University of Pennsylvania Health System since 2006. He succeeds Harold Varmus, MD, who left MSKCC in July 2010 and is now director of the National Cancer Institute.

As director of the Abramson Cancer Center, Dr. Thompson oversaw the work of several hundred cancer researchers as well as more than 300 full-time physicians and faculty across the University of Pennsylvania Health System involved in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. During his tenure, his accomplishments included the opening of a new multidisciplinary cancer outpatient facility, the development of the first proton therapy center in the Mid-Atlantic region, and the expansion of Abramson's translational research effort.

"Craig Thompson is an exemplary physician-scientist, educator, and academic leader with extensive experience in the fields of cancer research, translational research, and immunology. This breadth of expertise will serve MSKCC well as he helps to guide our institution into the next decade," said Douglas A. Warner III, Chairman of the Boards of Overseers and Managers of Memorial Sloan-Kettering. "He brings to his new role significant contributions to the understanding of the biology of cancer, a strong and committed



**"With Sloan-Kettering's extraordinary strength in patient care, research, and education, I could not be more enthusiastic about this new role and new challenge," said incoming President and CEO Craig Thompson. "I look forward to building on MSKCC's achievements and tradition of excellence and to working with my colleagues here in making progress in controlling and ultimately curing cancer."**

appreciation for the needs of patients with cancer, and superb executive skills."

Dr. Thompson is a board-certified internist and medical oncologist. He received his MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1977 and completed his residency at Harvard's Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in 1979. His current research focuses on the role that metabolic changes play in the origin and progression of cancer. He has also done pioneering research on the genes that control programmed cell death and how the misregulation of such genes can

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Free Prostate Cancer Screenings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

All screenings will take place from 3:30–5:15 PM at Guttman Diagnostic Center, 55 Fifth Avenue (between 12th and 13th Streets).

**By appointment only.** To make an appointment, call 212-463-8733. Please note that appointments will be accepted beginning Tuesday, September 7.

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contribute to cancer. In earlier work he contributed to the development of innovative treatments for autoimmune diseases and leukemia.

Among his many honors, he is a member of the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences,

and he chairs the Medical Advisory Board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Dr. Thompson has been a member of the advisory boards of several cancer centers including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. ✨

## MSKCC Purchases Downtown Facility to Expand Outpatient Care

In February Memorial Sloan-Kettering purchased the property formerly known as Cabrini Medical Center, located on East 19th Street in Manhattan. Pending regulatory approval, the 450,000-square-foot, five-building complex will be renovated over the next five years to convert the property into an outpatient cancer center.

The property, approximately two and a half miles from MSKCC's campus on York Avenue, is scheduled to include ambulatory care, an expanded bone marrow and stem cell transplantation program, and an increased ambulatory surgery program. It will also offer future opportunities to expand clinical and research programs.

"The acquisition of the Cabrini site reflects the Center's need to augment its clinical operations in Manhattan and comes after an energetic and rigorous strategic planning effort over the past several years," said MSKCC Acting President John Gunn. "This new site will allow us to offer our expertise in cancer care to a larger number of cancer patients — a population that continues to grow in number and treatment complexity. We look forward to working with the Gramercy Park community as we renovate and prepare for start-up." ✨

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Free CancerSmart Lectures

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Focus on Women and Gynecologic Cancers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The New Genomics of Cancer Susceptibility:  
Pinpointing Your Risk for 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). Please call 212-639-3074 or visit us

at [www.cancersmart.org](http://www.cancersmart.org) to register for our lectures.

To view previous CancerSmart lectures and discussions, please visit [www.cancersmart.org/webcasts](http://www.cancersmart.org/webcasts).

### Free Lecture for Cancer Survivors

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

The Business of Survivorship: Managing Your  
Healthcare Benefits Post-Treatment

Memorial Sloan Kettering's Post-Treatment Resource Program will present an evening workshop for cancer survivors on how to navigate your way post-treatment through Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security Disability, and long-term care insurance. Registration is required. Please call 646-888-4740 or e-mail [ptpr@mskcc.org](mailto:ptpr@mskcc.org) to register.

The lecture will take place from **5:30–7:30 PM**

in the **Rockefeller Research Laboratories**

building, **430 East 67th Street** (between York and First Avenues).

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