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New Facilities for Outpatient Care and Science Education Gain Approval

Memorial Sloan-Kettering’s plans to build an outpatient cancer care facility and CUNY/Hunter College’s plans to build a separate Science and Health Professions Building on East 74th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive continue to advance.

“This new facility will increase access to cancer care for New Yorkers at a time when additional outpatient treatment services will be critically needed,” says Craig Thompson, MSK President and CEO. Services offered at MSK’s 74th Street facility will include treatment for patients with lung, head and neck, and hematologic cancers, as well as a state-of-the-art outpatient bone marrow transplantation program. The location will also support a broad range of early-phase clinical trials designed to discover new cancer treatments, and leading-edge radiation oncology and radiology services.

Hunter College plans to consolidate its School of Nursing, science research labs, and physical therapy program on its portion of the site. The modern, technology-driven building will replace current lab facilities that were built more than half a century ago and no longer meet the college’s needs. “After more than a decade of hard work in partnership with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Hunter’s students and faculty will soon see this ambitious project begin to take shape on 74th Street,” said Hunter College President Jennifer Raab. “When complete, this new facility will provide our world-class research scientists, nurses, and health professionals – and the extraordinary students they train – with the state-of-the-art facilities they deserve. Our partnership with MSK will result in critical advancement of cutting-edge research and in direct health benefits for New Yorkers.”

Cancer Care Needs Continue to Grow

MSK’s outpatient facility will help meet the expected increase in need for cancer care and treatment by New Yorkers in the coming years. Looking forward, several trends have emerged in cancer care treatment:

- There is a continued shift of cancer treatment from the inpatient to the outpatient setting. Today, only 10 percent of MSK patients will ever require hospitalization for their treatment, whereas 20 years ago, care was provided predominantly on an inpatient basis.
- The duration of a typical cancer patient’s course of treatment has increased significantly. Cancer is increasingly a chronic illness and patients are living longer with treatment that may require many visits over an extended period of time.
- A typical patient’s care is more likely to involve coordination among 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.

These trends — coupled with the rising median age of the population and especially a projected increase in the number of New Yorkers over the age of 65 who will be diagnosed with cancer — are the impetus for MSK’s decision to expand and establish a leading-edge facility for outpatient care near our inpatient hospital.



At ground level, CUNY/Hunter College’s setback glass facade will provide a wide and welcoming entrance for students, faculty, and staff. The Memorial Sloan-Kettering building entrance will include a covered patient drop-off area and valet parking for the on-site parking garage to help ease traffic flow along the street.

MSK and CUNY/Hunter College Collaboration

The 74th Street complex also presents a unique opportunity for exciting collaborations with CUNY and Hunter College researchers and health science professionals. MSK and Hunter College partner in numerous academic and scientific collaborations that benefit students at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as faculty members. These longstanding combined efforts will be expanded to include new, innovative research and education ventures.

One very promising joint initiative that will be enhanced by the proximity of these two buildings is increased opportunity for nursing education. MSK’s Chief Nursing Officer, Elizabeth McCormick, explained, “Of special concern to us at Memorial Sloan-Kettering is the urgent need to ensure a pipe-

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line of skilled oncology nurses, especially as the population ages.” Nursing leadership at MSK and Hunter’s School of Nursing are exploring programs that will benefit MSK’s nursing staff and Hunter students, including advanced education for MSK nurses in Hunter’s master’s degree programs, placement of Hunter nursing students at MSK for clinical learning and clinical practicum, and joint research efforts.

A yearlong public review process yielded valuable input from community members and public officials, who consistently voted to approve the projects. MSK and CUNY/Hunter thank the leadership and members of the New York City Council, the City Planning Com-

mission, Manhattan’s Community Board 8, and the Manhattan Borough Board, as well as the numerous elected officials and civic organizations who devoted considerable time and energy to reviewing the projects.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with the community during the construction phase of these facilities. Community members can contact MSK’s Construction Information Line at 212-639-4444 to ask questions or to voice any concerns. A full description of each facility’s planned services and building particulars is available at www.mskcc.org/74street.

MSK’s Outpatient Facility

A Look Ahead at Construction Milestones

Site excavation	2014
Foundation established	2015
Exterior erection	2015-2016
Interior finish work	2017-2018
Construction completion	2018

(Projected timeframes are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseeable factors.)



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Community Health Needs Assessment
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Resources

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