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NEWS FROM MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER BASKING RIDGE

Putting Our Patients First: Our New Care Initiatives

Since opening in 2006, MSK has cared for thousands of patients at our Basking Ridge location and we are excited to share our expansion plans to help better meet the needs of our New Jersey patients. “Memorial Sloan Kettering is deeply committed to New Jersey, having provided cancer care in the state for more than 20 years, and we are thrilled to extend our cancer expertise and resources to even more patients and communities,” says Richard R. Barakat, MD, Director, Regional Care Network.

Expanded Services and Amenities

We are always looking for ways to enhance our patient care experience. Here are some of the recent improvements we’ve made in Basking Ridge:

- Opened a suite dedicated to blood drawing and expanded lab services to process a wider array of patient blood tests quickly and conveniently
- Renovated the breast imaging suite space with warm, soothing design elements
- Added six chemotherapy bays to allow more patients to be treated in a timely manner
- Completed an addition of approximately 100 spaces to our parking lot

And, coming soon, we will be:

- Providing healthy, simple food service options onsite

- Operating a retail pharmacy to make filling prescriptions easier for our patients
- Offering lymphedema therapy services, making treatment for this side effect more convenient
- Establishing lab space to prepare drug therapies for early stage clinical research trials so local patients have access to potential new therapies often not available elsewhere

New Partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health

To improve cancer care for New Jersey residents, MSK and Hackensack Meridian Health recently launched the Memorial Sloan Kettering–Hackensack Meridian Health partnership. This ten-year strategic partnership will combine our organizations’ expertise in all areas of cancer care and research and is designed to improve cancer care for New Jersey residents.

MSK patients treated at current MSK facilities in Basking Ridge and Monmouth, NJ will remain our patients and those facilities will continue to be run by MSK. Our patients will benefit from this close collaboration with a top notch local area hospital network.

“Our collaboration will help us continue to meet the evolving needs of patients with cancer, whether that’s through greater access to clinical trials or more convenient options for local hospitalization

SAVE THE DATE

Free Skin Cancer Screenings (By Appointment Only)

Tuesday, May 2, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
MSK Basking Ridge
Fourth Floor, Dermatology Suite



Dr. Elizabeth Quigley will provide free skin cancer screenings at MSK Basking Ridge on May 2nd. RSVP is required.

Take advantage of MSK’s free skin-cancer screening event. Individuals at increased risk for skin cancer are most likely to benefit from screening. Risk factors for skin cancer include family history of melanoma (two or more blood relatives), multiple atypical moles, and numerous actinic keratoses (scaly patches of skin, gray to pink in color, on sun-exposed areas of the body). Please call 908-542-3396 to schedule an appointment.

and follow-up care,” adds Dr. Barakat.

For further news and updates on MSK’s services in New Jersey, subscribe to our digital Community Matters newsletter at www.mskcc.org/communitynews.

Online Patient & Caregiver Groups: Expert Support, No Travel Needed



Support and educational programs are helpful ways for people with cancer and their caregivers to cope with physical and emotional concerns that arise from diagnosis and treatment. However, attending meetings can be difficult,

especially for those who are dealing with a serious illness, live far from their care center, or are busy juggling the demands of work and family life.

MSK's Virtual Programs offer real-time, online support and education groups for people with cancer and their families. We have groups based on cancer type such as bladder, pancreatic, and sarcoma, as well as topics-based groups including parenting with cancer, and young adult survivorship. We also have educational sessions that cover male and female sexual health, dating and disclosure, and managing

cancer-related lymphedema.

MSK professionals, including social workers, nurses, and physicians, lead all groups. Sessions can range from 30 to 90 minutes, and are offered at various times throughout the day. Groups are free and confidential. Many of our online groups are open to people being treated at a healthcare facility other than MSK.

For more information about upcoming Virtual Programs, please visit www.mskcc.org/vp.



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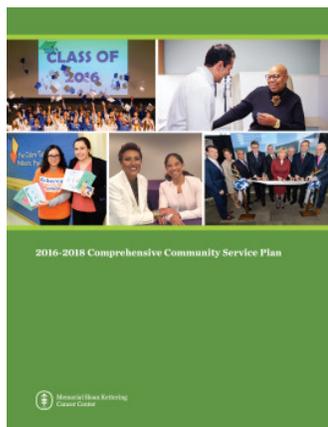
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MSK's Community Service Plan Now Available

Our 2016-2018 Comprehensive Community Service Plan summarizes our efforts to address cancer-related health needs present in the community.

- To read the report online, please go to www.mskcc.org/communityserviceplans.
- To request a copy by mail or for questions or comments about the report, please call 212-639-3199 or email us at communityaffairs@mskcc.org.

New Patient Appointments

800-525-2225

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