



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

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Plans Under Way for New Cancer Center in Nassau

Thanks to advances in cancer science — many originating at MSK — most people with cancer can receive treatment in an outpatient facility instead of a hospital. We know that patients often prefer outpatient care because it allows them to remain living at home, engaged in their work, and connected to their communities.

To meet the needs of growing numbers of cancer patients on Long Island, MSK will open a new freestanding outpatient cancer treatment center in 2019 in Uniondale. The majority of MSK's patients reside in areas outside of Manhattan, including approximately 19% from Long Island.

"We've cared for thousands of Long Islanders, and are eager to expand access to MSK-quality care to residents of Nassau and Queens counties," says Richard R. Barakat, Director, Regional Care Network.

A New State-of-the-Art Home for Comprehensive Cancer Care

Like MSK Commack, MSK Nassau will offer comprehensive adult oncology services from teams of MSK doctors, nurses, social workers, and other cancer specialists. "Our expert care teams have years of experience diagnosing and treating cancer and bring a depth of expertise to caring for patients that sets MSK apart from other hospitals," notes Dr. Barakat.

Planning for specific medical services that will be offered on-site is still in progress, but MSK Nassau will include:

- Memorial Sloan Kettering surgeons, medical oncologists, and radiation oncologists



With more than 140,000 square feet of clinical space, MSK Nassau will offer patients compassionate, personalized clinical and supportive services and provide greater access to clinical trials, including early studies on treatments not available elsewhere.

- chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and diagnostic radiology (such as mammography)
- clinical trials, genetic counseling, pain-management support, lymphedema therapy, social work services, and nutritional counseling provided by expert oncology dietitians

Meeting the Needs of Our Patients, Caregivers, and Communities

MSK Nassau has been designed to create a calming, restful environment for patients and caregivers that supports healing and well-being. Amenities will include an on-site café with quick-service meal options and abundant parking in an adjacent garage.

This new treatment center will be easily accessible from major Long Island roadways and Nassau County public transportation. A multimedia conference

room for educational programming, professional development, and local community use is planned to support community health education.

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.

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.

New Patient Appointments

800-525-2225

MSK is an in-network provider with many insurance plans.

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Community Events

Infection Prevention: It Begins With You!

Monday, May 1, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Holiday Inn
215 Sunnyside Boulevard
Plainview, NY 11803

Join the Pulse Center for Patient Safety Education & Advocacy for dinner and a presentation by MSK nurse Janet Eagan, Manager of Infection Control, on how to

prevent infection during a hospital stay. Admission is free for registered guests of MSK. To register, RSVP by April 26 to Robin Moulder at moulderr@mskcc.org.

Free Skin-Cancer Screenings (By Appointment Only)

Friday, May 12, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
MSK Hauppauge
800 Veterans Memorial Highway, 2nd Floor
Hauppauge, NY 11788

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 631-863-5100 to schedule an appointment.