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Borough President Shines a Light on Pediatric Cancer



Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President, presents MSK President and CEO Craig Thompson (*left*) and Richard J. O'Reilly, Chairman of MSK's Department of Pediatrics, with a proclamation in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.



High school teacher Edie Silsdorf and patient Grace West enjoy the event.

In September, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer paid a visit to Memorial Sloan Kettering's Department of Pediatrics to present us with a city proclamation declaring September to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Along with several staff members from her office, Ms Brewer spent time with our youngest pediatric patients and staff.

"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is a golden opportunity to build public awareness of pediatric cancer and to call atten-

tion to the need for increased funding for pediatric cancer research," said Dr. Richard J. O'Reilly, Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics. "Our experts — from physicians and nurses to clerical, management, and support staff — share a common goal: to cure children, teens, and young adults with cancer and return them to a life focused on family, friends, and the future."

Ms. Brewer visited MSK's Pediatric Day Hospital — the first of its type in the

world — which allows children and young adults to receive more than 90 percent of their treatment in an outpatient environment. From its earliest days of pioneering the introduction of chemotherapy in childhood leukemia to the founding of the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Service, MSK's Department of Pediatrics has been in the vanguard of pediatric cancer care and research.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Thursday, October 23, 2014

Challenges in Cancer Management - Is There a Right Course?

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Registration begins at 5:30 PM)

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building
163 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor Art Gallery

This event is sponsored by MSK's Breast Examination Center of Harlem. Photo identification is required to enter the building and cameras are prohibited. Please RSVP to rawlinsk@mskcc.org or 212-531-8035.

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Breast Cancer and Bone Health

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Hospital for Special Surgery
Richard L. Menschel Education Center
535 East 70th Street, 2nd Floor

This lecture is sponsored by MSK and the Hospital for Special Surgery. To register online, please visit www.hss.edu/pped. For more information, please contact Maddy Meislin at 212-606-1613 or email pped@hss.edu.

MSK Ranks First in the Nation for Cancer Care

MSK is proud and honored to announce we have been named the number one hospital for cancer care in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report in its annual listing of Best Hospitals. Since the inception of the revered list 25 years ago, MSK has held either the first or second spot each year.

In addition to our ranking for cancer care, MSK was ranked number four for gynecology; number nine for urology; and number 28 for ear, nose, and throat, and was recognized as high performing in the fields of gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery and geriatrics. Just 3 percent of the

nearly 5,000 hospitals analyzed earned national ranking in even one specialty.

“To be recognized as the leading provider of cancer care in the United States is humbling. We applaud our doctors, nurses, and staff members who deliver exceptional care and service each day,” says José Baselga, MSK’s Physician-in-Chief and Chief Medical Officer. “Most notable in our eyes are the more than 100,000 patients who entrust themselves to our care each year. To us, they and their caregivers are number one.”



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CancerSmart Programs

Thursday, October 23, 2014

**Head and Neck Cancers: Present
Successes, Future Possibilities**

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

**Cancer Clinical Trials: Personalizing
for Each Patient**

All CancerSmart talks 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 to register for

our programs and to sign up to receive webcast details. To view previous CancerSmart programs, please visit www.cancersmart.org/videos.

Construction Updates Laboratory Medicine Building

(Completion 2017)

327 East 64th Street

Excavation to three floors below grade has begun at the site. To complete the rock excavation, necessary intermittent blasting activity will begin this fall and continue for three to four months.

74th Street Site

(Tentative completion 2018)

East 74th and the FDR Drive

MSK and the City University of New York - Hunter College are planning to build an outpatient cancer care facility and School of Science and Health Professions at this location. Construction start-up is pending closing on the property.

Resources

To Make an Appointment
800-525-2225

Construction Information Line
212-639-4444