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NEWS FROM MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER

Resources

Blood/Platelet Donor Program

212-639-7643

Construction Information

212-639-4444

To Make an Appointment

800-525-2225

Individuals interested in being screened for breast cancer at the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center may call 646-227-3700 to schedule an appointment. Highlights of the breast cancer screening services available include:

- Breast ultrasound and digital mammography, with all screening mammograms read independently by two radiologists.
- MRI screening and contrast-enhanced mammography for high-risk patients.
- Appointments available with no referral necessary (*a prescription for a mammogram is required by New York State law*).
- Expedited care for women who have a positive finding on a mammogram and are recommended for biopsy. Beginning this fall, these individuals will be seen within 48 hours from calling the Physician Referral Service at 800-525-2225.

From Screening to Care Under One Roof

Women in need of breast cancer screening have a new resource available to them on the east side of Manhattan. Expert breast cancer screening services are now available at the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at 300 East 66th Street along Second Avenue.

Designed to provide a more peaceful care experience in bustling New York City, the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center's amenities include a drive-through entrance where visitors may be dropped off and picked up away from traffic — as well as a designated floor for screening services. Guest reception areas feature warm, natural hues and natural light that extend into the more private, interior waiting spaces.

“Everyone in need of breast cancer screening is welcome to contact the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center,” says Elizabeth Morris, Chief of the Breast Imaging Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. “We specialize in breast cancer screening with the most-advanced technology and expert staff, including how best to use newer techniques such as MRI screening for early breast cancer detection for those at higher risk.”

While breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States among women, early detection and high-quality care improve treatment outcomes and survival rates. The Breast Cen-



Annual mammogram appointments are available on the fifth floor of the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at 300 East 66th Street.

ter's expert imaging radiologists are able to quickly refer women they diagnose with cancer to a team of cancer specialists who have easy access to their breast imaging history in order to determine the best treatment plan.

“We are excited to expand our services and look forward to serving as a valued resource for state-of-the-art breast cancer screening,” said Administrative Manager Shari Friedman. The Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center is in-network with most health insurance plans and welcomes inquiries from corporations and organizations interested in arranging employee health screenings. ☀

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Short-Stay Surgery Center Approved

In June, the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals approved Memorial Sloan-Kettering's plans to build the Josie Robertson Surgery Center at 1133 York Avenue, between 61st and 62nd Streets. This new facility will be able to accommodate 60 outpatient surgical patients daily in its 12 operating rooms.

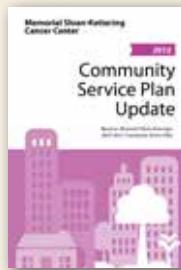
Surgery remains, whether individually or in combination with other treatments, the most common form of cancer treatment. Among the changes anticipated in healthcare delivery is the expansion of outpatient surgery, which is being made increasingly possible by advances in laparoscopic and robotic surgery. While complex inpatient operations and traditional "day surgery" procedures are well established, a new direction in surgery is being pioneered at Memorial Sloan-Kettering to allow more-sophisticated and complex surgical procedures to be performed in an outpatient setting.

When conducted by specially trained, highly experienced teams of surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses, such complex operations can be carried out safely and efficiently, allowing patients to leave the facility within 23 hours rather than spend several nights in a hospital recovering. These "short-stay" surgical procedures have several advantages, including allowing patients to recover better and faster at home, with less risk of postsurgical complications; reducing costs through more efficient delivery of cancer care; and improving patient satisfaction, as many patients prefer to recuperate in their own home rather than in a hospital.

When completed in 2015, the Josie Robertson Surgery Center will feature a covered patient-drop-off area accessed from York Avenue and exiting onto East 61st Street. Site preparation and construction activity have been under way for several months. ☀

2012 COMMUNITY SERVICE PLAN UPDATE AVAILABLE

Memorial Sloan-Kettering's 2012 Community Service Plan Update provides information about our community outreach programs, services, and activities. To view the update online, visit www.mskcc.org/communityserviceplans; to request a copy by mail or to comment on the report, call 212-639-3199 or e-mail communityaffairs@mskcc.org. ☀



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FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

65+ PROGRAM & DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE LECTURE

The Mind-Body Connection: Complementary Strategies for Health and Healing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Lecture and demonstrations with voluntary audience participation.
Rockefeller Research Laboratories building
430 East 67th Street (between York and First Avenues)

For more information, please call 646-888-4741.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH EVENT

Knowledge Is Power: Breast Cancer Awareness Fair

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center and
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Imaging Center
300 East 66th Street (between First and Second Avenues)

For more information, go to www.mskcc.org/breastcancerfair.

CANCERSMART PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 Regain and Retain Independence: Rehabilitation During and After Cancer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Managing Bladder Cancer: The Importance of a Team Approach

All CancerSmart talks will take place from 6:00 to 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. To view previous CancerSmart programs, please visit www.cancersmart.org/webcasts. ☀

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