



Memorial Sloan Kettering
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NEWS FROM MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER - COMMACK

MSK Commack Brings New Services Closer to Home



MSK Commack offers some of the areas most comprehensive cancer services and amenities in one location, including more than 40 cancer doctors with a range of specialties from medical and radiation oncology, radiology, interventional radiology, surgery, and pain management.

We are proud to announce our newest “addition” in Commack – a 38,000-square-foot expansion of our cancer care facility, nearly doubling its size! We have added additional services so that our Long Island patients and families can receive a wider range of cancer care services and treatment close to home.

Some highlights of the three-story addition include the sun-drenched chemotherapy suite, which features 18 private infusion rooms with picturesque floor-to-ceiling windows and lush seating; a state-of-the-art interventional radiology suite; pain management services; and a clinical laboratory to process bloodwork rapidly on-site. Each infusion room has amenities that allow the patient to control everything from room temperature to entertainment selections, including

complimentary Internet and cable TV access.

“Supporting our patients during this stressful time is our number-one priority, and one way we can help is by removing the burden of travel to some extent, while maintaining the high level of care patients come to expect from Memorial Sloan Kettering,” says Richard Barakat, Deputy Physician-in-Chief for the Regional Care Network and MSK Cancer Alliance. “Our commitment to the well-being of Long Islanders is reflected in our plans for expanding MSK Commack and for a new treatment center in Nassau.”

Responding to Patient Need

Based on the rising incidence of cancer in Suffolk County and the aging of the population, the volume of patient care

visits at MSK Commack is expected to more than double over the next ten years. “We’ve cared for patients in Commack for nearly 15 years, and the growing demand for our services compelled us to expand. Now we will be better able to serve the needs of our existing patients, and increase access for those who are newly diagnosed,” says Steve Sugarman, Chief of the Medical Oncology Service at MSK Commack.

Legislators from Long Island who attended the addition’s opening event spoke warmly of our commitment to high-quality patient care. Joining us were NY State Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy, Suffolk County Legislators Leslie Kennedy and Robert Trotta, and Abdul Sada of Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone’s office. Their support and kind words were well-received.



Long Island resident Susan Ruffini (right), with her MSK Commack care team Drs. Lisa Sclafani and Steve Sugarman, shared her story and noted “I was able to get the best care all within reach of my home and was given appointments that enabled me to continue to work with as little interruption as possible.”

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CancerSmart Program

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Less Is More: Next-Generation Radiation Therapies

Thursday, November 17, 2016
6:00 to 7:00 PM

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Join our Facebook CancerSmart event to submit questions for our experts, and tune in on Facebook Live to view the

CancerSmart talk. You may post questions during the talk and receive answers in the event's comments section.

Webcast (Watch the live talk at www.mskcc.org/cancersmart/radiation.)

You can also watch the talk via webcast. To find out more and register to attend the webcast, visit us at www.cancersmart.org or call 212-639-3074. You can submit questions and join the conversation on Twitter using #CancerSmart. To view previous CancerSmart programs, please visit www.cancersmart.org/videos.

What's Ahead in Long Island

The next phases of expansion at MSK Commack will bring dedicated space for the clinical trials program, a suite for lymphedema rehabilitation therapy, and a new breast imaging suite by the end of 2017.

We are also in the planning stages for a new freestanding facility in Nassau County on the site of the former Nassau Coliseum. Check our future *Community Matters* issues for news on what's planned for this location.



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