

COLORECTAL CANCER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MSK's colorectal cancer program is recognized as one of the world's finest,



and was named a high-performing hospital for colon cancer surgery in *U.S. News & World Report*.

We provide patients with:

- the latest minimally invasive, image-guided techniques for diagnosis and treatment of cancers of the appendix, colon, rectum, and anus.
- a highly specialized, multidisciplinary approach to treatment of gastrointestinal neuroendocrine tumors and gastrointestinal stromal tumors
- the benefit of seeing three to four specialists on one day, in one location
- an individualized treatment plan
- a comprehensive risk assessment and long-term surveillance program
- access to innovative clinical trials of chemotherapy, surgical techniques, and advanced technologies not available at other hospitals
- genomic sequencing for all patients to look for actionable mutations
- non-opioid analgesic options for postoperative pain relief

LOCATIONS

Many of our specialists are centrally located at our **Manhattan location**. We also have regional outpatient locations in:

- MSK Basking Ridge, New Jersey
- MSK Monmouth, New Jersey
- MSK Commack, Long Island
- MSK Rockville Centre, New York
- MSK Westchester, New York

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REFER A PATIENT

Contact our Physician Access Service directly at

800-525-2225

MSK has insurance contracts with most major health plans in the New York tristate area.

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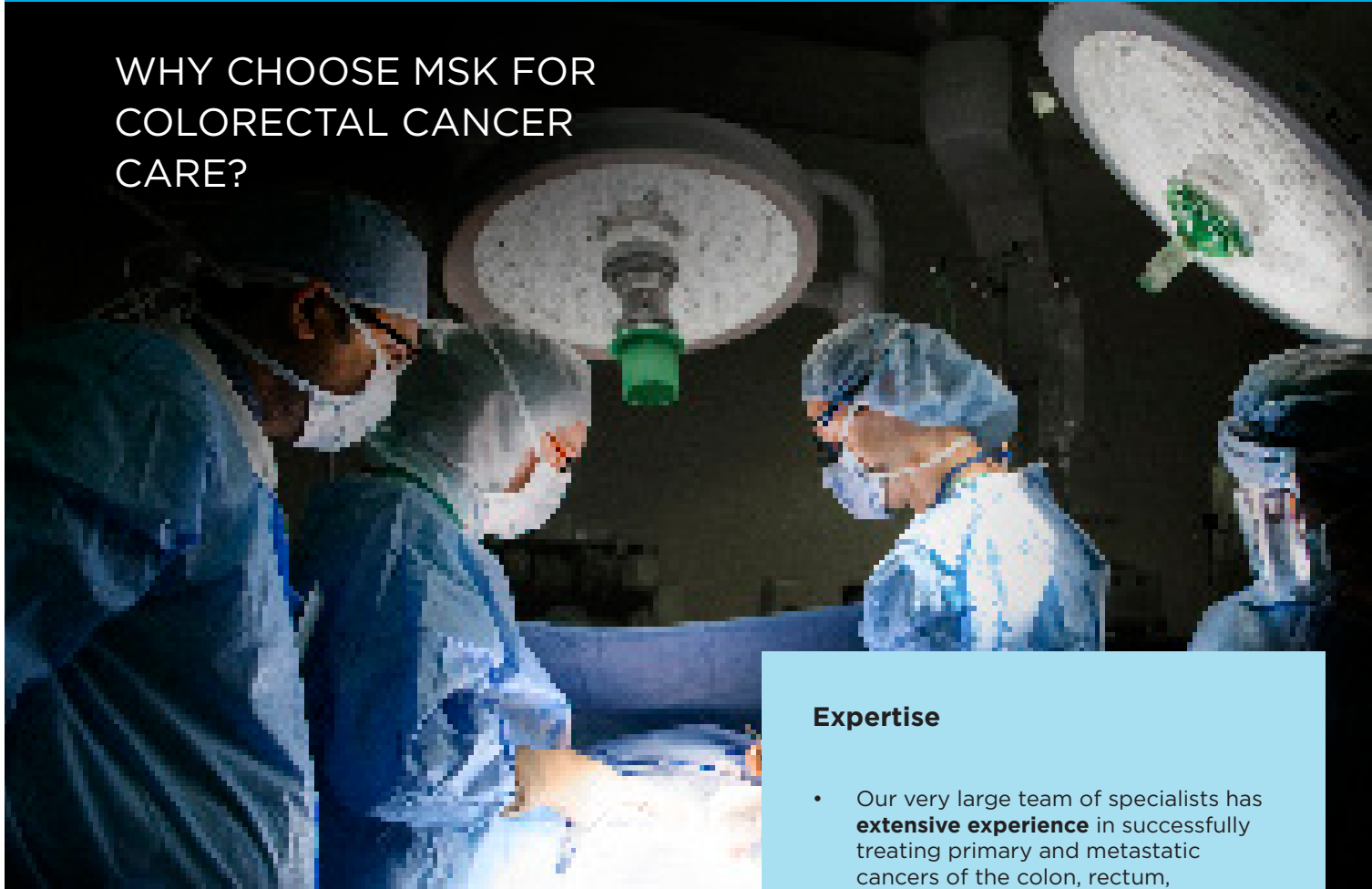


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WHY CHOOSE MSK FOR COLORECTAL CANCER CARE?



By the Numbers

1,800+
surgical
procedures
per year

2,000+
new patient
visits per
year

72
colorectal
cancer
specialists



6
locations

8 colorectal surgeons

Expertise

- Our very large team of specialists has **extensive experience** in successfully treating primary and metastatic cancers of the colon, rectum, appendix, small bowel, and anus.
- We emphasize a **multidisciplinary approach**, with surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, gastroenterologists, pathologists, interventional radiologists, and other cancer care specialists working together to attack disease from different angles using complementary modalities.
- We use the **most advanced surgical technology and cutting-edge therapies** not available elsewhere, including innovative treatments that have been tested in our clinical trials.

Advanced Technologies

- We use the latest robotic surgical techniques, resulting in **greater precision, fewer complications, decreased postoperative pain, shorter hospital stays, and faster recovery** compared with open surgery.
- We routinely use **MSK-IMPACT™**, a **genome sequencing test** developed at MSK, to identify genetic mutations that can be effectively targeted.
- With **intraoperative radiation therapy**, we can deliver a concentrated dose of radiation directly to the tumor during surgery without affecting nearby healthy tissues.
- Our team has expertise in **endoscopic submucosal dissection**, which allows complete removal of early cancers or large polyps and avoidance of surgery in some patients.

Leadership

- We have led the adoption of robotic technology for **minimally invasive surgery** and the integration of postsurgical-care protocols that accelerate recovery and reduce the likelihood of complications.
- Our surgeons have developed successful strategies for **preserving the sphincter and the rectum** in selected patients with rectal cancer.
- For disseminated disease, such as liver metastasis and peritoneal carcinomatosis, our team has been at the forefront of devising new **regional therapies and aggressive surgical treatments**.
- We have recently opened **the first center in the world dedicated to researching and treating colorectal cancer in younger adults** under the age of 50.