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Comprehensive Cancer Care and Clinical Research at NewYork-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center
The Weill Cornell Cancer Center at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center provides world-class cancer care informed by vigorous clinical and translational research. Our dedicated cancer experts are constantly engaged in leading-edge clinical research so that we can offer patients the most innovative cancer treatments and therapies available. Although advancing the future of cancer treatment is a major focus, our team is also equally committed to providing patients with personalized, compassionate care in a supportive, healing environment.

Cancer care, research and education are offered through several renowned specialty centers: the Breast Center at the Iris Cantor Women’s Center; the Center for Lymphoma and Myeloma; the NewYork-Presbyterian Phyllis and David Komansky Center for Children’s Health; the Center for Advanced Digestive Care and the Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health; the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology; and the Departments of Surgery, Neurosurgery, Radiation Oncology, Radiology and Urology.

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**Bone Marrow & Stem Cell Transplantation**


The Stem Cell Transplantation Program is an internationally recognized center of excellence, providing a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach for patients with cancer and blood diseases who are in need of stem cell transplant. Services include autologous and allogeneic bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cell transplantation, cord blood transplantation, matched unrelated donor stem cell transplantation and reduced intensity transplants. The program participates in the National Donor Matching Program and is accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy. Special programs include novel strategies to mobilize stem cells and improve transplantation for patients with multiple myeloma; programs for patients with refractory and high-risk leukemia and lymphoma; transplants for solid tumors; severe autoimmune disorders and AIDS.

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Weill Cornell is an acknowledged leader in innovative surgical techniques that improve survival and preserve neurological function. Our neurosurgeons specialize in high-risk complex surgery such as a comprehensive program of intraoperative brain mapping and fMRI in which neurosurgeons and neuropsychologists collaborate to preserve brain function while safely increasing the extent of surgery; endoscopic surgery using a special computer chip designed to produce three-dimensional images; a gasket seal closure to achieve watertight closure of the anterior cranial base after endoscopic intradural surgery; and frameless surgical navigation to ensure accurate catheter placement during Ommaya reservoir implantation.

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Center for Advanced Digestive Care — http://nyp.org/cadc

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At the Center for Advanced Digestive Care at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, we integrate our expertise, pioneering research and advanced therapies for treatment of digestive diseases with a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to patient care. The center is one of the first top-tier digestive programs in the U.S. to implement this patient-centric care model. Prevention and early detection services for gastrointestinal cancers in high-risk individuals are provided by the Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health. Comprehensive, coordinated state-of-the-art patient care is provided by renowned gastroenterologists, gastric surgical oncologists, liver surgical oncologists, pancreas surgical oncologists, colorectal surgical oncologists, gastrointestinal medical oncologists, diagnostic and interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists and stomatherapists, and specialized nurses. We provide treatment for esophageal cancer, gastric and gastro-esophageal cancer, liver cancer, pancreatic cancer and colorectal cancer.
**Gastric and Gastro-Esophageal Junction Cancer**


Our surgeons treat gastric cancer utilizing state-of-the-art surgical techniques, including laparoscopy to stage the disease and determine the most effective way to remove the tumor. Whenever possible, our surgeons use minimally invasive surgery, which dramatically enhances recovery and shortens length of stay in the hospital.

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Our Medical Oncologists provide the highest quality care in a warm, patient oriented setting in the newly constructed suite located on the 12th floor of the Weill Greenberg Building. This new suite will include a state of the art infusion center. Working closely with surgery faculty, radiation therapists, geneticists and nutrition we provide expertise in all upper and lower GI malignancies, including esophageal, gastric, liver, pancreatic and colorectal cancers in a multidisciplinary setting. Our faculty is leading the way with new targeted therapies and participates in numerous clinical and translational research trials.

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The Department of Radiation Oncology is dedicated to the development of new and better treatments for cancer. Part of this process includes understanding the molecular processes underlying the life cycle of cancer cells so that we can use this information to enhance tumor destruction. The department is participating in an array of clinical trials investigating new treatments for a wide variety of cancers, including cancers of the gastrointestinal tract.

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Our surgeons are internationally recognized for their pioneering efforts and extensive experience in minimally invasive surgery and state-of-the-art laparoscopic techniques. We treat colorectal cancer and preneoplastic diseases (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, familial adenomatous polyposis, Peutz-Jeghers syndrome) and currently perform more than 80 percent of major intestinal surgeries using laparoscopic techniques. We offer a specialized, multidisciplinary program for colorectal cancer with synchronous liver metastases, which is designed to provide comprehensive and coordinated care to patients whose cancer has metastasized to the liver. We are also pioneering a program in treatment of incontinence (bowel control) problems after complex surgery.

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At NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center's Endocrine Oncology Center, we offer a multidisciplinary approach to patients with endocrine malignancies. Our surgeons have pioneered image-guided, minimally invasive surgical treatment for endocrine tumors, including thyroid tumors, parathyroid tumors, adrenal tumors, carcinoid tumors and pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors. We have spearheaded new techniques based on microarray and PCR analysis to differentiate benign from malignant endocrine tumors using fine needle aspiration. Together with the hepatobiliary team, we offer a specialized, multidisciplinary program for gastrointestinal endocrine tumors with synchronous liver metastases.
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Liver and Biliary Cancer


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Our surgeons have contributed major advances to the field, including pioneering work on minimally invasive liver surgery and innovative techniques for major resections that require open abdominal surgery. This includes percutaneous tumor embolization, tumor ablation, resection of large tumors, multistage resections and resections that bridge patients for liver transplantation. Our surgeons provide comprehensive surgical management of primary and secondary liver cancer. Individualized treatment plans are developed during multidisciplinary conferences where each patient’s case is thoroughly reviewed and discussed to determine the best available options in order to maximize survival and quality of life. Our surgeons, working in collaboration with breast, endocrine and colorectal specialists, provide multidisciplinary care to patients with primary breast, gastrointestinal endocrine and colorectal cancers with synchronous liver metastases.

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Our surgeons have vast experience with the surgical management of pancreatic cancer, performing a large volume of pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple) procedures yearly. Wherever possible, minimally invasive surgical techniques are employed. In addition, before surgery, aggressive chemotherapy and radiation are used to downstage tumors that would otherwise be inoperable. By utilizing state-of-the-art perioperative and intraoperative management and laparoscopy to confirm the need for open surgery, mortality rates for pancreatectomies are among the best in the nation.
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Gynecologic Oncology


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Our gynecologic oncology program provides highly specialized care for the major gynecologic tumors and specialized expertise in rare gynecologic cancers, including carcinosarcomas, leiomyosarcomas and malignant mixed Mullerian tumors. Our gynecologists are known for their skills in laparoscopic staging, advanced laparoscopic procedures and robotic surgery.

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Our physicians offer consultation and treatment of adult and pediatric cancer patients involving all organ systems, including genitourinary, hepatobiliary, hematological, musculoskeletal and thoracic malignancies. Specialized cancer programs within the division include transcatheter arterial chemoembolization (TACE) and radioembolization for primary and metastatic liver tumors, preoperative portal vein embolization to hypertrophy the remnant liver prior to major hepatic resection and the use of thermal ablative technologies to treat various tumor types. The division also participates in ongoing clinical trials, and is actively involved in translational and clinical research.

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Weill Cornell has an internationally recognized clinical and translational research program for acute and chronic leukemias, myelodysplastic syndrome and myeloproliferative disorders. Our doctors have access to exciting novel drugs and clinical trials in these areas, and our center offers unparalleled in-patient and out-patient care with resources designed to address the very special needs of patients with bone marrow disorders. Our doctors work closely with specialists in infectious diseases, geriatrics, critical care, cardiology, gastroenterology and other medical subspecialties to provide comprehensive care for our patients.

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Myeloma Program — http://www.myelomacenter.org

Our center offers a comprehensive program for the study and treatment of myeloma. It is led by one of the largest translational research teams in the country. We are the only clinical program in the greater New York area to be awarded a prestigious translational research program in myeloma. This has led to a large portfolio of clinical trials for the treatment of relapsed and refractory myeloma. In addition, we perform stem cell transplants as consolidation after initial therapy or in patients with relapsed disease.

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Weill Cornell has a history of innovation, leadership and expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers of all kinds. Weill Cornell is a leader in Mohs’ micrographic surgery, the treatment of choice for the majority of high-risk basal cell and squamous cell cancers. Our physicians are also advancing the use of sentinel lymph node mapping. This highly sensitive technique can track melanomas that may have spread to the lymph nodes. Sentinel lymphadenectomy involves identification and removal of very few (one to two) key lymph nodes to assess cancer spread.

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Cancer is commonly associated with thrombotic and bleeding complications. The benign hematology service provides consultation for cancer patients with complex thrombotic and bleeding manifestations, and specifically cancer patients with recurrent venous thrombosis in spite of anticoagulant therapy. We have recognized expertise in thrombophilia, platelet disorders, anemia and bleeding disorders. In addition, we specialize in women’s health and thrombosis, including following women with hematological complications during pregnancy.

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Our plastic and reconstructive surgeons are specially-trained in microvascular surgery for complex reconstructions throughout the body following cancer surgery, utilizing 3-D imaging and other state-of-the-art technologies to obtain optimal cosmetic outcomes.

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Supportive Care for the Oral Effects of Cancer Treatment

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Thoracic Cancers

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Our surgeons are at the forefront of developing minimally invasive techniques for cancers of the lung, esophagus and gastro-esophageal junction. Our thoracic program offers the latest surgical advances for these cancers, including laparoscopy, thoroscopy and video-assisted lobectomy as well as the use of the sub-polar wedge resection for early stage lung cancers. Our medical oncologists are involved in developing new therapies to treat lung cancers, including targeted therapy regimens and immunotherapy. A multispecialty conference is held weekly that includes our thoracic surgeons, medical oncologists, pulmonologists, radiologists, pathologists and radiation oncologists who all focus on the treatment of thoracic malignancies. Challenging cases are reviewed, and treatment recommendations are made with input from these experts.

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Our surgical programs feature some of the top urological surgeons in the country. These specialists, leading experts in laparoscopic, ablative and robotic surgical techniques, were among the first in the country to perform robotic partial nephrectomies and cystectomies, and to develop new techniques for complex bladder and kidney reconstruction. They also have expertise in the surgical management of small testicular tumors (preserving function while minimizing the need for invasive surgery) and in the treatment of all stages of prostate, kidney, bladder and testicular cancers. An integrated multidisciplinary approach that includes urology, medical oncology and radiation oncology is used to treat these cancers. Our medical oncologists offer integrative therapy in conjunction with surgery and/or radiation and lead innovative clinical trials for the treatment of all types of genitourinary cancers. These trials focus on targeted therapy and immune approaches for prostate cancer, kidney cancer and urothelial (bladder) cancer.

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Patient Care: The Weill Cornell Cancer Center is committed to providing the most advanced medical care in a compassionate and supportive environment. Our physicians, leaders in academic medicine, are engaged in clinical research that offers patients access to novel treatments and therapies. Equally important, the Weill Cornell Cancer Center is part of an outstanding academic medical center renowned for its innovative medical and surgical care in many specialties, making total care of the patient our primary mission.

Research: Our scientists and physicians have a shared goal of characterizing the multiple molecular, genetic and environmental events that may lead to cancer and its progression. They are developing new therapies for primary and metastatic disease, including treatments to suppress or reverse the molecular changes that may lead to cancer. Weill Cornell patients benefit from these close interactions between basic scientists and physicians, and their commitment to offering clinical trials of the newest treatments and the most promising technological advances in surgery, radiation oncology and medical imaging.

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