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Priorities in Women's Cancer Care

A higher level of cancer care.
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THE
CANCER CENTER

Since 1987, The Cancer Center at New York Hospital Queens has distinguished itself by consistently earning approval by The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons and is one of only three approved programs in Queens County.

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The Cancer Center at New York Hospital Queens (NYHQ) is renowned for its multi-disciplinary approach, ongoing research, vision, and exceptional outcomes. Within this premier center is a medical team that focuses on treating women with breast and gynecologic cancers.

The Cancer Center strives to provide a level of care that is second to none. Knowledgeable, sensitive guidance is provided for cancer patients throughout the journey—from diagnosis to treatment to recovery.

Leading in Breast Care

The Breast Center at NYHQ is the largest provider of breast health services in the borough. The staff concentrates on the whole woman, not just on her diagnosis.

“Too many cancer centers focus exclusively on the clinical side of care but forget that all aspects of a woman’s life, including her family and career, are impacted by the changes a cancer diagnosis imposes,” says Karen S. Karsif, MD, Director of the Breast Center. “We have everything a comprehensive breast care center should have—the highest levels of technology, the most advanced research, and genetic counseling for high-risk patients—and we also provide a tremendous level of heart-felt compassion and care to each of our patients.”

Targeting Gynecologic Cancer

Strong public education efforts have helped raise awareness of breast cancer, but many women are unaware that gynecologic cancers also pose significant health risks.

“We offer comprehensive care for all gynecologic cancers,” assures Marie Welshinger, MD, Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at NYHQ. “When surgery is needed, we strive to use minimally

invasive techniques to reduce post-operative pain, scarring, and recovery times. Also, fewer adhesions form following laparoscopic surgery for endometrial cancer.”

A stride forward for cervical and ovarian cancers is a minimally invasive approach that may offer a way to preserve a woman’s post-surgical fertility, if the cancer is caught in its earliest stages.

The Division of Gynecologic Oncology places comforting, personalized attention to each patient among its highest priorities.

World-class Radiation Oncology

Instrumental in The Cancer Center’s success at NYHQ is the Julia and Ned Arnold Center for Radiation Oncology.

Highly qualified clinicians and the most current treatment capabilities make it one of the premier radiation oncology centers in the country.

World-renowned radiation oncologist Dattatreyyudu Nori, MD, is Chairman of the Center.

“An important breakthrough in the advancing field of radiation oncology was the development of Image-Guided Radiation Therapy [IGRT],” he reports, “and NYHQ is the first in the area to have this incredible tool. We can now direct the highest possible dose of radiation to a tumor, while sparing healthy tissue.

“And we are continually refining the ways we treat breast and gynecologic cancers. NYHQ has one of only six dedicated brachytherapy [radiation seed implant] centers in the country. Because we are pioneers in this field, patients come to Queens from all over the world for brachytherapy.”

Another key component that supports NYHQ’s exceptional patient outcomes is its Multidisciplinary Tumor Board. All Cancer Center specialists gather to review current patient cases and discuss evidence-based treatment options.



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