



Memorial Sloan Kettering
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What is the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance?

The Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Alliance is an initiative to improve the quality of care and outcomes for patients with cancer in community health care settings. The Alliance was established by the MSK Cancer Center in New York City, a world leader in cancer care and research. Innovations happening at MSK are shared with Alliance members. This brings the latest treatments to community providers – and their patients – at an accelerated pace.

Why was Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute chosen to be a member of the Alliance?

In 2016, MSK chose Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute to be an Alliance member because of our dedication to delivering high-quality, consistent cancer care, and because of the proven expertise of our physicians and medical teams. For the same reasons, membership in the Alliance has now extended to Monroe County at the Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Pocono.

What is Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute?

Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute is the part of our health network that focuses on our commitment to collaboratively conduct patient care, research and provider education at the highest level to better predict, prevent and combat disease. This distinction reaffirms our position in the community as the best choice for cancer care.

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How does membership in the Alliance benefit patients?

It benefits patients three ways:

1. Our clinical teams quickly learn and adopt MSK standards of care into everyday practice for patients. By keeping up to date with the latest innovations, our cancer specialists make treatment decisions for their patients based on the best and most current evidence available.
2. Our patients benefit from the diagnosis and treatment expertise of MSK doctors. Physicians from both organizations meet regularly to discuss challenging cases and identify the best treatments for patients. Our physicians also visit MSK to learn about the newest techniques and advances in care.
3. Our patients have access to MSK clinical trials. Opening MSK trials here speeds up the data-collection process so new treatments can be approved faster and become available to more patients.

What should people do if they are interested in participating in a clinical trial at Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute?

Patients already receiving cancer care at Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute should talk to their oncologist. People who are not a Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute patient should call 888-402-LVHN.

Will Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute patients become MSK patients? Will they be seen by MSK physicians?

Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute patients will remain patients of Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute and will be treated by their trusted Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute physicians at LVHN facilities. However, Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute physicians will have opportunities to consult with MSK's highly specialized experts on the best treatment plan for their patients, and to observe MSK physicians performing new techniques. These opportunities equip Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute physicians to provide the highest standard of care in their own practices. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute patients also will be able to participate in MSK clinical trials at Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute.

Why is access to MSK clinical trials important to patients with cancer?

Cancer clinical trials allow patients to receive the newest, most leading-edge treatments, and to participate in advancing cancer care for future generations of patients. Giving more patients access to MSK's clinical trials allows data to be collected more quickly so new treatments can be approved faster and become available to more patients at Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute. For more information or to learn how the MSK Cancer Alliance can help you, call **888-402-LVHN** or visit **LVHN.org/MSK**.