HEAD & NECK ONCOLOGY

Cancer is a complex disease that is biologically unique to each person. Because there is no routine head and neck cancer, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) has a multidisciplinary team of head and neck cancer experts dedicated to diagnosing and treating head and neck cancers.

The OSUCCC – James is a high-volume center for head and neck cancer, treating more patients with this malignancy than any other institution in the state.

The initial patient evaluation will include a consultation with one of seven dedicated head and neck surgeons. The patient's case will then be presented for discussion to a tumor board consisting of head and neck surgical oncologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists and research scientists. These experts will formally stage the cancer—give it a number from I-IV that describes the severity of the disease based on the size and/or extent (reach) of the primary tumor and whether the cancer has spread in the body. They also will consider treatment options based on current guidelines set by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, of which the OSUCCC – James is a charter member, and recommend a treatment plan that will be communicated to the referring physician.

Other head and neck team members who may assist with treatment at the OSUCCC – James include dentists, maxillofacial prosthodontists, speech and language pathologists, dietitians, social workers, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurses, all of whom are available for same-day consultations.

OSUCCC – James patients also may consider participating in clinical trials that offer the latest advances in cancer treatment under the supervision of some of the nation's leading head and neck cancer researchers.

Below is a list of a few trials that are currently accruing for head and neck cancer patients:

**ECOG-E3311:** Phase II Randomized Trial of Transoral Surgical Resection followed by Low-dose or Standard-dose IMRT in Resectable p16+ Locally Advanced Oropharynx Cancer

**RTOG-3504:** A randomized Phase III trial of Cisplatin-based chemoradiotherapy +/- Nivolumab in patients with intermediate and high-risk local-regionally advanced Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma.

For a complete list of all open head and neck clinical trials, visit cancer.osu.edu/clinicaltrials. To receive e-mails about new clinical trials at OSUCCC – James, contact cancerclinicaltrials@osumc.edu and ask to be added to the distribution list.

To refer a patient or schedule an appointment with a James head and neck cancer expert, complete the referral form at go.osu.edu/patientreferral or call The James Line at 800-293-5066.

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The New James: The 21st Century Cancer Hospital

In December 2014, Ohio State opened the doors of the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, a transformational facility that fosters collaboration and integration of cancer research and clinical cancer care. The new James is the Midwest’s largest cancer hospital and the third largest cancer hospital in the United States.

The patients served by this new 21-floor hospital find themselves at the intersection of research, education and sub-specialized care. Research and education spaces are located on every floor, enhancing our bench-to-bedside approach to patient care and giving patients early access to new treatments and tools.

The new James helps revolutionize cancer prevention and care by enabling world-class oncologists and researchers to work side by side to solve the mysteries of this disease. Through their discoveries, cancer care will evolve from traditional, broad-based therapies to molecular- and genetically based prevention strategies and targeted treatments for each patient’s unique cancer.

For more information about how the OSUCCC – James is creating a cancer-free world, please visit our website at cancer.osu.edu.

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