

Your Head and Neck Oncology Health Care Team

Many people work together to provide your care. Here is a description of the different members of your health care team. Use this handout to write down their names and phone numbers. The James Cancer Hospital is a teaching hospital. Your health care team may include staff that is in training.

Head and Neck Surgery		
Health Care Team Members	What They Do	Names and Numbers
Attending Physician (Surgeon)	A doctor who directs your treatment, and coordinates your care with other doctors and team members.	
Resident	A doctor who is doing more medical training.	
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	A nurse with advanced training that works with your doctor. Your NP may do procedures and prescribe medicine.	
Physician Assistant (PA)	A special assistant to your doctor with advanced training who may do procedures and prescribe medicine.	
Primary Nurse (RN)	This is your main nurse who will plan, coordinate and direct your surgery nursing care.	

This handout is for informational purposes only. Talk with your doctor or health care team if you have any questions about your care.

Radiation Oncology		
Health Care Team Members	What They Do	Names and Numbers
Attending Physician (Radiation Oncologist)	A doctor who directs your treatment, and coordinates your care with other doctors and team members.	
Resident	A doctor who is doing more medical training.	
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	A nurse with advanced training that works with your doctor. Your NP may do procedures and prescribe medicine.	
Primary Nurse (RN)	This is your main nurse who will plan, coordinate and direct your radiation therapy nursing care.	
Radiation Therapist	A therapist who will give your radiation treatment each day.	
Social Worker	A social worker may provide counseling and help you and your family find resources to meet your needs.	
Registered Dietitian	A dietitian provides education about nutrition and food choices.	
Speech Therapist	A speech therapist helps with speech and swallowing problems that may happen during treatment.	

Medical Oncology		
Health Care Team Members	What They Do	Names and Numbers
Attending Physician (Medical Oncologist)	A doctor who directs your treatment, and coordinates your care with other doctors and team members.	
Fellow	A doctor who is training to become a specialist.	
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	A nurse with advanced training that works with your doctor. Your NP may do procedures and prescribe medicine.	
Primary Nurse (RN)	This is your main nurse who will plan, coordinate and direct your medical oncology nursing care. You may have another primary nurse for chemotherapy treatments.	
Patient Care Resource Manager (PCRM)	A case manager who helps coordinate care for you when you are out of the hospital.	
Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician	This person helps prepare medicines for you.	
Social Worker	A social worker may provide counseling and help you and your family find resources to meet your needs.	
Registered Dietitian	A dietitian provides education about nutrition and food choices.	