

COVID-19 Update: April 7, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Smilow NP 4 and NP 8 Moves

We continue to plan for the pending move of our ambulatory clinics from NP 4 and NP 8 this weekend. All patients with appointments in the next two weeks will be rescheduled to the appropriate new location, called, and sent a MyChart letter with additional details. All patients seen within the last year in NP 4 and NP 8 will receive a letter by mail detailing the changes in their specific Clinical Program. In addition, patients will continue to be offered Telehealth visits, as appropriate.

The following is a summary of the upcoming transitions:

- **Brain Tumors:** Neuro-Oncology to North Haven; Neuro-Surgery to Trumbull
- **Endocrine Cancers:** Medical and Surgical Oncology to NP 7; Endocrine to Dana 2
- **Gastrointestinal Cancers:** North Haven
- **Head & Neck Cancers:** Medical Oncology to 1st Floor of 55 Park; Surgery to Trumbull
- **Liver Cancer:** North Haven
- **Melanoma:** Medical Oncology to North Haven; Drs. Clune and Olino to Guilford; Dr. Khan to Trumbull
- **Ophthalmology:** TBD
- **Prostate and Urologic Cancers:** Medical Oncology to North Haven; Dr. Tara's patients to Trumbull
- **Thoracic Oncology:** Medical and Surgical Oncology to North Haven; Pulmonology to Winchester Chest
- **Apheresis:** to NP 7

Integrative Medicine

Our Integrative Medicine team has worked quickly to move many of their programs online and provide open access to Yoga, T'ai Chi, and Meditation Classes. All of the classes are available live and listed on our [calendar](#), and will be archived [online](#) for patients, families, and staff to access and participate in at any time. In addition, Dana Brewer, Creative Expression Coordinator for Integrative Medicine, has launched a new program, [#SmilowHearts](#), asking the community to share images of hearts. The submitted images will be used in a future art installation project in the lobby of Smilow Cancer Hospital.

NCI National Cancer Advisory Board Meeting

NCI Director, Ned Sharpless, MD, has shared an open invitation to join the NCI for a virtual joint meeting of the National Cancer Advisory Board and NCI's Board of Scientific Advisors on Thursday April 9, at 1:00 pm. The open meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss how the NCI is navigating our current uncharted territory and hear more about the challenges the community is facing. The meeting [agenda](#) and instructions for accessing the virtual meeting are available [online](#).

Key Upcoming Events

Representative Rosa DeLauro will join us for our weekly Smilow Town Hall on Thursday at 5pm to offer her support, and share an update highlighting the federal response to COVID-19. Please plan to join us to hear from Rep. DeLauro, as well as to learn the latest information from Smilow leadership. We welcome your questions in advance at canceranswers@yale.edu.

- [April 9: Smilow Town Hall; 5pm](#)
- [April 13: Schwartz Rounds; Noon](#)
- [April 15: Patient and Family Forum; 7pm](#)

Best regards,

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