

Head and Neck Surgery at Smilow Cancer Hospital

Our Team

Our team of experts will coordinate a multidisciplinary evaluation for treatment of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck, including advanced skin and thyroid cancers.



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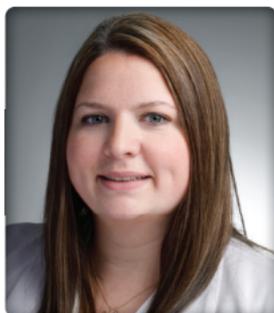
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Locations:

Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven

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Smilow Cancer Hospital at Trumbull

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DEFINING THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIELD

- Our team has led practice-changing studies including:
 - E3311: TransOral Robotic Surgery + Deintensification of Radiation Trial for HPV-Oropharynx Cancer**
 - KEYNOTE-048: Immunotherapy for recurrent and metastatic H&N cancer**
- **ACTIVE CLINICAL TRIALS:**
 - Neoadjuvant studies for newly diagnosed H&N and skin cancer
 - Studies for recurrent/metastatic H&N cancer
 - Personalized studies for HPV+ and HPV- H&N cancer
 - H&N Tumor Registry/Biorepository

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS IN RESEARCH AND ADVANCED EDUCATION

- Head and Neck Program Project (P01) and SP0RE (P50) Grants: Yale has secured multi-million dollars in NIH grant funding to conduct innovative head and neck cancer research.
- NCI Early Detection Research Network: We co-lead the early H&N cancer detection efforts of the NIH and have an **oral pre-malignancy** clinic for screening and management.
- Advanced H&N Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship: Since 2014, we have been training domestic and international physicians to be leaders in our field.

ADVANCED SKILLS AND A TEAM APPROACH TO CANCER CARE

- **High Volume, High Quality HPV+ Cancer Care:** We use a multi-disciplinary team approach to personalize the care for this growing cancer population. Our goal is to minimize the extent of treatment and therefore long-term side effects for patients.
- **We utilize the latest technology and techniques to minimize treatment side effects, including:**
 - Single Port Da Vinci Surgical Robot (only in Connecticut, first in New England)
 - Circulating tumor HPV DNA testing
 - Transoral Laser Surgery
 - Salivary Endoscopy
 - 3D-virtual surgical reconstructive planning
 - Upfront dental implants and sensory nerve reconstruction
 - Sentinel lymph node biopsy for skin and early stage oral cancer
 - Minimally invasive thyroid and parathyroid surgery
 - Molecular testing for thyroid and head and neck cancers
 - A collaborative team approach to provide the highest quality of patient care which optimizes survival, function, and quality of life
- **Nurse Coordinators:** assigned to the patient immediately upon referral. Acts as a direct contact point throughout their cancer journey.
- **A Facial Paralysis Center:** multidisciplinary approach to management of the paralyzed face with state of the art dynamic and static reanimation surgery expertise.
- **A Dedicated H&N Team:** A collaborative team approach to provide the highest quality of patient care which optimizes survival, function, and quality of life. We have neuroradiology, H&N pathology, endocrine oncology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, oral surgery, and prosthetics. Also, support services such as SLP, nutrition, physical therapy, social work, palliative care, survivorship, and more.
- **Community Outreach And Giving Back:** each year, we offer free screening and educate hundreds of members of the Connecticut community on the risks and early signs of H&N cancer.