

## UPPER GI ONCOLOGY MANAGEMENT TEAM

### Overview

The Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Oncology Management Team focuses on the diagnosis and management of cancers or potential cancers of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, bile ducts, small intestine, and liver. The multidisciplinary team involves physicians, who deliver direct care, and ancillary support staff, who ensure patients achieve the maximum benefit from their therapies.

### Highlights

- **The team strives to provide state-of-the-art diagnostics** and works to build programs for the early recognition of tumors and other abnormal conditions of the upper gastrointestinal tract.

- **A critical step in the management of upper GI cancers is accurate staging**, which allows the team to distinguish patients with operable and inoperable disease. This may be done via endoscopic ultrasonography, computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan, and positron emission tomography (PET) scanning.

- **Surgery is the mainstay of therapy and is curative in 25 to 40 percent of highly selected patients** who develop resectable metastases in the liver and lung. Improved surgical techniques are utilized by Stony Brook's experienced surgical specialists.

- **If the disease cannot be eradicated, the team strives to palliate the patient's symptoms and improve the quality of life.** The team actively tracks the quality of life of cancer survivors to continually update the approach used with this group of patients.

#### TEAM MEMBERS

**Surgery:** Kevin Watkins, MD, Team Leader; Juan Madariaga, MD; Michael Paccione, MD; Donna Keehner-Nowack, RN; Barbara Smith, NP; and Patty Zipoli, RN, Patient Navigator

**Gastrointestinal Medicine:** Douglas Brand, MD; Chris Lascarides, MD; Ramona Rajapakse, MD; Robert Richards, MD; and Isabelle Von Althen-Dagum, MD

**Medical Hematology/Oncology:** Roger Keresztes, MD, and Marisa Siebel, MD

**Pathology:** Galina Botchkina, MD; Bernard Lane, MD; and Sui Zee, MD

**Radiation Oncology:** Bong Kim, MD  
**Radiology:** Seth O. Mankes, MD

## LOWER GI ONCOLOGY MANAGEMENT TEAM

### Overview

The Lower Gastrointestinal (GI) Management Team evaluates and manages treatment of patients with colon and rectal cancers. It places an emphasis on early screenings, particularly in high-risk groups and adheres to National Quality Foundation guidelines for assessment of quality care.

### Highlights

- **The team uses new and powerful imaging technologies** that help surgeons remove disease and spare vital tissue, including endorectal ultrasound, magnifying endoscope, and minimally invasive laparoscopic surgical techniques.

- **Patients with Stage II colon cancer can participate in clinical trials** in which either surgery alone or 5-FU/leucovorin are used.

- **Patients with rectal cancer undergo staging** via endorectal ultrasound and PET/CT scan or endocoil MR imaging. Treatment consists of combined chemotherapy and radiation.

- **The team is currently using a pioneering approach on tumors—typically difficult to treat—that have spread to the abdominal cavity** from primary colorectal

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cancer, gastric cancer, appendiceal cancer, or mesothelioma. Called HIPEC (heated intra-peritoneal chemotherapy), the procedure is designed to kill any remaining cancer cells after the bulk of the abdominal tumor is removed. This gives patients as high as a 60 percent five-year survival rate. Stony Brook is the only hospital in Suffolk County offering the procedure.

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