

The Head and Neck Oncology Clinic of the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center treats more tumors of the head and neck (affecting areas such as the throat, sinuses, tongue, larynx, jaw and glands) than any other facility in the Chicago area. When you are referred to the program, you can be certain you are in the hands of a very special team – a group of medical professionals who are not only expert in diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancers, but truly passionate about their work in this specialized area.

(cover) Cancer survivor Karen J. Kairis

The Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center is located on the Loyola University Medical Center campus.

Directions from:

North: I-294S to I-290E. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

South: I-294N to I-290E. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

East: I-290W. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

West: I-88E (East-West Tollway), which becomes I-290E. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

Parking: For your convenience, valet parking service is available at the building's entrance. Parking fees for valet parking and self-park are both \$3 per day.

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WHAT IS THE HEAD AND NECK ONCOLOGY CLINIC?

At the Head and Neck Oncology clinic a sensitive, patient-centered approach ensures that special needs are met – quickly, compassionately and with unmatched expertise. A social worker is available to assist patients with the personal and family concerns that can occur during this challenging time. Also available for support is a nutritionist, massage therapist, pastoral care and the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center Information Service at 708-CAN-HELP.



A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

The program's multidisciplinary team carefully integrates medical treatment with an understanding of the special support that head and neck patients need. The doctors (surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists) and the nurses on the team ensure that every patient's case receives a truly thorough analysis with the convenience of a single, centralized location.

(above) Social worker Thom DeVries counsels a patient.
(middle) Guy J. Petruzzelli, M.D., Ph.D., and Bahman Emami, M.D., review an X-ray.

DIAGNOSTIC EXCELLENCE

Traditionally, diagnosis of these cancers required a trip to the operating room. The advanced techniques available at the Head and Neck Oncology Clinic significantly reduces the need for general anesthesia to obtain a biopsy. The biopsy is performed in an office setting using telescopes, video cameras and other special instruments. In addition, the pathologists of the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center work closely with the team, often providing same-day diagnosis or review of test results.



TREATMENT

The Head and Neck Oncology Clinic has been instrumental in developing and applying new, minimally invasive treatment technologies such as laser surgery and endoscopy. The rich resources of the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center enable patients to receive combined therapies such as breakthrough drug treatments and three-dimensional computer-directed radiation therapy, all in an ambulatory setting. The program's close working relationship with the neurosurgeons of Loyola University Medical Center make it the ideal setting for surgical procedures that require a combined approach, such as removing tumors at the base of the skull.

THE INITIAL VISIT

Usually, a patient's otolaryngologist (more commonly known as an ear, nose and throat doctor), oral surgeon or dermatologist who know of the clinic's expertise makes the first contact on the patient's behalf. The Cancer Center's CAN-HELP staff, working with the nurse coordinator, streamline the referral process and then schedule an appointment for a detailed head and neck examination.

After initial assessment, the patient may return to meet with members of the multidisciplinary team. The multidisciplinary



team is made up of various experts that collaborate on a case to reach a consensus of the best treatment program for the individual patient.

To learn more, visit our website at www.luhs.org. To schedule an appointment or to get further information please call the Cancer Information Service at 708-CAN-HELP (708-226-4357).

(above) Head and Neck Oncology multidisciplinary team collaborates on a case.