

Head and Neck Surgery Program

INSTITUTE

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Conditions Treated

- Cancer of the oral cavity
- Laryngeal and pharyngeal cancer (including tonsil, tongue base)
- Surgical thyroid diseases (cancers and compressive goiters)
- Melanoma and other skin cancers
- Skull base diseases/cancers

Therapies

- Thyroid and parathyroid surgery
- Minimally invasive/robotic tonsil and tongue base cancer surgery
- Sentinel node mapping for melanoma and other skin malignancies
- Microvascular free tissue transfer for complex head and neck disease
- Endoscopic surgery for tumors of the anterior skull base
- Endoscopic and open partial laryngectomies
- Endoscopic Zenker's diverticulectomy and open Zenker's treatment
- Complex reconstruction of the head and neck, including treatment of osteoradionecrosis (ORN), complex airway reconstruction and treatment of facial nerve paralysis

Distinguishing Features

- Multidisciplinary head and neck team including surgeons, medical oncologists and radiation therapists
- Integrated services including speech and language pathology, physical therapy, social work and nutrition
- One of the highest volume cancer centers in the country, doing nearly 200 major oncologic operations a year requiring complex reconstructions for advanced head and neck disease
- Integrated cutaneous oncology program for advanced skin malignancies
- Trans-oral (robotic and laser) treatment of HPV+ and HPV- cancers of the tonsil and tongue base
- Oncologic-laryngeal endoscopic and open procedures with preservation of voice and swallow function
- Endoscopic techniques for cancers of the anterior skull base, avoiding external incisions on the face

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