

The Surgical Oncology Group guarantees that new patients can be seen within 24-hours, and its members are committed to work closely with the referring physician.



The Cancer Center offers patients the talent and experience of an interdisciplinary clinical team that includes physicians, nurses, technicians, nutritionists, and support staff.



Roger Williams Medical Center has attracted a team of surgical oncologists whose training, experience and clinical research rivals that of any of Boston's major medical centers. We have prepared this brochure so that referring physicians may have an easy reference tool when a patient presents with cancerous growths that require intervention up to and including complex surgery.

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Our Surgical Oncologists

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N. Joseph Espat, MD, MS, FACS
 Chairman, Department of Surgery
 Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
 Director, Adele R. Decof Cancer Center
 Professor of Surgery
 Boston University School of Medicine

Dr. Espat completed his internship and residency at the University of Florida, Shands Hospital. He subsequently completed a surgical oncology/hepatobiliary fellowship at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Clinical Interests: Dr. Espat has dedicated his career to complex cancer and benign surgeries of the liver, bile ducts, and pancreas.

Dr. Espat is the only surgeon in Rhode Island who was head of a major university hepatobiliary unit, as well as an active clinician researcher and educator. Dr. Espat has an extensive list of publications. Prior to his arrival in Rhode Island in 2007, Dr. Espat previously served as Chief of Surgery, Chief of Hepatobiliary Surgery, and Director of Regional Hepatic Therapies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Important Societies: Board of Directors for Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Board of Directors for Gateway for Cancer Research, Society of University Surgeons, International Surgical Society, Society of Surgical Oncology, American Hepatopancreaticobiliary Society.

Special Awards: Flame Teaching Award for the University of Illinois, Nominee for AAMC Humanism in Medicine Award, Stanley Dudrick Research Scholar Award.

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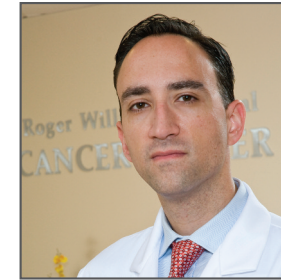
Dr. Somasundar completed his internship and residency at West Virginia University hospitals, Morgantown, WV. He subsequently completed a surgical oncology/hepatobiliary fellowship at Roger Williams Medical Center an affiliate of Boston University.

Clinical Interests: Dr. Somasundar has developed his career in complex laparoscopic/open benign and cancer surgeries of the foregut which includes liver, bile ducts, pancreas, esophagus and stomach. Dr. Somasundar has an active research program focused on clinical outcomes. He has several publications in both the clinical and basic science cancer arena.

Important Societies: Society of Surgical Oncology, American Hepatopancreaticobiliary Society, International Hepatopancreatobiliary Society, Association of Academic Surgeons.

Special Awards: Best Resident Teaching Award for the West Virginia University, Certificate of Pride in Public Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (2003)

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Steven C. Katz, MD, FACS
 Director, Surgical Immunotherapy
 Director, Surgical Oncology Fellowship
 Assistant Professor of Surgery
 Boston University School of Medicine

Dr. Katz completed his internship and residency at the New York University and Bellevue Medical Centers. He subsequently completed a surgical oncology fellowship at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York where he was the Chief Administrative Fellow and Kristen Ann Carr Sarcoma Fellow.

Clinical Interests: Dr. Katz has developed expertise in the surgical management of liver, pancreas, and endocrine tumors, in addition to melanoma and sarcoma. In addition, Dr. Katz has an active research program focused on developing novel immunotherapies for the diseases he treats.

Important Societies: Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Society of Surgical Oncology, American College of Surgeons.

Special Awards: Dr. Katz received the Alpha Omega Alpha Award from the New York University School of Medicine for achieving the highest academic average in his class. During his general surgery residency, Dr. Katz was given the Surgical Research Fellow Award from Memorial Sloan-Kettering and the Theodore Barnett Memorial Award for excellence in surgical teaching from New York University.

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R. James Koness, MD, FACS
 Director, Breast Health Center
 Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery
 Brown Alpert Medical School

Dr. Koness completed his internship and residency at the Brown University affiliated hospitals. He subsequently completed a Surgical Oncology fellowship at Roger Williams Medical Center.

Clinical and Scientific Interests: Dr. Koness has developed expertise in the surgical management of malignancies of the breast, skin, head & neck and endocrine system. Dr. Koness' research involves clinical trials in the management of head & neck and breast neoplasms.

Important Societies: American College of Surgeons, Society of Surgical Oncology, American Head & Neck Society, American Society of Breast Surgeons and the New England Surgical Society.

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