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# Inside Integrative Medicine

See pages 2-3 for information on FREE group classes for patients, caregivers, and anyone touched by cancer.

# Integrative Medicine at MD Anderson: Improving Treatment Outcomes and Achieving Optimal Health and Healing

## What is integrative medicine?

Integrative Medicine is an approach to health care delivery that balances complementary health approaches and lifestyle medicine with conventional medicine in a deliberate manner that is personalized, evidence-informed, and safe. Complementary health approaches refer to natural products (e.g., dietary supplements, herbals), mind and body practices (e.g., meditation, yoga, massage, acupuncture) and other systems of care such as traditional Chinese medicine, Ayurvedic medicine, or naturopathy.

# What is integrative oncology?

Integrative oncology is the application of integrative medicine to the care of cancer patients and their caregivers. Integrative oncology consultations are available in the inpatient and outpatient setting through the Integrative Medicine Center.



# Integrative Medicine Center (IMC)

The IMC seeks to enhance the care of patients affected by cancer and their caregivers by providing and advancing comprehensive integrative treatment approaches through compassionate, evidence-informed clinical care, and research. We work collaboratively with oncology care teams with the goal of improving treatment outcomes and achieving optimal health and healing.

The integrative oncology consultation serves as the foundation for developing an integrative care plan that includes complementary health approaches and lifestyle changes. During the initial visit with the physician and Advanced Practice Provider, each patient is evaluated comprehensively and referrals are made to our other services according to the individual's physical, mind-body, or social needs. Our interdisciplinary team works together closely to optimize and adapt the integrative care plan to the changing landscape of an individual's cancer journey.

Integrative oncology combines conventional medicine, complementary therapies, and lifestyle approaches in a manner that is comprehensive, personalized, evidence-informed, and safe in order to achieve optimal health and healing.

The mission of the Integrative Medicine Program is to optimize health, quality of life and clinical outcomes through integrative medicine education and research-driven clinical care.

# **Outpatient Group Clinical Services**

#### All Classes are free. Please call 713-794-4700 to sign up.

#### Physical

#### 🏋 Shape-Up Circuit\*

A fitness class designed to improve body composition by increasing muscle strength and burning calories. Led by the Integrative Medicine Physical Therapist, this class will follow a "circuit" format, with different exercises at each station. Suitable for any fitness level. Please bring a water bottle.

### Tai Chi

Find balance and strength through continuous flowing movements that link mind to body.

#### Get Moving

Recharge and energize with uplifting music and a blend of yoga, dance, and martial arts.

#### Mind-Body

#### Qigong

Experience this ancient Chinese system of self-care using meditation, breath, and movement.

#### Meditation for Health

Meditation is a practice that brings awareness to your mind and body and may help reduce stress. We explore meditation techniques to help bring calm and focus to the present moment. These practices can help you to connect more deeply to yourself and others on your journey to health. Class method rotates weekly (see calendar).

#### 🛉 Yoga for Health

Features a gentle form of yoga including stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques.

### Activity Level:



\*Program support provided by the Duncan Family Institute

### Social

#### **Cooking for Optimal Health\***

The dietitian for the Integrative Medicine Center demonstrates how to prepare dishes meeting whole food, plant-based diet recommendations. Participants will also have the chance to enjoy some delicious samples. Recipes will emphasize a different theme each month.

#### Meditation and Daily Life\*

Learn meditation in an interactive class format. Each meditation experience includes an exploration of Tea, Art, Writing, or Nature. Themes rotate weekly. Goals include lowering stress and enhancing connectedness with self and surroundings.

#### Connect & Reflect: Group Drumming

First-time drummers and experienced drummers: all are welcome! This group is led by a Board Certified Music Therapist and offers a guided, non-judgmental group drumming experience. Explore rhythm and sound to release stress while finding a unique connection to the self, the present moment, and fellow group members. Each class includes breathing and mindfulness techniques as well as an opportunity for reflection.

# Staff Spotlight



# Sat Siri Sumler, LMT, BCTMB, MTI

Massage Therapist, Integrative Medicine Center

Sat Siri joined MD Anderson's Integrative Medicine Program in 2003. She is board certified in therapeutic massage and bodywork, a licensed massage therapy instructor and an experienced teacher in the field of yoga. She has specialized in oncology massage since 1991; her training also includes skilled touch for the seriously ill. Prior to coming to MD Anderson, she facilitated the training of yoga and meditation students and teachers from around the world. She lectures at national conferences, has written a Rehabilitation Medicine reference book chapter, and

has published articles in the field of oncology massage. Sat Siri co-developed MD Anderson's annual Integrative Oncology Training Conference - a comprehensive continuing education course for Acupuncturists, Massage Therapists, and Yoga/Mind-Body Teachers desiring to work safely and effectively with persons touched by cancer. Sat Siri provides oncology massage consultations in the Integrative Medicine Center and also sees inpatients throughout the hospital as part of the Integrative Medicine Consult Service.

#### How to schedule an appointment:

- Call Integrative Medicine Center at 713-794-4700 for more information.
- Arrive 15 minutes early to check in for group classes.

# April 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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All classes are for outpatients and their caregivers and are offered at the Mays Clinic location – ACB2.1005

# **Individual Outpatient Clinical Services**

#### An MD Anderson physician's order is required before scheduling any of the services listed below.

For additional details, please:

- Call 713-794-4700
- Visit our website http://www.mdanderson.org/integrativemedcenter
- Visit one of our 2 outpatient locations:
  - Main Clinic: R1.2000, a free standing facility east of the Main Building near valet
  - Mays Clinic, 2nd floor near elevator T

#### **Integrative Oncology Consultation**

Our physicians and advanced practice providers can give guidance on achieving a comprehensive and integrative approach to your cancer care.

#### **Exercise/Physical Activity Consultation**

Being more physically active may benefit patients during and after cancer treatment by decreasing fatigue and improving strength. A senior physical therapist provides recommendations on achieving safe and optimal exercise during each consultation.

#### Acupuncture

Acupuncture is a safe and often effective medical treatment that can be used to manage side effects from cancer and related treatments, including nausea and vomiting, pain, neuropathy, hot flashes, fatigue and dry mouth. Treatments range from \$65 to \$75. An additional \$10 may apply.

#### **Oncology Massage Treatment**

Oncology massage may help patients address anxiety, relieve pain, decrease fatigue and improve sleep quality. Treatments are \$55.

### Health Psychology Consultation

A licensed clinical psychologist will provide both evaluation and interventions to help with lifestyle change and address symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression.

#### **Nutrition Consultation**

A registered dietitian provides personalized nutrition counseling and education to help patients manage side effects and reach their goals during and after cancer treatment. Education emphasizes a whole foods, plant-based diet for optimal health.

#### **Meditation Consultation**

Meditation decreases anxiety and negative emotions, improves sleep and memory and increases spiritual awareness and a sense of well-being. Initial visit fee is \$50. Follow-up visits range from \$25 to \$50.

# THURSDAY-SUNDAY APRIL 18-21, 2019

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