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.

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.

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

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

**Physical**

Brief Relaxation Massages
Experience a brief upper body massage for relaxation. These chair massages are generously funded by Angie’s Spa.

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

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.

Yoga for Fitness
A beginning/intermediate level yoga class that focuses on moving through postures with breath.

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

**Mind-Body**

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

Tibetan Meditation*
Relax and access a deeper awareness through connecting your mind, body and heart through breath, sound and movement practices. Class method rotates weekly (see calendar).

- **Power of Breath**
  Through breath, learn various contemporary stress-relieving methods to use in everyday life.

- **Sacred Sounds**
  Use sound techniques in combination with the breath, that can be helpful to increase memory and cognitive function.

- **Breath & Movement**
  Experience meditation through simple movements & breathing techniques, supportive of better sleep.

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

Cooking for Optimal Health*
The dietitian for the Integrative Medicine Center demonstrates how to prepare meals meeting the whole foods, plant-based diet recommendations. Participants will also have the chance to enjoy some delicious samples. Recipes will emphasize dishes meeting the whole foods, plant-based diet recommendations. Participants will also have the chance to enjoy some delicious samples. Recipes will emphasize ingredients that support the body's natural ability to heal and maintain optimal health.

**Social**

Therapeutic Group Drumming
Experience meditation through simple percussive instruments. No experience needed!

Singing Support Group
Are you a cancer patient or caregiver who enjoys singing? If you are, this choir is for you. Let’s get together and celebrate life.

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.

*Program support provided by the Duncan Family Institute

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.

**View audio and video resources online:** [www.mdanderson.org/integrativemedcenter](http://www.mdanderson.org/integrativemedcenter)

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All classes are for outpatients and their caregivers and are offered at the Mays Clinic location – ACB2.1005
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. Initial visit fee will range from $85 to $100. Follow-up visits range from $45 to $80.

Oncology Massage Treatment
Oncology massage may help patients address anxiety, relieve pain, decrease fatigue and improve sleep quality. Services are by appointment for patients and their caregivers with a treatment fee of $70.

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.

Music Therapy
A board certified music therapist will provide evaluation and techniques that help encourage self-expression, reduce stress and anxiety, improve coping skills, and facilitate socialization. Initial visit fee is $50. Follow-up visits range from $25 to $50.

For information on our inpatient services, please call 713-794-4700.