

Inside Integrative Medicine

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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.

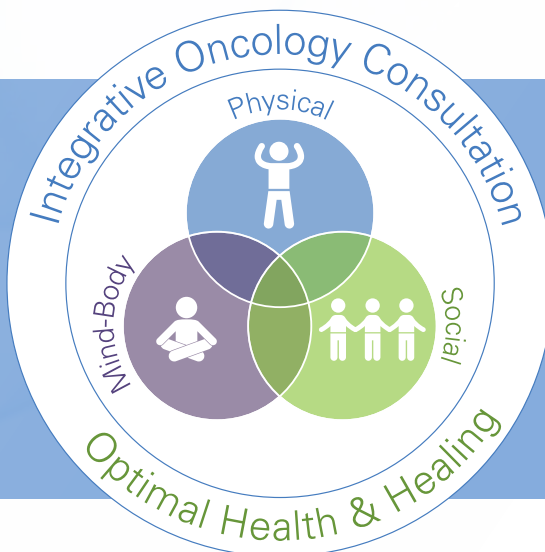
What is integrative oncology?

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.

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.



Get Moving

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

Mind-Body



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.

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.

Activity Level:



= Gentle



= Active



= Very Active

*Program support provided by the Duncan Family Institute

Staff Spotlight



Michael R. Spano, MS, LAc

Acupuncturist, Integrative Medicine Center

Michael Spano has been with the Integrative Medicine Center for over 5 years. Prior to MD Anderson, Michael had ten years of clinical work with eight years working with integrative health care teams in both public health clinics and hospital settings. In Seattle, he taught at Bastyr University and worked within the King County Public Health system as an integrative practitioner and educator. Michael was also involved in the Washington State acupuncture board with policy and legislation. Michael then spent two years in Geneva, Switzerland as an independent acupuncture practitioner. He recently arrives from the Henry Ford Health System where his responsibilities included patient care and education on integrative acupuncture therapies. Michael continues to be involved with patient care, education and research regarding the role of acupuncture in the integrative cancer setting.

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.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 10:30-11:30 Group Drumming	4 11:00-12:00 Get Moving 12:00-1:30 Cooking for Optimal Health	5 10:30-11:30 Yoga for Health	6 10:30-11:30 Shape-Up Circuit 12:30-1:30 Meditation and Daily Life: Art	7 10:30-11:30 Group Drumming
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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.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS PRESENTED BY MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

Health & Wellness "Art and Design in Medicine" Presented by MD Anderson Cancer Center

Thursday, June 6, 2019: 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.



Moderated by Alejandro Chaoul, assistant professor and director of education at the integrative medicine program, department of palliative, rehabilitation and integrative medicine, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
This panel discussion looks at how art and design can be a part of improving the overall patient experience. Afterward, join MFAH staff in the galleries for a demonstration of exercises and techniques with medical students.

Panelists

- Marcia Brennan, the Carolyn and Fred McManis Professor of Humanities at Rice University, and artist-in-residence in the department of palliative care and rehabilitation medicine at MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Gabriel Lopez, associate professor and medical director of the integrative medicine program at MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Elizabeth Roath Garcia, studio and gallery programs manager at the MFAH
- Wendy Watriss, co-founder of FotoFest International, photographer/writer, and patient

Beginning May 21, you may reserve your spot on from this website: <https://www.mfah.org/calendar/health-wellness-art-and-design-in-medicine/201906060630PM>. **This program is free. On Thursdays, Museum general admission is free, courtesy of Shell Oil Company.**