



New program brings top experts to Clara Maass Medical Center

Patients with concerns about skin cancer can now find advanced care close to home at the Cutaneous Malignancy Program at Clara Maass Medical Center. The center is led by Franz O. Smith, MD, FACS. "Our philosophy is to provide outstanding, patient-centered care — not only medical care, but the emotional and psychosocial support patients need as they face a cancer diagnosis," says Dr. Smith, a board-certified, fellowship-trained surgical oncologist.

In collaboration with skin care experts at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the state's only National Cancer Institute-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, the team creates an individualized treatment plan for each patient. Clara's program offers state-of-the-art evaluation, sentinel and lymph node biopsies by New Jersey's leading melanoma surgeons, and accurate staging. Through its partnership with Rutgers Cancer Institute, the Cutaneous Malignancy Program at Clara Maass offers patients advanced treatment options in immunotherapy and precision medicine, including clinical trials, many of which aren't available elsewhere in the state.

To schedule an appointment with one of our melanoma/skin cancer experts, call **844-CANCERNJ (844-226-2376)**.



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The latest and most patient-centered MRI technology is available at Clara Maass

Thanks to donor support, including a matching grant from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, Clara Maass Medical Center (CMMC) now has the most advanced, patient-centered MRI technology available. The new MRI suite eliminates the need to send CMMC patients to other locations for MRI scans, saving time and reducing stress on the patient. With this state-of-the-art technology, patients will experience:

- ▶ 80% less noise, creating a more comfortable patient experience.
- ▶ 40% less time patients need to hold their breath — in many cases, just 5 seconds is needed.
- ▶ 50% less time need for exams with superior image quality.



Clara Maass is rated among the Top 10 Percent of Hospitals in the Nation

Clara Maass Medical Center has received the Obstetrics and Gynecology Excellence Award and the Labor and Delivery Excellence Award from Healthgrades for the seventh year in a row (2016-2022). The 5-Star rating associated with each Award indicates that Clara Maass' excellent clinical outcomes for natural childbirth, C-section deliveries, and gynecologic procedures are among the top 10 percent of U.S. hospitals that were evaluated by Healthgrades.

"It is an honor for Clara Maass to be recognized for providing such excellent care to our patients for the seventh year in a row," said Mary Ellen Clyne, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Clara Maass Medical Center. "Our Awards and 5-Star ratings for excellence reflect our deep commitment to providing patients with the safest, most compassionate and highest quality care."



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