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Surgery: An Important Part of Integrative Cancer Care in Chicago

Surgery is the first form of treatment for cancer, and it remains one of the primary and most effective treatments today. For many people, a cancer diagnosis involves the presence of a tumor, and surgical reduction or removal of that tumor is often the first step in their comprehensive cancer treatment plan.

Really, cancer surgery is any surgical procedure intended to treat or relieve cancer. In some cases, surgery can also prevent cancer from developing.

Recommending surgical intervention whenever it will be best for you.

At the Block Center for Integrative Cancer Treatment in the greater Chicago area, we are leaders in providing truly integrative care for people with cancer. We follow the science and offer and use the methods that are known to give you your best odds against cancer. In many cases, surgery is an important part of our comprehensive and individualized approach to cancer.

To put it simply, cancer has to go. This is the focus of our integrative approach, which is centered around treating not just cancer but your cancer. Everything we do is designed around our mission to help you be rid of cancer and stay rid of it. Quite often, surgically removing tumors and cancerous tissue is an important part of that effort.

Embracing a proven treatment because it helps achieve optimal outcomes.

Sometimes, people forget that “integrative” doesn’t mean “ancillary” or “alternative,” and they hope to avoid surgery. While we are flexible enough to adhere to your wishes, we’re also experienced and dedicated enough to know that surgery is too important and effective to not consider it.

Here’s how surgery can help in your fight against cancer:

Excise tumors and other cancerous (or pre-cancerous) tissue

Help accurately and completely diagnose and stage your cancer

Restore appearance of function affected by cancer or treatment

Relieve the side effects of cancer

Reduce or relieve cancer pain or other symptoms – palliative care

Working with top cancer surgeons to provide you the best possible care.

At the Block Center, we’re dedicated to your best interests, optimal patient experience and — most importantly — helping you live well and healthy. Many times, this means working with top-quality, highly experienced surgeons to make certain your needs are met, your expectations are exceeded and your chances against cancer are the best they can be.

Want to know more about whether cancer surgery is appropriate for you, schedule an appointment by calling 877-41-BLOCK (877-412-5625). You can also schedule an appointment using our easy online form.