

Kenneth Offit, M.D., M.P.H.

Bio Sketch

Kenneth Offit received his MD and MPH in 1981 from the Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health. He received clinical training in medical oncology and had laboratory experience in cancer genetics at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center where in May of 1995 he received the Boyer Young Investigator Award. He is currently Chief of the Clinical Genetics Service in the Department of Medicine at MSKCC and is a Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the Weill College of Medicine Cornell University. He is also Vice Chairman of the MSKCC program in Cancer Prevention and Population Research. In 1996 his research group first described then characterized the frequency of the most common genetic mutation associated with breast cancer in Ashkenazi Jews. His group was also to prospectively measure the impact of preventive ovarian surgery in individuals carrying these mutations. In 2004 Dr. Offit received a career research award from the American Cancer Society.