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Dr. Chang brings **EXPERIENCE** and **ENTHUSIASM** to her patients

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Dr. Hyesook Chang has joined the New York Hospital Queens staff, bringing a vast amount of experience and enthusiasm to the patients.

Born in Korea, Chang received her medical degree from Seoul National University and doctorate degree from Yonsei University College of Medicine, both of which are located in Seoul. She came to the United States in 1975 for her training, conducting her radiation oncology residency at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Chang returned to Korea in 1989. While there, she was the Chairperson of Asan Medical Center's Department of Radiation Oncology.

"When I went there my goal was to [create] a world-class department, which I achieved I thought," Chang said.

In 2001, Chang once again returned to the United States, first working at Upstate University Hospital and United Health Services Hospital. She now resides in Manhattan and joined The Cancer Center at New York Hospital Queens as an Attending Radiation Oncologist in August of 2007. She is also an Associate Professor of Radiology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

With the Cancer Center at New York Hospital Queens, Chang said that one of her goals is to be a good physician. She said that being able to help patients is one of the most rewarding parts of the work that she does.

Previously, Chang has done work in the field of research, focusing on various areas. This has included molecular biology, physics and cancer treatment.

"Hopefully, I can engage in some sort of research (again)," Chang said.

In order to further give back to others, Chang said that she would like to assist the Korean community. Knowing that language can be a huge barrier, she has already assisted with developing explanatory guidelines in Korean, which she gave to her administrator.

Another motivation for Chang to return to New York City was to further study art. She said that art is something she has been good at from a young age, but she never thought she would be able to do it professionally and viewed it more as a hobby. However, Chang said that as she gets closer to retirement, it is something that she wants to focus on more.

Chang said that New York City seemed like a good place to further her studies continue to develop her skills.

Along with her work at the Cancer Center at New York Hospital Queens and her art, Chang has contributed to many publications as an author.

Chang is a member of the Korean American Physician Association. She was also the Vice President of the Korean Association for Radiation Protection and has been a member of organizations like the Radiation Research Society, American Society of Clinical Oncology and American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.



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