The HIPEC Program at The Valley Hospital’s Daniel and Gloria Blumenthal Cancer Center is New Jersey’s only comprehensive program and the largest among hospitals in the metropolitan New York/New Jersey area.

Our Director of Surgical Oncology, Lawrence E. Harrison, M.D., heads our HIPEC Program and has more experience in performing HIPEC than any other physician in the area. Over the past 11 years, he has used HIPEC to treat more than 100 select patients with advanced abdominal and gynecologic malignancies.

WHAT TYPE OF FOLLOW-UP CARE WILL I REQUIRE?

Generally, you will see Dr. Harrison one week after surgery and again about two weeks later. Additional follow-up appointments will be scheduled every three to four months. Some patients may benefit from post-operative systemic chemotherapy, depending on the tumor type and if any tissue remains after surgery.

Dr. Harrison’s office is located in the Daniel and Gloria Blumenthal Cancer Center at the Luckow Pavilion in Paramus. To make an appointment or for more information, call 201-634-5547 or visit www.valleyhealth.com/HIPEC.

Information on hotels and shuttle services is available on our web site at www.ValleyHealth.com/HIPEC. You may also call Reception Services at 201-447-8000, ext. 2250, at the times that follow for this information: Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Lawrence E. Harrison, M.D., is Director of Surgical Oncology at The Valley Hospital’s Daniel and Gloria Blumenthal Cancer Center. His practice focuses on the treatment of cancers that have spread to the abdomen (carcinomatosis), such as colon, appendix, and ovarian tumors. He also specializes in the treatment of patients with gastro-intestinal cancers, with a concentration on patients with hepatobiliary, pancreatic, and gastro-esophageal malignancies.

Dr. Harrison received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. He completed a surgical residency at University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He subsequently spent four years at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he completed a research fellowship and a surgical oncology fellowship. Prior to joining Valley, Dr. Harrison was Chief of Surgical Oncology at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School for 13 years. He has been performing HIPEC for more than 11 years.

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WHAT SHOULDN’T I BRING FOR MY EVALUATION WITH DR. HARRISON?
You should bring the most recent originals or copies of the following to your first visit:
- X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and PET scans (either films or a CD, as well as reports),
- original pathology slides,
- endoscopy reports,
- laboratory results,
- current insurance card,
- endoscopy reports,
- any referral forms required by your health insurance carrier.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING HIPEC?
On the day of surgery, you will be given general anesthesia. Dr. Harrison will first remove as much of the tumor, lymph nodes, and any other cancerous tissue as possible. Immediately after the surgery, while you are still under anesthesia, he will bath the inside of your abdomen for about 90 minutes with a high dose of heated chemotherapy that has been warmed to about 107ºF. HIPEC destroys any microscopic cancer cells that might remain in your abdomen and cause a recurrence of the cancer.

Dr. Harrison will then drain away the chemotherapy liquid and close the surgical incision. You will wake up in the post-anesthesia care unit, where you will stay for between 12 and 36 hours. There may be a tube in your nose for drainage and/or tubing from your bladder and other areas to either remove fluid or provide nutrition. You will be given patient-controlled analgesia (PCA), as needed, to manage pain.

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO GO HOME?
After leaving the post-anesthesia care unit, you will be taken to a room on the surgical unit, where you will stay for about five to 10 days, depending on the extent of your surgery. You will be able to go home once you are able to eat, walk, and move your bowels (some patients have a colostomy). Within four to six weeks, you may be able to resume your normal activities.

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