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River East town house sells for \$3.1 million

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Photo from listing

A pair of cancer specialists paid \$3.1 million for a 5,300-square-foot townhouse facing the Chicago River near the Lake Shore Drive bridge.

Lucy Chen and Steven Chmura bought the five-bedroom home on East North Water Street in early August, according to the Cook County Recorder of Deeds.

Chen is an assistant professor of hematology/oncology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, specializing in breast, head and neck cancers. Chmura is an associate professor of radiation and cellular oncology at University of Chicago Medicine, specializing in brain, breast and gastrointestinal cancers. They co-authored a [2006 study of radiation therapy and radiation surgery](#).

The couple did not respond to a request for comment.

The four-story townhouse is at the base of a high rise in the River East development, a few doors from the fountain that commemorates the reversal of the Chicago River.

According to the listing prepared by Chezi Rafaeli of Coldwell Banker, the 14-year-old townhouse had been extensively remodeled, and the master suite has the entire second floor to itself. The home has an elevator, four full bathrooms, two indoor garage spaces and a rooftop terrace, the listing says.

The sellers, identified by the Recorder as Alsheik and Aisha Hassan, listed the home for \$3.7 million in January, dropping the price to \$3.5 million in May. Alsheik Hassan, a doctor in Munster, Ind., did not respond to a request for comment.

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