

Rethinking how we
deliver digestive care.

Reimagining how we
treat patients.

Realizing the vision.

**Announcing
The Center for Digestive Care**

A multidisciplinary approach to
the diagnosis and treatment
of complex digestive diseases.

└ NewYork-Presbyterian
└ Weill Cornell Medical Center

Center for Digestive Care

Advancing
patient-centered
digestive care.

**Innovative.
Multidisciplinary.
Coordinated.
Leading-edge technology.
One-Stop.**

The NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell
Center for Digestive Care integrates our
renowned expertise, proven procedures and
advanced therapies for treatment of digestive
diseases with the successful multidisciplinary
model of care.

“Innovative new ideas and
integrated, patient-centered care
are the key elements that will
allow us to change the way
digestive patients are treated.”

Jeffrey W. Milsom, MD
Executive Director

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Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.
These are among the largest gifts ever
made specifically for the treatment
of digestive disorders.



TRANSLATING **Clinical**
Innovation INTO
Practice

Multidisciplinary collaborations allow us to make extraordinary strides in research, technology, and therapies, leading to breakthroughs in treatment options.

- Gastroenterologists and surgeons are developing endoscopic-laparoscopic procedures, with minimal or no scarring and reduced recovery time.
- New surgical tools and implantable devices are enabling surgeons to treat an increasing number of digestive conditions endolumenally.
- Breakthrough research is making possible minimally invasive and non-invasive therapies and diagnostics for IBD.
- An entirely new field of metabolic surgery is reversing type 2 diabetes and revolutionizing the way the disease is treated.
- The Center for the Study of Hepatitis C – a collaboration among Weill Cornell Medical College, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and The Rockefeller University – is providing one of the nation’s most diversified clinical trials programs researching new treatments for the virus.
- Pediatric gastroenterologists, a part of the NewYork-Presbyterian Phyllis and David Komansky Center for Children's Health, have pioneered new methods to make capsule endoscopy child-friendly.

Four Major Clinical Areas

Leading GI specialists are united across four major clinical areas focused on the gastrointestinal tract.

Colorectal/Lower GI

Esophageal/Upper GI

Hepatobiliary/Pancreas/Endocrine

Bariatrics/Metabolic/Diabetes

Each clinical area is staffed with top-tier adult and pediatric gastroenterologists, surgeons, oncologists, nurses and critical support staff including radiologists, pathologists, genetic counselors and nutritionists. This team of specialists works collaboratively to evaluate all relevant treatment options and to develop an integrated, coordinated plan of care for every patient.



The Center's interventional gastroenterologists have extensive experience with endoscopic procedures, often pioneering and refining the techniques that are widely used today. High-tech surgical suites give surgeons access to real-time critical data and medical opinion from experts around the world.

Single Point of Access

A dedicated telephone number gives both patients and referring physicians convenient access to any of our specialists. Trained professionals direct every call to the appropriate clinical area.



The Center for Digestive Care overlooks Manhattan's East River and sweeping city skyline.



Clinical Program Coordinators

Highly skilled nurses guide every patient through each step of diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Nurse coordinators also facilitate the referring physician's interaction with the care team and provide day-to-day information on recommended treatment plans and patient progress. Integrated clinical care provides an opportunity for consultation on challenging GI cases in a collaborative multidisciplinary forum, improving patient outcomes.

America's Top Doctors

As recognized by Castle Connolly, more than twenty-eight of America's top adult and pediatric gastroenterologists and GI surgeons can be found right here. Our clinicians and researchers are at the forefront of advancing innovation in digestive diseases.



Skylights, floor-to-ceiling windows and natural light create a calming, nurturing and healing environment.

Nurturing & Healing Environment

The new Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Surgical Care Unit is designed specifically for patients recovering from gastrointestinal surgery. Twenty-eight private rooms are equipped with ultra-modern amenities and furnishings that enable families to remain with loved ones during recovery.

Futuristic New Technology

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Surgical Suite consists of four operating rooms incorporating the most advanced surgical, endoscopic and radiological technology. Each surgical suite features live feed, multi-image video, giving care teams instantaneous access to critical data, ranging from capsule endoscopy to real-time medical opinion from experts around the world.

In our endoscopy suite, gastroenterologists are pioneering novel applications using state-of-the-art technologies to diagnose and treat a variety of complex disorders.

Collaborative Research

The close partnership between NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical College physicians and research scientists allows new drugs and therapies developed in the laboratory to be moved quickly to the bedside to deliver more effective treatment options to digestive patients.

Medical Centers of Excellence

The Center for Digestive Care builds on our current programs, which span the entire spectrum of digestive disorders and treatments. The Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health, The Jill Roberts Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease and The Center for the Study of Hepatitis C are dedicated to specialized clinical care, education and research. These coordinated centers were founded on principles of patient-centered care.

“It is our vision to be one of the nation’s leading multidisciplinary centers for treatment of digestive diseases.”

Ira Jacobson, MD



Innovative Education

The Center is continually redefining and expanding training in digestive diseases, developing new medical-surgical fellowships and sponsoring multidisciplinary grand rounds, while supporting case conferences, tumor boards, and journal clubs that incorporate training with patient care.

One of America’s Best Hospitals

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital ranks first in the New York City metropolitan area according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 edition of *America's Best Hospitals*. This marks the sixth consecutive year the Hospital ranks among the top 10 in the nation.

Information & Referral

For more information on clinical programs at the Center for Digestive Care, visit

www.nypdigestive.org/cdc

To refer a patient or speak with one of our digestive diseases specialists, call:

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