

# Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition



The Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is a national and international referral destination, offering comprehensive services for the simple to the most complex pediatric gastrointestinal diseases. Established in 1968, our division has become well known for its innovative approach to diagnosis and treatment.

## CONTACT US

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## TREATING A FULL SPECTRUM OF CONDITIONS

We are leaders in caring for common, rare and complex conditions. Subspecialists work within the division's 13 centers and programs, including:

- **Advanced Nutrition Program**—Nutritional assessment and support for children with chronic digestive disorders. Multidisciplinary team to customize optimal enteral and/or parenteral nutrition support plan
- **Celiac Disease Center**—Provides the highest standard of care for children with celiac disease, wheat allergies and non-celiac gluten sensitivities
- **Cincinnati Center for Eosinophilic Disorders**—For patients with eosinophil-associated gastrointestinal disorders such as eosinophilic esophagitis, gastritis, enteritis, colitis and gastroenteritis
- **Gastroenterology Second Opinion/Consultation Program**—Providing second or third opinions for children with complex GI disorders, as well as specialized care for disorders such as constipation, celiac disease, chronic abdominal pain, growth failure, diarrhea and malabsorption
- **Interdisciplinary Feeding Program**—Comprehensive evaluation for children with swallowing/feeding disorders by a multidisciplinary team that provides innovative approaches to improve feeding, swallowing and nutritional outcome
- **Interventional Endoscopy Center**—Providing advanced diagnostic and therapeutic techniques for children of all ages, including newborns and infants
- **Intestinal Rehabilitation and Intestinal Transplantation Programs**—For patients with intestinal failure caused by short bowel syndrome, genetic diseases, motility disorders, malabsorption, and other conditions
- **Neurogastroenterology and Motility Disorders Center**—Specialized care for disorders such as esophageal dysmotility, gastroparesis, intestinal pseudo-obstruction and motility disorders such as Hirschsprung's disease
- **Pancreas Care Center**—Care for patients with acute and chronic pancreatitis, pancreatic cysts and tumors, and pancreatic stones and/or strictures. The center also offers total pancreatectomy with islet cell autotransplantation (TPIAT) to children with chronic pancreatitis.
- **Pediatric Liver Care Center**—For patients with acute liver failure, biliary atresia, viral hepatitis, cirrhosis, metabolic, genetic and autoimmune liver diseases and other conditions of the liver



Cincinnati Children's is ranked #1 in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery and #3 in the nation among Honor Roll hospitals.



# 10,743

New patients/consultations

# 15,016

Inpatient encounters

# 25,298

Outpatient encounters

# \$10,702,030

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for research

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For urgent issues, or to speak with the specialist on call 24/7, call the Physician Priority Link® at 1-888-987-7997.

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- **Pediatric Liver Transplant Program**—768 liver transplants performed since 1986, including multi-organ transplants, living-related donor transplants, reduced-size liver transplants and liver transplants in children weighing less than 3 kilograms
- **Schubert-Martin Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center**—For patients with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis
- **Steatohepatitis Center**—Specialized management of the unique challenges patients and families experience with diseases in the nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) spectrum, including non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)

## SPECIALTY CARE COORDINATION AND EDUCATION

Our physicians, nurses, therapists and other health professionals work closely as a team to coordinate individualized care for each patient. Gastroenterologists work in collaboration with surgeons, dietitians, radiologists, pharmacists and other specialists to facilitate patient and family-centered evaluation and treatment. We also participate in several multidisciplinary programs to treat patients with complex aerodigestive disorders, feeding issues, colorectal conditions and obesity. We provide the highest level of care for our patients, using technologies that include:

- Diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy, including upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, capsule endoscopy and transnasal endoscopy
- Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)
- Endoscopic ultrasound
- Esophageal impedance and pH studies
- Liver biopsy and genetic testing for liver diseases
- Motility testing, including antroduodenal, esophageal, colonic and anorectal manometry
- Vibration-controlled transient elastography (Fibroscan®)

## OUR SPECIALISTS’ CURRENT RESEARCH

Basic and clinical research within the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition is enhancing the treatment of children with digestive diseases.

- In pediatric liver disease, we study the causes and develop new tests and treatments for biliary and inflammatory diseases, genetic abnormalities and metabolic disorders. We also offer clinical trials for children with cholestasis, inflammatory, viral, metabolic and fatty liver diseases.
- In pediatric intestinal diseases, we study pathogenesis, genetics, and novel treatments for inflammatory bowel disease, eosinophilic esophagitis, intestinal failure, and nutritional disorders. We also study new diagnostics and therapies for motility disorders.
- For children requiring liver or intestinal transplantation, our scientists are seeking new biomarkers to guide the optimal level of immunosuppression and are developing clinical protocols to improve long-term outcomes and quality of life.
- We are using stem cells to engineer human mini-organs of stomach, intestines and livers. Also known as “organoids,” they are powerful systems to model human diseases and to design future treatments for children with digestive disorders.