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The UW Medicine Digestive Health Institute offers world-class expertise and coordinated comprehensive patient care in all areas of digestive wellness. Our multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals and research scientists collaborate to maintain and promote gastrointestinal health, advance the standards of care and conduct leading-edge medical discovery.

Colorectal Services

The UW Medicine colorectal services team is dedicated to providing outstanding patient-centered care. Our primary goals are to cure disease and preserve quality of life. Through our multidisciplinary team of experts, we comprehensively evaluate each case to discern the cause and extent of disorders of the colon, rectum, anus and pelvic floor. We ensure that patients fully understand their condition and therapeutic options to support them on the path to recovery.

Conditions and treatments

Our expertise encompasses prevention and treatment of colon, rectal and anal cancers; sphincter-preserving procedures for anorectal malignancies; inflammatory bowel disease (such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis); minimally invasive surgery and pelvic floor disorders (such as organ prolapse and incontinence). Care for our cancer patients is coordinated with the Colorectal Cancer Specialty Clinic at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA). The SCCA, which is composed of UW Medicine, Seattle Children's and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, offers world-class care and resources to oncology patients.

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For referral or appointment

Call the UW Medicine Contact Center at 206.520.5000.

Patient-centered care

Colorectal conditions often create great anxiety with patients. We recognize the importance of establishing trust and understanding with patients and are dedicated to:

- Providing explanations about what is happening to their body
- Discussing available treatments, and explaining which course of care is most likely to provide the best outcome
- Offering progressive diagnostic technologies, such as MRI and 3D transrectal ultrasound, highly reliable tools for staging anal and rectal tumors

When surgery is advisable, we prioritize minimally invasive treatments, such as laparoscopic, robotic-assisted, or single-incision surgery. We offer sphincter-preserving procedures, including transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM) for low rectal lesions. We are also a site for clinical trials to treat cancers and other digestive diseases.



Our multidisciplinary team

Our team of world-class experts collaborates to design and deliver personalized patient care. We operate under a collaborative, multidisciplinary model to ensure that each patient's care is informed by specialists in gastroenterology, colorectal surgery, medical oncology, surgical oncology, interventional and radiation oncology, pathology, radiology, urology, gynecology, palliative care, nutrition, ostomy care, and other support services.

Our locations

UW Medical Center
1959 N.E. Pacific Street
Seattle, WA 98195

**Northwest Hospital
& Medical Center**
1550 N. 115th Street
Seattle, WA 98133

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
1354 Aloha Street
Seattle, WA 98109