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*The Center for Advanced Digestive Care (CADC) at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center is one of the nation's leading multidisciplinary centers for the diagnosis and treatment of digestive diseases. By bringing together skilled specialists, comprehensive programs and groundbreaking therapies, we provide patients with exceptional digestive disease care in one convenient environment.*

Our physicians and surgeons treat the full spectrum of lower gastrointestinal diseases, including colon and rectal cancers and polyps, inflammatory bowel disease and anorectal disorders. In particular, our team members are pioneers in cutting-edge, minimally invasive procedures that involve less pain, a shorter hospital stay and a quicker recovery for our patients. We also are positioned at the forefront of breakthrough research leading to new treatments for conditions ranging from colon cancer to Crohn's disease.

# Through our skilled multidisciplinary team, advanced therapies and compassionate approach, we offer hope and healing to patients with complex colorectal conditions.

## What Sets Us Apart

Our patients have access to the highest level of care, along with surgical treatments and techniques not widely available at other hospitals.

Key benefits of our program include:

- 90 percent of our colorectal surgeries are performed laparoscopically, compared to dramatically lower rates nationwide. Our advanced techniques include single-incision laparoscopic surgery and robot-assisted laparoscopic surgery.
- We are among only a few centers in the nation performing procedures like CELS (combined endo-laparoscopic surgery) and ESD (endoscopic submucosal dissection) to remove difficult colon polyps while avoiding colon resections.
- Utilizing the latest bowel-saving techniques, we treat one of the highest volumes of patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in New York City.

- Our Pelvic Floor/Fecal Incontinence Program treats the largest volume of patients in New York with sacral nerve stimulator devices, including InterStim Therapy®.
- We offer targeted minimally invasive procedures to minimize discomfort and morbidities in patients with anorectal diseases such as hemorrhoids.
- Patient length of stay is shorter and our 30-day readmissions are lower than other hospitals on the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospital Honor Roll list.
- Our friendly, responsive team quickly accommodates patient referrals, and we can often treat urgent cases the same day.

## Conditions We Treat

Our far-reaching expertise covers a broad range of colorectal diseases and conditions, including treatment for:

- Colorectal polyps and cancers
- Inherited colorectal cancer syndrome
- Inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis
- Diverticulitis
- Anorectal conditions like hemorrhoids and rectal prolapse
- Fecal incontinence
- Urogynecologic issues

Should patients have related conditions that require care from other specialties, we provide seamless access to an array of expert physicians and specialists.

## Groundbreaking Research

Through our robust research program, we are developing additional therapeutic approaches to improve patient outcomes and quality of life. This includes a new platform for endoluminal surgery, allowing the removal of early cancers and benign polyps without removing the colon or even making an incision. Our rectal prolapse research is enabling us to treat this condition under local or regional anesthesia without removing any part of the rectum. We're also examining the use of new surgical connections that better prevent post-surgical leakage, and new laparoscopic instruments small enough to even be used without general anesthesia.

## For More Information

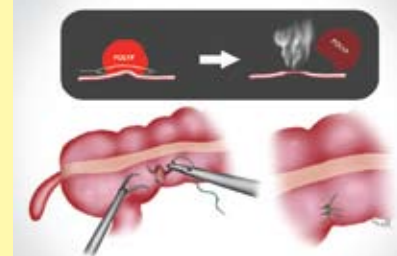
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Benign-appearing colon polyps that are situated in difficult locations or that are too large can be removed endoscopically with laparoscopic assistance, avoiding the need for a colectomy.

## Pioneering Minimally Invasive Surgery

Minimally invasive procedures like CELS (combined endo-laparoscopic surgery) dramatically change how we treat patients. CELS can successfully remove large, benign colon polyps without the need for bowel resection. The length of stay is typically one day, and many patients return to work within one week.



Immediate laparoscopic repair can be performed during the CELS procedure if damage to the colon is identified.