The Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute (DDI) is the first of its kind to unite all specialists within one unique, fully integrated model of care – aimed at optimizing patient experience. At DDI, we offer patients the most advanced, safest and proven medical and surgical treatments primarily focused on the gastrointestinal tract.

**Our Institute includes:**
- Colorectal Surgery
- Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- General Surgery (including Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Transplant Surgery)
- Human Nutrition

Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute has been ranked #2 in the nation in gastroenterology by U.S. News & World Report’s Best Hospital Survey since 2003.

**Clinical Achievements**
- DDI physicians have pioneered many new technologies and procedures for treating digestive disorders, such as continent ileostomy/stapled pouch procedures, advancement flap/sleeves for perianal fistulas and Crohn’s disease.
- A brand new, 15,000-square-foot endoscopy facility recently opened. Our advanced endoscopy team performs more than 24,000 endoscopic procedures annually, including endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), percutaneous gastostomy (PEG), with complication rates at or below the national average.
- DDI developed the world’s first pouchitis clinic in 2002, where pouch surgery-related disorders are handled in a multidisciplinary clinic.
- Cleveland Clinic is home to the largest institutional registries for inherited colon cancer in the U.S. and the second largest in the world.
- Each year, our Hernia Center performs more than 1,700 hernia repairs at 16 locations.
- DDI surgeons performed the world’s first colon resection entirely through a single incision in the umbilicus in 2008.
- DDI surgeons performed the first robotic ventral rectopexy in the United States for rectal prolapse.
- Our adult intestinal transplant program was established in 2008 and recently received certification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- Our colorectal surgeons performed the world’s first single-incision proctocolectomy and ileo anal pouch anastomosis in 2009, leaving only a coin-size scar on the patient’s abdomen.
- Our surgeons are performing ground-breaking research that addresses specific characteristics of colon cancer, which will one day lead to individualized chemotherapy programs.
- Within one year of referral, nearly 80 percent of patients referred for initiation of parental nutrition avoid, discontinue or substantially reduce parental nutrition.
- Our liver transplant program is one of the nation’s largest and our outcomes exceed the national average.
- Cleveland Clinic hepato-pancreato-biliary surgeons have advanced the field of laparoscopic pancreatic surgery in areas including robotic whipple surgery for periampullary neoplasms.
- Cleveland Clinic was one of the first medical facilities to use biologics, such as infliximab and adalimumab, to treat children with IBD. It also is part of a national registry studying the disease course of children newly diagnosed with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.
- Cleveland Clinic is one of only a few programs in the country to offer HIPEC, Hyperthermic (or Heated) Intraoperative Peritoneal Chemotherapy, to treat cancers that have spread to the lining of the abdominal cavity, such as those of the appendix, colon, stomach and ovaries.
- DDI surgeons perform the highest volume of ileal pouch surgery for patients with ulcerative colitis and familial adenomatous polyposis in the world, eliminating the need for permanent ileostomy.

[Visit the Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute website](http://www.clevelandclinic.org/digestive)
Cleveland Clinic offers the following expert diagnostic and treatment options for children and adults, including:

- Intestinal Transplant
- Pancreas Transplant
- Colon and Rectal Cancer
- Reflux Esophagitis and Barrett’s Esophagus
- Crohn’s and Ulcerative Colitis
- Polyps, including Familial Adenomatous Polyposis
- Diverticular Disease
- Anorectal Disease and Fistulas
- Functional Bowel Disorders/Incontinence
- Gallbladder and Biliary Disorders and Tumors
- Pancreatic Disorders and Tumors
- Esophageal Disorders
- Liver Diseases and Tumors
- Abdominal, Incisional, Femoral and Diaphragmatic Hernias
- Pouchitis
- Nutritional Disorders, including Short Bowel Syndrome and Obesity
- Enterostomal Fistulas
- Enterostomal Therapy/Ostomy Reversal
- Liver Transplantation
- Intestinal (Small Bowel) Transplantation
- Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Endoscopy
- Deep Enteroscopy
- Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition
- Ostomy Avoidance
- Acute Care and General Surgery
- Pancreas and Islet Transplantation

**DDI Annual Statistics**

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**Digestive Disease Institute Access Guide**

**SERVICES FOR PHYSICIANS**

**DDI REFERRALS**

800. 223.2273, ext. 45405 or 216.444.5405, clevelandclinic.org/digestive

**CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT WORLDWIDE**

Cleveland Clinic’s critical care transport team (mobile ICU vehicles, helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft) serves critically ill and highly complex patients across the globe. Call 216.444.8302 or 800.553.5056 or visit clevelandclinic.org/criticalcaretransport.

**CLINICAL TRIALS**

Visit clevelandclinic.org/ddiresearch for a complete listing of all clinical trials.

**SERVICES FOR PATIENTS**

**SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS**

Same-day appointments often are available for urgent cases by calling 216.444.5404.

**MEDICAL CONCIERGE**

Complimentary assistance for out-of-state patients and families 800.223.2273, ext. 55580, or email medicalconcierge@ccf.org.

**GLOBAL PATIENT SERVICES**

Complimentary assistance for national and international patients and families 001.216.444.8184 or visit clevelandclinic.org/gps.

**ONLINE ACCESS TO YOUR PATIENT**

You can track your patient’s care using our secure DrConnect Web site. Visit eclevelandclinic.org or email drconnect@ccf.org.