Esophageal & Lung Institute

Conditions affecting the esophagus, lungs and chest can be devastating to an individual experiencing these problems.

Our experienced physicians at the Allegheny Health Network Esophageal & Lung Institute, located at the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion, work together to develop and deliver detailed care plans focused specifically on each individual. The Institute focuses on accurate diagnosis and effective treatment of disorders, including:

- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- Laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR)
- Advanced esophageal disease such as Barrett’s, dysplasia and esophageal cancer
- Esophageal motility disorders
- Diseases of the lungs such as lung cancer, mesothelioma, mediastinal tumors and tracheal diseases

About the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion

The Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion is an integrated entity of Allegheny Health Network. At the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion, our focus is on you and your health. Patients can access a wide range of services, from primary and specialty care to outpatient surgery and advanced, state-of-the-art support services in diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, and physical and occupational therapy. The pavilion offers many amenities, including complimentary valet parking, concierge service, a staffed Austin’s Playroom, café, retail pharmacy, Visionworks, outdoor walking trail and much more. The Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion is dedicated to providing exceptional healthcare close to home and serves as your premier partner in health and wellness.
Innovative and Groundbreaking Treatment

Physicians at the Esophageal & Lung Institute are continuously exploring new, less invasive and more effective treatment options for patients. Complimented by an extensive research program, the Institute is on the forefront of cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment options in order to detect disease sooner, treat disease more effectively and restore health to individuals quickly.

Integrated Team in One Convenient Location

Patients with esophageal conditions often have to travel from location to location to meet with all of the doctors and specialists who treat specific aspects of esophageal or thoracic lung disease. The Institute brings an entire team together, under one roof to provide one-stop, comprehensive care.

The team includes specialists in the areas of thoracic surgery, general surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, gastroenterology, pulmonology, otolaryngology, pathology, radiology, speech pathology, nutrition and supportive care.

More complex issues are referred to the Institute’s sites at West Penn and Allegheny General hospitals, where more involved procedures are performed.

Esophageal Specialties

It is critically important to have esophageal cancer detected early, when it is more treatable. The specialists at the Esophageal & Lung Institute offer patients the most unique and progressive surveillance and treatment options for any esophageal condition with an emphasis on esophageal cancer detection and treatment. The Institute is also pioneering new minimally invasive surgery options, such as LINX, a progressive laparoscopic procedure for laryngopharyngeal reflux that doesn’t alter the anatomy of the stomach and endoscopic therapies for Barrett’s esophagus and esophageal cancer.

Our esophageal specialties include:
- Dysphagia & the Swallowing Center
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) & Laryngopharyngeal reflux
- Paraesophageal hernia
- Barrett’s esophagus and dysplasia
- Esophageal cancer
- Achalasia
- Esophageal motility disorders
- Esophageal diverticulum

Gastric Specialties

The Institute’s gastric specialties include stomach diseases such as gastric cancer and gastroparesis. Individuals are given comprehensive care to manage gastroparesis using advanced and personalized dietary, medical and laparoscopic surgical options.

The physicians treating gastric cancer include experienced gastric surgeons, gastroenterologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists and palliative care specialists. Treatment options available range from endoscopic techniques for the treatment of early gastric cancers to advanced minimally invasive surgery.

Thoracic Specialties

The Esophageal & Lung Institute specializes in treating benign and malignant disorders of the lungs, mediastinum, chest wall and the airway leading to the lungs.

The Institute’s experienced surgeons have been pioneers in utilizing new, minimally invasive surgical techniques for the treatment of thoracic diseases. Robotic video-assisted surgery and a less invasive treatment for lung cancer allow the surgeon to delicately access the lung, remove the cancer and resect tissue through a few small incisions, without opening the chest.

Our thoracic specialties include:
- Lung cancer
- Chest wall tumors and pectus excavatum
- Hyperhidrosis
- Mediastinal and thymic masses and myasthenia gravis
- Mesothelioma
- Pleural diseases
- Thoracic Outlet Syndrome
- Tracheal disorders
- Access to radiation and medical oncology services

A Dedicated Physician Team in Your Community

The Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion Esophageal & Lung Institute provides access to experienced doctors from Allegheny Health Network, who are not only among the most experienced specialists in the country, but also are dedicated to bringing superior care to the North Hills community.

Esophageal and Thoracic Physicians include:
Blair Jobe, MD
Lana Schumacher, MD

To schedule an appointment with one of our specialists at the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion, please call 412.DOCTORS (412.362.8677). For general information, call 814.HWP4YOU (814.497.4968).

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