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
- 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
Innovative and Groundbreaking Treatment

Physicians at the Esophageal & Lung Institute are continuously exploring new, less invasive and more effective treatment options for patients. Complemented 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 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’s 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, such as robotic video-assisted surgery and a less invasive treatment for lung cancer that allows 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 & conditions
- Chest wall tumors and pectus excavatum
- Hyperhidrosis
- Mediastinal & 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 Allegheny Health Network experienced doctors, who are not only among the most experienced specialists in the country, but dedicated to bringing superior care to the North Hills community.

Esophageal and Thoracic Physicians include:
- Toshitaka Hoppo, MD
- Blair Jobe, MD
- Robert J. Keenan, MD
- Mathew Van Deusen, MD

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