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The Center for Colon & Rectal Surgery at The George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates treats patients for colon and rectal cancers, inflammatory bowel disease, colon polyps, and other disorders like Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and diverticulitis. Most of these surgeries are performed with minimally invasive laparoscopic and robotic techniques.

The Center for Colon & Rectal Surgery at The GW Medical Faculty Associates is proud to be the first in metropolitan Washington to perform robotic colectomies and it continues to perform more of these procedures than any facility in the region. Our surgeons are trained in the use of the da Vinci surgical system and are proud to serve as a national training center for surgeons around the country.

Robotic Colorectal Surgery
Colorectal robotic surgery is a minimally invasive surgical option that allows our doctors to operate on the rectum, colon, and anus through small incisions ranging from 1 to 5 incisions. Miniaturized tools and 3D cameras are inserted through those openings and controlled by the doctor at a nearby console. At the console, in addition to the magnified and 3D view of the procedure, the surgeon will have controls that translate his or her hand movements into micro-movements for the robotic instruments. These tools can be used for any procedure which might be performed during a traditional surgery, but they offer the surgeon a greater range of motion and enhanced precision. This minimally invasive surgical approach is available for selected patients who have conditions such as colon cancer, rectal cancer, diverticulitis, and inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.

Single Incision Minimally Invasive Surgery
Center physicians are proud to have been the first on the east coast to provide the benefits of single incision robotic colorectal surgery. They continue to have the highest volume of patients experiencing the benefits of single incision surgery. A single incision surgery is performed through a one-inch incision in the navel, leaving little to no scarring. The MFA has pioneered the use of single incision surgery for the removal of all or part of the colon to treat cancerous or precancerous tissue, or for Crohn’s disease, diverticulitis, and ulcerative colitis.

Treatments for Pelvic Floor Problems
The Center for Pelvic Health at The GW Medical Faculty Associates is a unique program which teams urologists, colorectal surgeons and gynecologists to treat bladder and bowel control problems for patients with an individualized approach. Patients are active participants to establish treatment plans which best meet their needs.

About Us

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The multi-disciplinary team of specialists treats the full range of incontinence problems, including complex cases. Problems with incontinence can be difficult to identify. The unique approach of The Center for Pelvic Health combines the knowledge of physicians from different specialties and decades of experience to diagnose problems and offer customized treatment options. These options can include non-surgical programs such as behavior modification, physical therapy, and biofeedback, as well as more advanced approaches such as sacral nerve stimulation and Solesta.

**Minimally Invasive Treatments:**

**Colon and Rectal Resections**
Resection of the colon and rectum in a minimally invasive fashion is a procedure which removes diseased parts of the colon through tiny incisions using either laparoscopy or robotics, through 1 small incision, or 3-5 small incisions. Center surgeons use these techniques to treat colon cancer, rectal cancer, ulcerative colitis, Crohn’s disease, diverticulitis, polyps, and other diseases. The procedure can also be done through traditional open surgery. Your center surgeon will determine the technique appropriate for your situation.

**Transanal Endomicroscopic Microsurgery**
Transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM) is a minimally invasive surgical technique which allows doctors to operate in the mid and upper rectum by inserting the TEM scope through the anus. This makes it possible to remove portions of the rectum and avoid incisions in the abdomen. TEM allows surgeons to remove pre-cancerous or early-stage cancerous tissues from the wall of the rectum. TEM is most often used for the removal of large rectal polyps. Center physicians have been pioneers in developing TEM, and have been perfecting their techniques for years, giving our patients the benefit of their experience.

**Hemorrhoid Treatment**

**Transanal Hemorrhoidal Dearterialization**
We evaluate that hemorrhoid complex carefully and provide a full range of treatment options including Standard hemorrhoidectomy, banding, stapled hemorrhoidectomy and newer options such as transanal hemorrhoid detarterialization or THD. The choice of procedure is individualized to provide the most appropriate method of gaining long term relief for each patient’s particular problems.

Center physicians maintain the greatest volume of THD procedures in the Washington region. THD is a minimally invasive procedure that uses Doppler technology to locate the arteries supplying the hemorrhoids with blood, which our doctor will then tie off and stitch into place. THD offers an effective, but far less painful solution for the treatment of hemorrhoids.
The Center for Colon & Rectal Surgery

The specialists at the GW Medical Faculty Associates Center for The Colon & Rectal Surgery provide accurate diagnosis and compassionate care for patients facing cancer and disorders of the colon and rectum. Patients are seen quickly and results are provided on a timely basis. The center accepts most insurance plans, and the staff will assist with pre-certifications whenever possible.

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Parking
The Center for Colon & Rectal Surgery at the GW Medical Faculty Associates is located at at 22nd & I Street, NW. Garage parking is available via the entrance just east of our circular drive, or via an entrance on 22nd Street midway between 22nd Street & Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Garage parking is available either just east of our circular drive at 22nd & I Streets or on 22nd Street midway between I Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The MFA is one block east of the Foggy Bottom Metro Station.

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