

A note from our director:

The University of Chicago Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center is committed to providing the highest caliber care to patients who live with inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and related diseases). Central to this mission are conducting cutting-edge medical research to advance the science and understanding of these conditions, as well as delivering unique and highly relevant educational programs for patients and professionals.

Outstanding patient care is at the center of everything we do, from providing the latest medical therapies, to nutritional counseling to help patients cope with the effects of their disease, to minimally invasive approaches for complex surgeries in order to decrease pain, scarring, and recovery times. Whether patients come to us directly for relatively new symptoms or are referred by a pediatrician, family physician, gastroenterologist, surgeon, or other provider for ongoing difficulties, they benefit from treatment grounded in creative thinking, compassionate understanding, and the very latest research and practice.

Our expert IBD providers see patients at the main campus in Hyde Park, and also at the brand-new University of Chicago Medicine facilities in Orland Park and in Streeterville (River East), as well as pediatric IBD consultations in Naperville. For patients needing surgery or hospitalization, the University of Chicago IBD Center includes a dedicated inpatient wing, the only one of its kind in the region, located in the Center for Care and Discovery, the University of Chicago Medicine's newest and most technologically advanced hospital.

As one of only a limited number of research centers in the country testing multiple new IBD treatments, we offer a variety of clinical trial therapies—the most advanced treatments available—at the earliest possible time in our patients' care. Every patient benefits from the expertise of our world-renowned clinicians and researchers, whose multidisciplinary, collaborative approach extends from patient care to advancing the science of medicine.

On behalf of my colleagues, we welcome you to our Center, and hope we can help you on your journey to healing and wellness.

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