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Introduction to the University of Chicago Hospitals Center for GI Oncology

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Welcome to the University of Chicago Center for Gastrointestinal Oncology. I'm Mitchell Posner, the chief of cancer surgery.

If you're watching this video, you're probably a newly diagnosed patient anxious to begin treatment. Or, maybe you're here because your doctor has recommended our center to contribute to your cancer care.

When you visit us, you'll find the nation's leading specialists in both cancer and digestive diseases. We've designed the center to minimize the time from your first visit to the beginning of your treatment—and offer a single, comprehensive point of contact as you continue your care.

Typically, specialized centers that treat large numbers of patients have experience and protocols that lead to better outcomes. And, our successes have been recognized. Our gastroenterology AND cancer programs have consistently been top-ranked in Illinois, and ranked among the very best in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*.

And, we bring these nationally recognized programs together—to focus on the full range of GI cancers. We treat the most challenging conditions—cancers that other hospitals might consider hopeless.

Our medical and surgical cancer specialists provide many of the latest treatment options for rectal cancer. In most cases, we can preserve our patient's bowel function and avoid a permanent colostomy.

Dr. Irv Waxman is a gastroenterologist who specializes in cancer. He works closely with our surgeons and oncologists so that the team can offer diagnostic and treatment procedures that are only available at a handful of hospitals in the country.



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Some of our patients choose to participate in clinical trials. We're one of only two hospitals in the country to offer participation in **all three** phases of clinical trials.

Dr. Hedy Kindler's latest research, for example, allows us to offer clinical trials with the hope of increased survival in advanced pancreatic cancer patients.

Patients come to our center from around the corner, across the Midwest, and from around the world.

We feel honored and privileged to care for each patient and to get to know each patient and family.

The staff and I at the University of Chicago Center for Gastrointestinal Oncology welcome you, and thank you for visiting our Web site.

To learn more about Dr. Mitchell C. Posner, visit:

<http://www.uchospitals.edu/physicians/mitchell-posner.html>

For more information about the University of Chicago Hospitals Center for GI Oncology, visit: <http://www.uchospitals.edu/gi-cancer>

To request an appointment with a University of Chicago Hospitals physician specializing in gastrointestinal cancers, visit our Web site at www.uchospitals.edu or call (773) 834-3434.