Weekly prospective patient management meetings covering all gastrointestinal malignancies
- The team consists of medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, gastroenterologists and endoscopists
- Special expertise in treatment focusing on quality of life

Specializing in minimally invasive surgery, geriatric surgical oncology and regional and metastatic treatment of malignant and benign diseases
- Hand-assisted laparoscopy (including liver, colon, stomach)
- Minimally invasive surgery including robotic techniques
- Improved surgical options including sphincter and nerve preservation for colorectal surgery and resection of liver tumors
- HIPEC - Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy after radical debulking for peritoneal disease
- Special expertise in liver, biliary and pancreatic surgery
- Liver ablation technology including microwave, bipolar and monopolar radiofrequency ablation

Offer anti-cancer treatments with an emphasis on patients’ tumor characteristic and individual needs
- Modern preoperative (“neoadjuvant”) chemotherapy and postoperative (“adjuvant”) chemotherapy in order to increase a cure rate for patients with cancers of esophagus, stomach, colon and rectum
- Use of novel targeted therapeutics based on a patient’s cancer characteristics (molecular profile)
- Combined modality approach to common gastrointestinal cancers that include parallel application of chemotherapy and radiation therapy (for esophageal, stomach and colorectal cancers)
- Clinical trials investigating new drugs and treatment approaches for gastrointestinal cancers endorsed by the National Cancer Institute.
- Investigations of new ways to detect and monitor cancer (biomarkers)
Provide state-of-the-art gastrointestinal cancer radiation therapy

- Newly acquired Varian EX Linac, Novalis, TomoTherapy® equipment providing Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT). These two new technologies (IMRT and IGRT) allow physicians to reduce the amount of normal tissue included in the high dose volume, thus resulting in fewer side effects.

- Anal
- Bile duct and gallbladder
- Colon
- Esophagus
- Gastric (stomach)
- Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST)
- Liver (primary and metastases)
- Pancreas
- Rectal
- Small bowel

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