

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

At Loyola's Gastrointestinal Oncology Center, you can be assured both of our medical excellence and of the dedication of experienced health-care providers who are focused on your physical, mental and spiritual well-being. As a team, we are committed to continuing the faith, courage and compassion of the man who gave the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center its name.

The Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center is located on the Loyola University Medical Center campus.

Directions from:

North: I-294S to I-290E. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

South: I-294N to I-290E. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

East: I-290W. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

West: I-88E (East-West Tollway), which becomes I-290E. Exit at First Avenue. Go south past Roosevelt Road. Watch for signs on right.

Parking: For your convenience, valet parking service is available at the building's entrance. Parking fees for valet parking and self-park are both \$2 per day.

**Cardinal Bernardin
Cancer Center**
2160 South First Ave.
Maywood, IL 60153



We also treat the human spirit.



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Gastrointestinal Oncology Center



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(cover) Cancer survivor Arthur Evans

THE GASTROINTESTINAL ONCOLOGY CENTER

The Gastrointestinal Oncology Center brings together a team of highly trained specialists with national and international recognition. Its goal is to quickly provide evaluation of suspected as well as diagnosed cancers of the gastrointestinal tract. These include cancers of the esophagus, stomach, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, colon, rectum and anus.

As the only one of its kind in the Chicago area, this clinical team is unique. Meeting weekly, it utilizes a multidisciplinary approach that meets the patient's needs quickly and attentively through state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment modalities.

ONE VISIT, ONE LOCATION

A comprehensive program provides a complete evaluation of your condition and a recommended treatment plan in just one visit, at one location. You will meet one-on-one with each of the necessary members of the multidisciplinary medical team including medical oncologists, gastroenterologists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, nurses and clinical nutrition specialists. Other medical specialists such as pathologists and radiologists will assist in your evaluation



from behind the scenes. After your examinations, the team will collaborate on an overall evaluation and recommend a treatment plan designed specifically for you. This treatment plan will be presented to you and your family by the conclusion of your visit. You'll even have time for our thorough staff to answer your questions and make sure you have all the information you need.

PEACE OF MIND

Before you come for your clinic visit, our nursing staff will work with you to set the stage for a smooth and successful visit. You will receive instructions about what records and test results you specifically need to provide for your visit. The Gastrointestinal Oncology Center nurse coordinator will manage the details of your appointment, speaking with you and your family prior to your visit to the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. Our goal is to help you feel comfortable throughout your initial visit and treatment plan.

STATE-OF-THE-ART DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

The Gastrointestinal Oncology Center utilizes sophisticated equipment and procedures to diagnose and treat gastrointestinal cancers. Our medical team is on the cutting edge, actively involved in research and education, and fully aware of all the early detection and advanced treatment options. Our clinicians are committed to early detection of cancers and have the tools to find them. Since some colon, rectal and esophageal

cancers develop slowly over a period of years, some precancerous changes often can be detected early. The clinic has a genetic counselor who works with physicians to provide patients with an analysis of their family's cancer history and evaluation of their personal cancer risk. Referrals for genetic testing, recommendations for cancer prevention, and follow-up counseling and education are available.



In addition, liver transplant surgeons are available to evaluate cancerous lesions of the liver that may be best treated through surgery.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Like all of Loyola University Health System, the Gastrointestinal Oncology Center is dedicated to treating and healing the whole person, not just the illness. Referrals to social workers, clinical psychologists, genetic counselors, pastoral care ministers, and massage and art therapists all are available at the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center.

Visit our website, www.luhs.org, to learn more. To schedule an appointment or get more information, please call the Gastrointestinal Oncology Center nurse coordinator at 708-327-3254 or the Loyola Cancer Information Service at 708-CAN-HELP (708-226-4357).

(left) The Gastrointestinal Oncology Center multidisciplinary team collaborates on an evaluation. (above) Mila Yap, Gastrointestinal Oncology Center nurse