

# UPMC Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center



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UPMC Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center is an ambulatory endoscopy program that is recognized for a high level of specialized care in gastroenterology.

Our Center provides:

- care that is respectful and confidential in a compassionate and professional environment.
- accessible and affordable care through the operation of an efficient and cost-effective center.
- digestive wellness education and promotion in the community through participation in prevention programs and patient education.
- a safe and comfortable environment for patients, visitors, and employees.

We utilize the latest technology and competency training to provide a high level of cleaning and disinfecting equipment in accordance with standards set forth by the American Practitioners of Infection Controls (APIC).

## Our Services

- Screening and therapeutic colonoscopy, including removal of polyps on sight
- Gastroscopy (upper GI endoscopy)
- Management of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and swallowing disturbances

When tissue samples are taken during these procedures, the patient is notified about the outcome by telephone or mail and the referring physician receives a report.

## Anesthesia Policy

It is a requirement that the person who accompanies you or the person who brings you to your appointment, stay inside our facility during your procedure since you will be receiving intravenous sedation. You will be in our facility for approximately one and a half (1.5) hours. Due to the sedation, you may not remember what the physician discusses after your test, so it is important to permit the person who is accompanying you to listen to the physician after the procedure.

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## Our Medical Staff

Our physicians are board-certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine and are ACLS-certified. The UPMC Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center employs a support staff of three full-time and five part-time registered nurses who have gastroenterology experience and ACLS certification. We also employ three medical technicians who assist with procedures.

## Directions

### Downtown Pittsburgh

Parkway East (I-376) to PA-791, (Penn Hills exit #81). Merge onto Rodi Road. Travel one mile, turn left after Flynn Tire Company at the road marked with a sign for "Integrity Suites." Proceed to the top of the hill. Enter our facility on the left side of the building.

### Greensburg (East)

Take Parkway (I-376) to the Penn Hills (Rodi Road) exit. Follow instructions above.

### Verona, Oakmont

Take Frankstown Road to Rodi Road. Travel a half mile to the Flynn Tire Company (on the right). Turn right before Flynn Tire at the road marked with the sign for "Integrity Suites" and proceed to the top of the hill. Enter our facility on the left side of the building.

Free parking is available

## Billing Policy

- We participate with UPMC Health Plan, Medicare, Security Blue, HealthAmerica, Advantra, HealthAssurance, Cigna, United HealthCare, Aetna, and many other insurance carriers. Services are billed directly to your insurance carrier. You are billed for any co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible responsibility.
- Payment is expected within 30 days of first statement.
- A centralized department manages billing for the facility and the physician's professional fees. You will receive two separate statements for your services. If you have questions about your account(s), please contact the UPMC billing department at 1-888-647-9600.
- Laboratory and anesthesia services are provided by UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside. All insurance carriers will be billed directly and you are billed for any deductibles or co-insurance responsibility.

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## Hours

**Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Professional nursing staff is available during these hours to answer questions or address concerns.

After Hours: A staff physician is available 24-hours- a-day. After hours, please call, **412-621-7777** or **412-342-0036**.

## Gastroenterology Associates-UPMC

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**For information or to schedule an appointment, call one of our offices.**

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