Our practice provides complete and therapeutic services to children with esophageal, gastrointestinal, liver, pancreatic, and nutritional disorders, including:

- Abdominal Pain
- Biliary Tract Disease
- Celiac Disease
- Childhood Obesity
- Crohn's Disease
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Failure to Thrive
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Diseases (GERD)
- Gastrointestinal Bleeding
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Intestinal Allergies
- Jaundice
- Malabsorption
- Pancreatic Disorders
- Ulcerative Colitis
- Viral Hepatitis
- Vomiting

Other areas of expertise include:

- Capsule Endoscopy
- Endoscopy and Colonoscopy
- Hydrogen and Methane Breath Testing for Bacterial Overgrowth and Lactose Intolerance
- Impedance/pH Testing

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition is active in the education of medical students, residents and fellows, as well as continuing medical education programs.

**Services & Programs**

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition provides specialized, multi-disciplinary care for children and adolescents.

**Pediatric Aerodigestive Program**

The Pediatric Aerodigestive Center provides care for children with complex medical problems involving the airway, lung and the upper gastrointestinal (aerodigestive) tract. We bring together a multidisciplinary team in a single location to care for your child.

- Pediatric Aerodigestive Program webpage [LINK TO 2.1 Aerodigestive Program]
- To make an appointment, call 646-962-3410

**Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Program**

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is a chronic inflammation of the lining of one's intestines. Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are the two main types of IBD, with Crohn's generally affecting the small intestine, and ulcerative colitis causing inflammation in the large intestine, or colon. Living with an IBD diagnosis as a child or teen can be especially hard, with educational and
social stressors to deal with alongside the array of symptoms caused by IBD, including bleeding, frequent stools, cramping, fatigue, and even arthritis. Our multi-disciplinary specialists help young patients with IBD to manage their disease, so they can continue to live full lives in childhood, adolescence, and beyond.

- Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Program webpage [LINK TO 2.1 Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program]
- To make an appointment, call 646-962-3410

Food Allergy Program

Food allergies or food intolerance can range from mild to severe, and determining the cause can often be challenging. Our pediatric gastroenterologists specializing in food allergies and intolerances work with a multidisciplinary team of experts who help diagnose young patients and customize a treatment plan for each child.

For more information, visit the Food Allergy Program webpage [LINK TO 2.15 Food Allergy Program]

Motility Program

If your child has problems with motility — the coordinated contraction and movement of the digestive tract — we know how much these problems can interfere with your child's and your family's quality of life. Children can develop motility disorders that range from relatively benign conditions such as constipation to more serious disorders such as Hirschsprung's disease. Our goals are to find out the reasons for your child's symptoms, and to provide you with an effective, practical treatment or management plan.

- For more information, visit the Pediatric Motility Program webpage [LINK TO 2.1 Motility Program]
- To make an appointment, call 646-962-3410

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**Diagnosis & Treatment**

**Upper and Lower Endoscopy**

Endoscopy is a procedure that allows a Gastroenterologist to look at the inside of the gastrointestinal tract using an endoscope. An endoscopy is performed to discover reasons for problems including swallowing difficulties, bleeding, indigestion, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, reflux, chest pain or diarrhea.

- Learn more: Tip Sheet: Upper and Lower Endoscopy

**Capsule Endoscopy**

- Capsule endoscopy is used to look at the inside lining of the small intestine. Conventional
upper endoscopy will only visualize the beginning of the small intestine and colonoscopy will only visualize the end of small intestine. Capsule endoscopy is a way of bridging that gap.

- Learn more: Tip Sheet - Capsule Endoscopy pH Probe Study

A pH probe study is designed to assess acid reflux in your child. Sometimes this study can be performed "with impedance," which means that it will also detect non-acid reflux.

- Learn more: Tip Sheet - Testing for pH/Impedance

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Research

**Crohn’s disease and growth**

Dr. Neera Gupta, MD, MAS is leading a research study about the effects of Crohn’s disease on the growth of pediatric patients. Enrollment is currently underway for the study. Learn more about the [Growth Study](#), including how to enroll.

Resources

**Video:** The “Jellybean Test” – Unique Testing Strategies for Pediatric Patients
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohi9Mox7jt8

**GI Kids**
Education resources for families by the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN). Includes brochures, videos, podcasts, and online communities.

**North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN)**
An organization of more than 1400 pediatric gastroenterologists in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Canada.

**Center for Advanced Digestive Care (CADC): Pediatric Gastroenterology**
The CADC at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital is one of the nation’s leading centers for the diagnosis and treatment of childhood digestive diseases.

**Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Fellowship**
Sixth Annual Peter D. Stevens Course on Innovations in Digestive Care
Fifth Annual Pediatric IBD Research Day/Weill Cornell Medicine

What Sets us Apart
• We are affiliated with the Phyllis and David Komansky Children’s Hospital at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the #1 ranked children’s hospital in New York City on the 2017-2018 US News & World Report Best Children’s Hospitals survey.

• Our pediatric sub-specialists are part of the Center for Advanced Digestive Care (CADC) at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, one of the nation's leading centers for the diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases.

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