

# Gastroenterology Associates-UPMC

Specializing in Digestive System and Liver Disorders

*Affiliated with the UPMC Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center*

## Our Services

- Comprehensive gastrointestinal consultation services and close follow-up
- Screening and therapeutic colonoscopy for early detection and prevention of colon cancer
- Diagnostic and therapeutic gastroscopy for early detection and treatment of Barrett's Disease, esophageal cancer, and stomach cancer
- Diagnostic and therapeutic ERCP
- State-of-the-art wireless capsule endoscopy of the small intestine
- State-of-the-art Esophageal and pH Monitoring Center for the management of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), swallowing disturbances, and non-cardiac chest pain on-site at the UPMC Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center in the eastern suburbs
- Nutrition counseling services
- Advanced liver and pancreatic diagnosis and treatment
- Non-surgical management of pancreatobiliary disease
- Up-to-date treatment of HCV and its complications
- Hemorrhoid treatment



Endoscopic services provided at UPMC East, UPMC Monroeville Surgery Center, UPMC Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center, UPMC Shadyside, and UPMC South Hills Surgery Center.

Hospital affiliations include UPMC Shadyside and UPMC East

We are contracted with federal and commercial health insurance carriers including both Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and UPMC Health Plan

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## Our Physicians



### **Farhad Ismail-Beigi, MD**

Dr. Ismail-Beigi earned his degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He completed his medical training with a residency at Vanderbilt University Hospital and University of Washington, where he also trained as a fellow in the specialty of gastroenterology. He is a clinical professor of medicine at the

University of Pittsburgh where he teaches medical students, interns, residents, and fellows. Dr. Ismail-Beigi was instrumental in instituting the fellowship training program at UPMC Shadyside and is past Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at UPMC Presbyterian. He is board-certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine and has special interests in esophageal disease and inflammatory bowel disease.



### **Hitendra R. Patel, MD**

Dr. Patel earned his degree from Baroda Medical College, the M.S. University and S.S. General Hospital in Baroda, India. His residency training in internal medicine was completed at north Middlesex Hospital and Benenden Hospital in Kent, UK. He completed a clinical research fellowship in endocrinology and a

fellowship in gastroenterology at UPMC Shadyside. Dr. Patel is a clinical instructor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He was awarded “The Golden Apple Award” for his excellence in teaching the residency program at Forbes Regional Hospital. He is board-certified in gastroenterology and has special interest in gastrointestinal diseases.



### **M. Samir Ayasso, MD**

Dr. Ayasso earned his degree from Damascus University Medical School located in Syria. He came to the United States and completed his residency and fellowship training in gastroenterology at UPMC Shadyside. He is board-certified in the specialty of gastroenterology and

internal medicine. Dr. Ayasso is a clinical associate professor for UPMC Presbyterian. Dr. Ayasso serves as chief of the division of Gastroenterology at UPMC Shadyside and is medical director for the Digestive Health and Endoscopy Center. Dr. Ayasso has special interests in pancreatobiliary and liver diseases.



### **Tina Musahl, MD**

Dr. Musahl earned her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She completed her residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She completed her fellowship training in gastroenterology, hepatology, and

nutrition at UPMC. Dr. Musahl is board-certified in gastroenterology. She is a clinical instructor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and has a special interest in inflammatory bowel disease, nutrition, and women’s health issues.

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## Our Physicians *Continued*



### **Wendy Mikulski Craig, DO**

Dr. Craig attended medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia and also completed her fellowship in gastroenterology at Drexel University College of Medicine/Hahnemann

University Hospital in Philadelphia. Her clinical research has won awards at the Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology Conference and the Komarov Research Competition. Dr. Craig also co-authored book chapters related to gastrointestinal motility. She is board-certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine and has special interest in esophageal motility.



### **Su Min Cho, MD**

Dr. Su Min Cho earned her medical degree from Royal Free and University College London Medical School in London, UK. She completed her internal medicine residency at St. George's Hospital/University College London and obtained a Membership of Royal College of Physicians in London, UK. Dr. Cho trained

in gastroenterology and hepatology fellowship at Hammersmith Hospital and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London. In addition, she completed her internal medicine residency and gastroenterology and hepatology fellowship at UPMC. Dr. Cho is board-certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology. She has special interest in inflammatory bowel diseases.

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

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#### **UPMC Physician Building**

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