

Digestive Health Institute

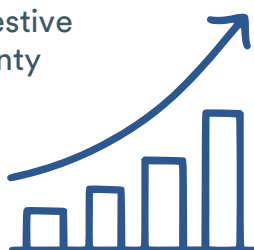
Thanks to your generosity, the Digestive Health Institute at Hoag can provide advanced, personalized care and innovative treatments, significantly improving patient outcomes and quality of life.

Impact by the Numbers

Highest volume provider for digestive health conditions in Orange County

50,000

Unique patients a year



15

Clinical trials being launched in 2024

7 Specialty programs:

- Bariatrics
- Margolis Family Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program
- Colorectal & Small Bowel
- Pancreas & Biliary
- Liver
- Motility & Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Esophageal & Stomach

Recent Wins Thanks to Philanthropy

- A \$250,000 investment from Hoag Innovators has equipped the Digestive Health Institute with three cutting-edge devices—MiVu, Endoflip™, and alPaONE—enhancing esophageal disease diagnostics by improving measurement precision and accuracy.
- An anonymous donation has made Hoag the first in Orange County, and one of few in the nation, to offer non-invasive, zero-radiation intestinal ultrasound (IUS) technology, revolutionizing monitoring for inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's and ulcerative colitis.
- Dr. Abhay Parikh, Eric & Sheila Samson Endowed Chair in Gastrointestinal Health, utilizes endowment funds to support key roles, like social worker Kim DeLiema, LCSW. Her philanthropically funded position has been pivotal in improving patient care by addressing challenges in nutrition, mental health, and treatment adherence.

Renowned & Recognized

Hoag is ranked high performing in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is the only Orange County hospital ranked in the top ten in California.



Having earned the confidence, respect, and trust of patients making a lifetime commitment to healthier living, Hoag is recognized as a nationally accredited metabolic & bariatric surgical center by the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Kenneth J. Chang, MD, executive medical director of the Hoag Digestive Health Institute, is a board-certified gastroenterologist specializing in interventional endoscopy for esophageal and gastrointestinal disorders, including Barrett’s esophagus, GERD, and gastrointestinal oncology.

An internationally recognized leader in advanced endoscopy, Dr. Chang has extensively published in his field and trained numerous advanced fellows who now hold leadership positions throughout the U.S. At Hoag, Dr. Chang leads all aspects of the Digestive Health Institute, including strategy, program development, and academic initiatives, including the establishment of an International Advanced Interventional GI Fellowship.



“The future of digestive health care is on the horizon, and Hoag is at the forefront of research and innovation to bring the latest medical and interventional technologies to Orange County. I look forward to working with Hoag to create a place where innovation fueled by compassion is the driving force behind everything we do for our patients and the community.”

– Kenneth J. Chang, MD
James & Pamela Muzzy Executive Medical Director
Endowed Chair in GI Cancer, Digestive Health Institute

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