## How to refer



## **Foregut Surgery – South Sound Region**

Candidate Who can be referred?	<ul> <li>Achalasia: Patients 18 and over suffering from PO food intolerance and difficulty swallowing.</li> <li>Gastroparesis: Patients 18 and over suffering from gastroparesis who have failed conservative management with pharmaceutical treatment.</li> <li>Gastroesophageal reflux: Patients 18 and over suffering from GERD, especially those who have been using medication for an extended period of time to control symptoms or those for whom symptoms are not well controlled by medication.</li> </ul>	
Work-up What is required?	Ideal work-up includes the following. MultiCare can assist with ordering the appropriate work-up as needed.  • Achalasia: EGD, esophagram and manometry  • Gastroparesis: Gastric emptying study  • Gastroesophageal reflux: EGD, esophagram, manometry and 24-hour pH probe study.	
<b>Location</b> Where will the patient be seen?	MultiCare Center for Weight Loss & Wellness Phone: 253-301-5280 Fax: 253-627-4608 Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm	
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Services What clinical services and procedures are offered?	<ul> <li>Gastric stimulator implantation</li> <li>LINX implantation</li> <li>Transoral incisionless fundoplication (TIF)</li> <li>Nissen fundoplication</li> <li>Paraesophageal hiatal hernia repair</li> <li>Heller myotomy</li> </ul> Procedures vary by location. See Location section above for more information.	
Collaboration How will we coordinate care for the patient?	Our team uses the Epic electronic health record (EHR).  • For physicians and professional providers using Epic, you'll be copied on all notes related to the patient.  • For physicians and professional providers outside of Epic, notes will be faxed to you.	
Referral How do we refer?	Provider referrals are preferred but patients may also self-refer.  • Epic users can refer directly to the MultiCare Center for Weight Loss & Wellness using Epic ID REF013 and selecting department 32805.  • Providers outside of Epic can fax referrals to 253-627-4608.	

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## Meet our specialists



James Sebesta, MD

Location(s): Tacoma, Olympia

**Board certification**: American Board of Surgery

Professional school: Uniformed University of Health Services

Residency: Madigan Army Medical Center

Foregut procedures: Gastric stimulator implantation, Heller myotomy, LINX implantation, Nissen

fundoplication, paraesophageal hiatal hernia repair



Kelly Blair, MD

Location(s): Tacoma

Board certification: American Board of Surgery
Professional school: Rush Medical College
Residency: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Fellowship: University of Chicago School of Medicine

**Foregut procedures:** Gastric stimulator implantation, heller myotomy, LINX implantation, Nissen fundoplication, paraesophageal hiatal hernia repair, transoral incisionless fundoplication (TIF)



**Benedict Hui, MD** 

Location(s): Covington

**Board certification**: American Board of Surgery **Professional school:** Medical College of Wisconsin

Residency: University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine

Fellowship: Carolinas Medical Center

Foregut procedures: Nissen fundoplication, paraesophageal hiatal hernia repair



Michael R. Keating, MD

Location(s): Covington

Board certification: American Board of Surgery

Professional school: University of Washington School of Medicine

**Residency:** Rush University Medical Center **Fellowship:** University of Texas Southwestern

Foregut procedures: Nissen fundoplication, paraesophageal hiatal hernia repair