



## DIGESTIVE HEALTH CARE

Keck Medicine of USC's digestive health program gives every patient the benefit of a multidisciplinary team of specialists. After a complete clinical assessment, each patient receives a personalized plan that integrates psychosocial, behavioral and sensory-related assessments as well as both surgical and endoscopic procedures.

The digestive health program at Keck Medicine of USC has consistently been recognized as one of the best programs in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Our practitioners stay on the forefront of minimally invasive and robot-assisted techniques to optimize our patients' safety and comfort. We pioneered many of the minimally invasive techniques for treating esophageal cancer, gastric cancer, gastroparesis, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and hiatal hernias.

### WORLD-CLASS CARE FROM KECK MEDICINE'S DIGESTIVE HEALTH TEAM

Keck Medicine of USC is proud to bring superior, multidisciplinary gastrointestinal services to Orange County. We offer specialized expertise in both cancerous and noncancerous conditions, with a focus on reflux and motility disorders. Our program uses a true team approach. Doctors, surgeons and oncologists all work closely together and hand in hand with referring physicians to ensure a complete understanding of each patient's case. Patients benefit from:

- State-of-the-art diagnostics
- Minimally invasive techniques used for 97% of procedures
- Deep expertise in both benign and malignant foregut diseases

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## EXCEPTIONAL EXPERTISE

- Achalasia
- Advanced endoscopy
- Esophageal cancer
- Esophageal disorders
- Foregut surgery
- Gastric cancer
- Gastrointestinal reflux
- Gastroparesis
- GERD
- Hiatal hernias
- LINX device placement
- Minimally invasive techniques
- Motility disorders
- Paraesophageal hernias
- Robotic surgery

To refer a patient,  
please call our intake specialists:

**Phone:**

**(949) 688-9000**

**Fax:**

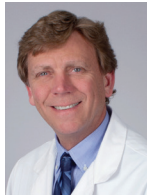
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## OUR TEAM OF EXPERTS



### **John C. Lipham, MD**

**Professor of Surgery  
Keck School of Medicine of USC**

Dr. Lipham focuses on benign and malignant diseases of the foregut. His clinical interests include the diagnosis and treatment of GERD, esophageal motility disorders and malignant diseases of the esophagus and stomach.



### **Katie M. Galvin, MD**

**Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery  
Keck School of Medicine of USC**

Dr. Galvin is an upper gastrointestinal/foregut surgeon specializing in treating GERD, hiatal hernias, esophageal motility disorders, gastroparesis and malignant diseases of the esophagus and stomach.



### **Caitlin C. Houghton, MD**

**Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery  
Keck School of Medicine of USC**

Dr. Houghton has a particular expertise in robotic surgery. Her other clinical interests include the diagnosis and treatment of GERD, hiatal and paraesophageal hernias, and esophageal motility disorders, including achalasia.



### **Luke R. Putnam, MD**

**Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery  
Keck School of Medicine of USC**

Dr. Putnam specializes in minimally invasive techniques. His current research interests center on optimizing surgical techniques and postoperative care to improve patient outcomes. Dr. Putnam speaks Spanish and English.



### **Brent Hiramoto**

**Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Keck School of Medicine of USC**

Dr. Hiramoto is a gastroenterologist who specializes in GERD, disorders of gut-brain interaction, such as irritable bowel syndrome and reflux hypersensitivity, and fecal incontinence.

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Keck Medical Center is proud to be ranked as a top hospital  
by US News & World Report