

LINX®- A revolutionary, minimally invasive surgical solution for severe reflux

ABOUT

MultiCare Health System is the first in the South Puget Sound to offer LINX Reflux Management System for patients suffering from severe reflux.

This surgical option is used for treating GERD when medication no longer provides adequate symptom control. The LINX system is less invasive, removable and generally well-tolerated.



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BENEFITS

- Reduction in acid exposure to your esophagus
- Improvement in heartburn and regurgitation symptoms
- Reduction or elimination of GERD medications
- Less invasive surgery with fewer side effects compared to standard surgical treatments for GERD
- Ability to resume a normal diet following surgery
- Most patients leave the hospital the same day as surgery
- Maintain ability to belch or vomit, unlike other surgical interventions

CANDIDATES

Who can be referred?

Patients over 18 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.

PRE-REFERRAL REQUIREMENTS

What is required?

While we can assist with workup, it's ideal for patients to have EGD, manometry and possibly 24-hr pH probe study prior to their first appointment.

SERVICES

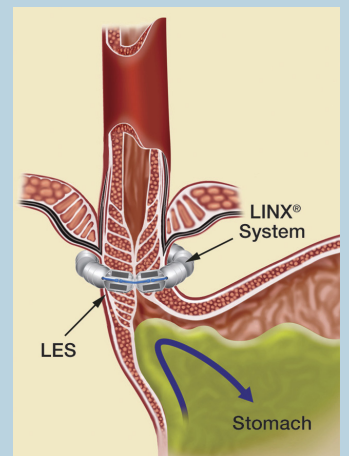
What clinical services are provided?

PRE-OPERATIVE

- Comprehensive evaluation of all surgical options to treat GERD
- Collaborate with Pria Healthcare to offer expert support in completing insurance prior authorization and appeals for LINX procedures

SURGERY AND RECOVERY

- Linx procedure done at MultiCare Allenmore and Good Samaritan Hospitals
- Surgery usually takes less than one hour
- Patients typically go home the same day as surgery
- Patients experience a faster recovery time



COLLABORATION

How will we coordinate care for the patient?

Our team uses the EPIC electronic (EHR) health record.

- For physicians using EPIC, you'll be copied on all notes related to the patient.
- For physicians outside of EPIC, notes will be faxed to you.

Follow-up calls and communications will be arranged as needed.

PROVIDERS & LOCATIONS

Where can my patient be seen?

Prakash Gatta, MD



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Allenmore Medical Center Building C
3124 S 19th Street, Suite 220, Tacoma, WA 98405
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Hospital Affiliation

MultiCare Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma, WA

Education

Seth G.S. Medical School, University of Bombay
Medical School: University of Illinois at Peoria

Specialty Training

Residency: University of Illinois, College of Medicine at Peoria
Fellowship: Legacy Health System, Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery, Portland, OR

Certification: American Board of Surgery

Joined MultiCare: 2013

James Sebesta, MD



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Hospital Affiliation

MultiCare Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma, WA

Education:

Carroll College, Helena MT
Medical School: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda MD

Specialty Training

Internship & Residency: Madigan Army Medical Center
Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a Fellow of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons.
Expertise in surgical treatment of bariatric patients.

Certification: American Board of Surgery

Joined MultiCare: 2015

C. Anthony Kim, MD



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Hospital Affiliation:

MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Medical School: University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Specialty Training

Residency: Emory University Hospitals
Fellowship: Emory University Hospitals

Certification: American Board of Surgery

Joined MultiCare: 1999

REFERRAL

How do we refer?

Dr. Gatta EPIC users may refer to: CedarSurgical (Gatta)19U-C2-CED
Outside of EPIC, you may fax 253-301-5070 or call 253-301-5050

Dr. Sebesta EPIC users may refer to: CWLW [2202-3-WLW]
Outside of EPIC, you may fax 253-627-4608 or call 253-301-5280

Dr. Kim Please call 253-841-9640

Most patients can be seen within one week of referral.