

## Colon & Rectal Surgery

<b>Candidate</b> Who can be referred?	Adults (18+)	
<b>Work-up</b> What is required?	Doctor-to-doctor referral is appreciated. Please fax any relevant chart notes, labs/tests and imaging if not in Epic. Prior endoscopy and colonoscopy results should be submitted.	
<b>Location</b> Where will the patient be seen?	<b>MultiCare Cancer Institute</b> Allenmore Building B 3124 S. 19th St., Suite C220 Tacoma, WA 98405 Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm Phone: 253-301-5077 Fax: 253-301-5085	<b>MultiCare Colon &amp; Rectal Surgery</b> Good Samaritan Medical Building 1450 5th St. SE, Suite 2100 Puyallup, WA 98372 Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm Phone: 253-697-3950 Fax: 253-864-4028
<b>Services</b> What clinical services and procedures are offered?	<b>Treatable conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anal fissures</li> <li>• Anal fistula</li> <li>• Anal skin tags</li> <li>• Colon cancer</li> <li>• Colon surgery</li> <li>• Colon &amp; rectal polyps</li> <li>• Crohn's disease</li> <li>• Diverticulitis</li> <li>• Fecal incontinence</li> <li>• Hemorrhoids</li> <li>• Hernia</li> <li>• Lymph node biopsy/excision</li> <li>• Rectal &amp; anal lesions</li> <li>• Seton placement</li> <li>• Tubular adenoma</li> <li>• Ulcerative colitis</li> </ul>	
	<b>On-site services/procedures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemorrhoid ligation, anoscopy, proctoscopy</li> </ul>	
<b>Robotics &amp; Certifications</b>	<p><b>Advanced Robotic Technology:</b> MultiCare Good Samaritan and Tacoma General Hospitals offer the latest da Vinci robotic systems (5, Xi, and SP), enabling our expert surgeons to perform advanced, minimally invasive procedures.</p> <p><b>Center of Excellence:</b> MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital has achieved accreditation from Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) as a Center of Excellence in Robotic and Colorectal Surgery.</p>	
<b>Collaboration</b> How will we coordinate care for the patient?	Our team uses the Epic electronic health record (EHR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For physicians using Epic, you'll be copied on all notes related to the patient.</li> <li>• For physicians outside Epic, notes will be faxed to you.</li> </ul>	
<b>Referral</b> How do we refer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epic users may refer to MultiCare Colon and Rectal Surgery (Epic ID REF006).</li> <li>• Outside of Epic, please fax or call the clinic nearest you.</li> <li>• TRICARE, Medicare Advantage and US Family Health plans require prior authorization.</li> </ul>	

## Meet our team of colorectal surgeons



### Laila Rashidi, MD, FACS, FASCRS

**Director, Colorectal Program**

**Certification:** American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, American Board of Surgery

**Professional school:** Ross University School of Medicine (Barbados)

**Residency:** University of Texas Medical Branch – General Surgery (Galveston, TX)

**Fellowship:** Swedish Medical Center – Colon and Rectal Surgery (Seattle, WA)

**Professional training:** Robotic surgery



### Gabriela M. Vargas, MD, MS, FACS, FASCRS

**Certification:** American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, American Board of Surgery

**Professional school:** University of Utah School of Medicine (Salt Lake City, UT)

**Residency:** University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)

**Fellowship:** Louisiana State University in Shreveport (Shreveport, LA)

**Professional training:** Robotic surgery



### Poya Pourghaderi, DO

**Certification:** American Board of Surgery

**Professional School:** Kansas City University (Kansas City, MO)

**Residency:** Morristown Medical Center (Morristown, NJ)

**Fellowship:** University of Texas – Southwestern (Dallas, TX)

**Professional training:** Robotic surgery



### Charles Baldi, MD

**Certification:** American Board of Surgery

**Professional School:** University of Maryland – School of Medicine (Baltimore, MD)

**Residency:** Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University – Rhode Island Hospital, Department of Surgery (Providence, RI)

**Fellowship:** Oregon Health and Science University, Colon and Rectal Surgery (Portland, OR)

**Professional training:** Robotic surgery

### Our doctors and patients are supported by a team of experienced physician assistants:

- Cody Alley, PA-C
- Callan Kosnik, PA-C
- Sunshine Pille, PA-C