

# Colorectal Cancer Treatment

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## Expert Colorectal Cancer Care

UVA Cancer Center provides individualized, comprehensive care for each patient. Whether your patient has early-stage colon cancer or more advanced disease, we have the experience and expertise to provide the best care possible.

We offer the latest treatments, including chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. We can remove tumors using laparoscopic and robotic surgical techniques, which mean smaller incisions, reduced pain and a faster recovery.

Recent treatment advances are making surgical cure possible for an increasing number of patients — even those with advanced-stage cancers and metastatic disease.

UVA Cancer Center is the only center in Virginia nationally ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2016–2017. We also received the highest possible performance rating for all nine common conditions and procedures reviewed, including colon cancer surgery.

## Our Team

Patients at UVA are cared for by a team of physicians specializing in colon cancer screening and treatment, including gastroenterologists, surgeons and medical/radiation oncologists.

The colorectal surgery team is led by two board-certified colon and rectal surgeons, Charles Friel, MD, and Traci Hedrick, MD, who specialize in minimally invasive surgical procedures, including robotic, laparoscopic surgery and transanal endoscopic microsurgery.



Drs. Friel and Hedrick perform on average between 150 and 200 cases for colorectal cancer each year — making them the most experienced colorectal surgeons in the area.

## Enhanced Recovery After Surgery

In addition to providing top-notch cancer surgery, UVA offers a unique care experience called Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS). ERAS is a care philosophy that places patients and their families at the center of the care team, using many common-sense principles that enable patients to return to their normal lives as quickly as possible.

UVA physicians are national experts in ERAS and their work has been featured by the American College of Surgeons, *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report*.



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## Program Highlights

### We also offer:

- Sphincter-saving surgical techniques to avoid permanent colostomies
- Modern infusion centers for patients requiring chemotherapy
- Colorectal cancer clinical trials with a robust clinical infrastructure
- Multiple surgical specialists for tumors that have spread beyond the colon
- Transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM) for early rectal cancer
- Advanced endoscopic techniques to remove large colon polyps
- A genetic counseling clinic to help determine familial risk for cancer
- Colorectal cancer screening
- The only anal clinic in the region, allowing for effective diagnosis and treatment of anal cancer
- Surgical and medical consults for patients needing a second opinion

To refer a patient to Drs. Friel and Hedrick, call **434.243.9970** or **434.243.2670**.