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Dr. Rashid has experience in surgical oncology, complex general surgery, hepaticopancreaticobiliary surgery, esophago-gastrointestinal & colorectal surgery, minimally invasive robotic surgery, thyroid/parathyroid/adrenal surgery and multimodality therapy, with over 70 publications, research grants and international collaborations. He was born in Broward County where he serves on the American Cancer Society board. He speaks Spanish, Italian and Latin and is proficient in Arabic.

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Dateline TV interview on cancer: <https://youtu.be/fCRhTzKA3f4>

Gastrointestinal cancers account for one of the most common cancer diagnoses in the U.S. and the evaluation and treatment are complex and the disease has a major impact on quality of life. Because of this need, we offer patients a multidisciplinary personalized approach to the management of their disease, including access to clinical trials and minimally invasive multimodality perioperative techniques and enhanced recovery to reduce the impact on quality of life. Dr. Rashid completed an H. Lee Moffitt Comprehensive Cancer Center & Research Institute Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship, where he gained expertise in gastrointestinal surgical oncology and conducted research in the field, producing multiple national and international presentations and publications. When he moved back home to Fort Lauderdale, he developed a multidisciplinary Gastrointestinal Clinic at Holy Cross for patients diagnosed with this disease to receive timely comprehensive patient centered care from our experts in various specialties, all in one facility, accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Improvement Initiative. We designed this clinic to improve patient outcomes and experience, as well as the experience of their families and caregivers, because we understand how challenging it is to coordinate all the resources needed to treat such a complex disease.

We collaborate with medical oncology, complex general surgical oncology, radiation oncology, radiology, pathology, interventional radiology, physical therapy and rehabilitation, nutrition and genetic counseling, social work, palliative care, pastoral services, and we also offer clinical trials. We actively conduct research to provide access to the latest treatments for patients and we have produced multiple national and international presentations and publications. The collaboration with the MGH Cancer Center provides opportunities for real time second opinions and access to clinical trials for patients, especially complex cases with advanced disease for which the treatment options are rapidly changing. "Our mission is you" in practice for the GI oncology patient translates into multidisciplinary multimodality treatment with access to second opinions and clinical trials in affiliation with Harvard Medical School's oldest and largest teaching hospital in the same community where our patients and their families live.

For more information on the program, please read the following testimonial of a GI cancer surgery patient who travelled internationally for treatment and she had full GI recovery within 48hrs after her complex surgery. To make an appointment with our Gastrointestinal Clinic please call 954-267-7700.



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Robotic surgery provides cancer surgical treatment without the side effects of large surgical incisions and scars. Cancer surgical treatment is personalized treatment, which requires an experienced team of cancer specialists, and

robotic surgery is an important element of our multidisciplinary program. Through enhanced surgical recovery and cancer pre-habilitation programs at the Michael and Dianne Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center, in collaboration with the Harvard Medical School-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, cancer patients are experiencing faster recovery with improved quality of life and long-term survivorship.



Grateful Patients:



'Why' We Do What We Do

"Good day Dr. Rashid, thank you for taking the time to share my mail with your team. It doesn't begin to express our gratitude..."

Thank you so much for everything. Please extend my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who was part of my mom's procedure and aftercare. Our family can't begin to express our gratitude. We were overwhelmed by the humanity and care my mom received at Holy Cross.

After such a difficult diagnosis, everyone involved in the process (in the international office with Dr. Mantecon, Margarita, Nemesis; in Guatemala with Julia; under your care with the help of Khin and Shannon) were angels and always went out of their way and tried to make this difficult time more bearable.

What you do every day is not a job. It is a blessing for the people like us who get the opportunity to have you as part of our support team during these difficult times. Thanks again for lightening these dark moments."

Lorena de Ochoa
Guatemala City

