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Emerson Hospital and Middlesex Digestive Partner to Offer Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)

One of the first in area to offer advanced, minimally invasive procedure to aid in diagnosing and treating digestive diseases

CONCORD and ACTON, MA (February 18, 2021) – Emerson Hospital and Middlesex Digestive Health & Endoscopy Center (“Middlesex Digestive”), specialists in the evaluation, diagnosis and management of digestive diseases, are pleased to announce that endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) procedures are now offered at Emerson Hospital in Concord.

The EUS device is the latest in endoscopy technology and is used by gastroenterologists to help diagnose and treat patients with complex stomach issues. EUS also evaluates certain cancers in patients treated at the Mass General Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital-Bethke.

“Emerson Hospital is committed to providing high-quality care to patients using the latest technology,” said Christine Schuster, RN, MBA, president and CEO of Emerson Hospital. “We are pleased to be one of the first hospitals in the area to offer this advanced capability. Investments such as EUS are a reflection of our mission to improve the health of our communities by providing local access to the best possible care.”

Dr. Marvin Ryou, Advanced Endoscopy at Emerson Hospital, and Middlesex Digestive gastroenterologist Dr. Arpan H. Patel, experts in advanced interventional endoscopy, perform EUS procedures at Emerson.

EUS is a specialized procedure that blends endoscopy (scope) and ultrasound (high-frequency sound waves), yielding highly detailed imaging of the upper and lower gastrointestinal tracts. It enables more detailed and in-depth views of nearby structures and organs such as the pancreas, gallbladder, lungs, and bladder, aiding doctors in their treatment plans for patients with gastrointestinal diseases. Most EUS procedures are performed in an outpatient setting with patient sedation and typically take between 20 and 45 minutes.

“The entire EUS team is incredibly pleased to have the capabilities and benefits this technology brings,” said Dr. Raj Devarajan, founder of Middlesex Digestive. “It allows us to examine organs and other structures more clearly,” he continued. “EUS is a minimally invasive alternative to exploratory surgery, without the need for radiation.”

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(L) Dr. Arpan H. Patel of Middlesex Digestive and (R) Dr. Marvin Ryou of Emerson Hospital

About Emerson Hospital

Emerson Hospital is a multi-site health system headquartered in Concord, Mass., with additional facilities in Sudbury, Groton and Westford. The 179-bed hospital provides advanced medical services to more than 300,000 individuals in 25 towns. To learn more, visit www.emersonhospital.org.

About Middlesex Digestive Health & Endoscopy Center

Founded in 2006, Middlesex Digestive is a highly specialized center at the forefront of the evaluation, diagnosis and management of digestive diseases including cancers, irritable bowel syndrome, gastroesophageal reflux, and diseases of the liver, gallbladder and pancreas. The center is deeply committed to lowering the colon cancer rates. Its distinguished team of gastroenterologists brings world-class expertise and techniques, and utilizes advanced technologies to provide effective, life-improving results. Because Middlesex Digestive is able to perform procedures onsite, a rare credential in Massachusetts, patients are able to receive advanced, comprehensive gastrointestinal care with added convenience and significant time-and-cost efficiencies. The center has taken rigorous safety precautions against COVID-19, above and beyond what is required by the state. Please visit [here](#) to learn more.

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